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Saul Ewing relocates Minneapolis office to Wells Fargo Center, third law firm to move there



Wells Fargo Center in Minneapolis

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Story Highlights



- Saul Ewing relocated its Minneapolis office to Wells Fargo Center last week.
- The Philadelphia-based law firm grew from eight attorneys in 2019 to about 20.
- Wells Fargo Center's occupancy rose to more than 70% after new ownership acquired it.

Saul Ewing has relocated its Minneapolis office to Wells Fargo Center, becoming the third law firm in recent months to announce a move to the iconic downtown Minneapolis tower.

The Philadelphia-based law firm is occupying 13,889 square feet on the 39th floor of the building. Full terms of the lease were not disclosed. The firm moved from City Center,

where it occupied 11,354 square feet and had been located since entering the Minneapolis market in 2019.

Local office managing partner Max Bremer cited Wells Fargo Center's location, ownership stability, amenities and long-term growth potential as reasons for the move.

“It’s a premier property. It kind of aligns with who I think we are,” Bremer said. “They’ve made a lot of investments in the building with the amenity space, and it just fit where we see ourselves going in the next few years in terms of space needs and the status of the building.”



Max Bremer has been named managing partner of Saul Ewing's Minneapolis office.

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Saul Ewing moved into the new office in Wells Fargo Center last week and now occupies most of the 39th floor, with an option to expand into the remainder of the space as the office grows. The Minneapolis office currently has about 20 attorneys and a total staff of more than 30, up from eight lawyers when the office opened in 2019.

Bremer said the office’s growth has been driven by demand for the firm’s corporate, litigation and employment practices, as well as the appeal of operating on a national platform with offices in markets including New York, Chicago and Washington, D.C.

Staying downtown was important because of client accessibility and proximity to the courts, Bremer said, adding, “When there’s a reason, people still want to come downtown, and it’s convenient for most people.”

City Center, the downtown Minneapolis office tower Saul Ewing left, [recently went up for sale](#) after Minneapolis-based [Target Corp.](#) paid \$110 million to end a long-term lease in the building. (Target's headquarters has long been in another office tower a few blocks away, and that wasn't affected by the City Center situation.) Last year, the Business Journal reported that City Center's owner — an LLC tied to South Korea-based Samsung — [had defaulted on a \\$130 million loan for the building.](#)

Saul Ewing is not alone in choosing Wells Fargo Center. In May, law firm Cozen O'Connor announced it will move from Fifth Street Towers at 105 S. Fifth St. to Wells Fargo Center, where [it will occupy 47,886 square feet across floors 30 and 31.](#) And in April, [Husch Blackwell said it would occupy the entire 14th floor](#) of the building with more than 25,000 square feet beginning June 29. The firm is moving from the IDS Center at 80 South Eighth St.

Robins Kaplan announced in October 2025 that [it will also move into the building,](#) occupying floors 43 through 46. The firm is moving from LaSalle Plaza, located at 800 LaSalle Ave.

Wells Fargo Center, the third-tallest office tower in downtown Minneapolis, spans 1.2 million square feet and opened in 1987. Anchored by [Wells Fargo & Co.](#), it has long stood as a defining feature of the city’s skyline.

A joint venture led by Onward Investors, alongside Cross Ocean Partners and Neuberger Berman, acquired the tower in December 2024 for \$85 million, a roughly 73% discount from the \$314 million it sold for in 2019.

Occupancy has since risen to [more than 70%, up from 62% at the time of the sale,](#) as the ownership group pursues new tenants and plans upgrades including a new ground-floor food-and-beverage offering.