IT mergers and acquisitions hold steady

Despite the vagaries of the business world, mergers and acquisitions in the information technology and defense industries have remained strong during the past two decades, said Lawrence Yanowitch, a partner in the Northern Virginia law office of Morrison and Foerster.

Here are just a few of the M&A activities in recent years.

June 1997: Hewlett-Packard January 2006: Verizon **June 1999:** General Dynamics acquires **December 2002:** Computer Sciences November 2005: SBC pays \$8.5 billion in cash buys VeriFone in a stock-for-stock three units of GTE's Government Systems Communications agrees to Corp. buys DynCorp for \$677 million. transaction valued at \$1.2 billion. organization for \$1.1 billion in cash. and stock for MCI. acquire AT&T for \$16 billion. March 1995: Lockheed July 1997: Lockheed Martin April 2001: Northrop Grumman acquires Litton Industries for \$5.1 December 2006: Perot June 2003: General Dv-December 2005: and Martin Marietta merge unsuccessfully attempts to combine billion. As a result, Northrop Grumman's IT business, Logicon, namics purchases Veridian for Systems purchases QSS General Dynamics purchases into Lockheed Martin. with Northrop Grumman absorbs Litton's IT companies, Litton PRC and Litton TASC. approximately \$1.2 billion. Anteon for \$2.2 billion. Group for \$250 million.