

Saul Ewing Expands Footprint in Minneapolis With Move Into Wells Fargo Center

The Philadelphia-founded firm signed a 10-year lease for roughly 13,000 square feet of office space. The move takes the firm only about a block from its previous location in the city.

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Maxwell Bremer, managing partner of the Minneapolis office of Saul Ewing. Courtesy photo

What You Need to Know

- Saul Ewing will occupy about 13,000 square feet of prime office space in the Wells Fargo Center in downtown Minneapolis.
- The firm's footprint expansion in Minneapolis follows other peer firms who have opened locations in the Midwestern U.S. city.
- Part of the Minneapolis lure for firms moving there are the numerous Fortune-ranked companies who are located in that city.

In the latest indication of the health of the Minneapolis legal market, Philadelphia-based Second Hundred firm Saul Ewing has expanded its footprint in the city moving into a newly renovated space on the 39th floor of the prominent Wells Fargo Center.

While the firm already had a presence in the Twin Cities, the new home in one of Minneapolis's premier office towers—the third tallest building in the city—will allow it to accommodate modern law firm work including flexible and collaborative workspaces.

The larger space will also aid the firm's future growth, with plans to likely bring on additional lawyers over the current 20 working out of the Minneapolis office. The firm has had a presence in the city since 2019. The new office is also home to additional 10 or so business professionals and staffers, and the firm's chief talent officer is also based in Minneapolis.

“Our lease was coming up in our prior space and it was really kind of the perfect time for us to reimagine what our Minneapolis office would look like and where we were hoping to take it,” said Maxwell Bremer, managing partner of the Minneapolis office.

The firm signed a 10-year lease for the new office, which is located only about a block or so from the previous office, and Saul Ewing currently takes up about 75% to 80% of the 39th floor, although there may be future plans to build out that space even further. The firm has a little over 13,000 square feet of space in the new office.

As the firm moved into its new Minneapolis home, Bremer noted that within the last month or two he has taken notice of about two or three other prominent law firms announcing moves to the city, which is quickly becoming a hotbed for law firm activity. He added that a number of peer Philadelphia firms—including Cozen O'Connor, Ballard Spahr and Fox Rothschild—are now operating Minneapolis locations.

“Minneapolis, the Twin Cities area, has a sophisticated business community,” Bremer said. “It's always been sort of a well-kept secret nationally in terms of legal.”

In addition, he pointed to firms such as Jones Day, Greenberg Traurig and DLA Piper as Big Law giants who also now call Minneapolis home. Add to that list Crowell & Moring, which also just recently opened [a location in the city](#).

The new space has been purposefully designed to be more collaborative and collegial, Bremer said, which includes a client-hosting and event space area and the potential for hoteling.

“We view this as a market where Saul Ewing’s brand and national platform will resonate with other lawyers in this market,” he said. “Our plans are to grow here and we have the space to accommodate that growth now and in the future with options on additional space in this building.”

Bremer called the Wells Fargo Center a preeminent building that reflects “who we are, how we work together.”

“We were committed to being in Minneapolis,” Bremer said. “The firm is making an additional investment here. We want to grow this office. We’re trying to position ourselves for being a long-term player in this market and grow our presence here.”

The new office will also include modern conference rooms, flexible work areas and attractive communal spaces.

Late last year, Law.com reported that [Minneapolis was one of the secondary markets](#)—also including Denver and Nashville—that has seen a flurry of office openings, many catering to Fortune-ranked company clients.

Experts say where there’s an attractive business market law firms tend to follow, and Minneapolis fits the bill with its numerous Fortune 500 companies that have headquarters or large campuses located within the city.