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Saul Ewing Names New Managing Partner

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Max Bremer has been named the new managing partner of Saul Ewing Minneapolis office and has his mind set on maintaining and growing the office's culture and staff.

"I think we have a great thing going here in Minneapolis, we have a great group of lawyers and staff, and have a great culture, and I don't want to mess that up," he said. "I think we can we can expand on that, and we have an opportunity here that I think would be exciting to ... grow our team in Minneapolis."

Bremer, along with seven other partners, [left Gray Plant Mooty, now Lathrop GPM, in 2019 to join Saul Ewing](#). A big part of why Bremer said he made the move was because of Saul Ewing's large national presence. And when it comes to growing the firm, Bremer said he is going to target in-market lateral hires for growth. He'll use the firm's national reach as leverage.

"I think having a larger, more national reach is important," he said. "I live and work in Minneapolis, my family's here, my kids are here ... but I'm at a firm that has a national footprint and that's useful for our clients."

Some key areas where Bremer is looking to grow the Minneapolis office are in the food and agriculture, healthcare and corporate law spaces.

The firm's current office is in City Center, but Bremer said it's almost at capacity, which may mean moving or expanding soon, though he said the firm is committed to downtown.

"If we grow in the way that I hope and expect, we'll have to figure that out on the fly," he said. "My plan would be to stay downtown."

The Hopkins, Minnesota native earned his B.A. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and his J.D. from the William Mitchell College of Law. Before joining Saul Ewing in 2019, he worked at Gray Plant Mooty for nearly 13 years.

In his practice, Bremer is a corporate mergers and acquisition lawyer. He represents clients in wide array of industries including healthcare, renewable and alternative energies, food and agriculture, transportation and manufacturing.

Bremer is succeeding Alfred Coleman, who also left Gray Plant Mooty in 2019 to join the firm. Coleman has been promoted to lead the firm's Transactional Department, the firm's largest department with 200 attorneys across 18 offices.

Coleman spoke highly of Bremer, saying he played a pivotal role in opening and growing the Minneapolis office.

"He's just a great guy. I've known Max for close to 15 years now and am thrilled to call him a friend and a partner," he said. "He's a fantastic lawyer. He has the respect of our colleagues and the office ... I couldn't think of a better choice than Max."

At its Minneapolis office, the firm now has 15 attorneys and around 30 total staff. Nationally, the firm has more than 400 attorneys across 18 offices. It is the 138th largest law firm in the country in 2023, and the 43rd largest in the Twin Cities. In 2023, the firm reported a revenue of \$256 million, down from \$257 million in 2022.

Along with high-profile personal moves, the firm has also collected a handful of notable clients, including the Minnesota Timberwolves and Minnesota Lynx, the Big Ten Conference and Kraus Anderson Construction.

Bremer said the Minneapolis has been well integrated into firm's larger network. The firm's Chief Talent Officer, Chandra Kilgriff, who left Robins Kaplan in 2021 to join Saul Ewing, is based in Minneapolis. And due to its high-volume of big sports clients, the firm [launched a sports and entertainment division in 2019](#) and chose to base it in Minneapolis.

Bremer said there are plans to grow that division.

"It's been an exciting area and has grown pretty significantly, not just in this office, but in other offices too," Bremer said.