

## Mayer Brown Gets New Digs In Manhattan

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*Law360, New York (October 07, 2013, 6:33 PM ET)* -- Mayer Brown LLP will move its New York office from 1675 Broadway to 1221 Avenue of the Americas, also known as the McGraw-Hill building, the firm announced Monday.

Mayer Brown has signed a long-term lease for about 190,000 square feet at 1221 Avenue of the Americas, where it plans to move by the end of 2014 after a significant build-out beginning early next year. The new office will have a more modern design, aimed at maximizing efficiency, the firm said.

"We are thrilled to be moving into a vibrant and premier office space, which will serve as a great foundation to accommodate the firm's clients, lawyers and staff for generations to come," Richard Spehr, partner-in-charge of the New York office, said in a statement.

Mayer Brown has outgrown its current space at 1675 Broadway, where it has grown to boast more than 200 lawyers over the past three decades, according to the firm. At its new space, the firm plans to create a space that will encourage increased collaboration.

"Our new office space in New York further underscores Mayer Brown's commitment to the New York market and will enable our New York office to continue to grow and flourish in order to best serve our clients in the world's leading financial center," firm chairman Paul Theiss said in Monday's statement.

The 51-story, 674-foot McGraw-Hill building was designed as part of an expansion of Rockefeller Center and is owned and operated by investment management firm The Rockefeller Group. It is one of the largest buildings in the city to achieve Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification by the U.S. Green Building Council, according to the firm.

Other major tenants include the building's namesake McGraw-Hill Financial Inc., Morgan Stanley, Sirius XM Radio Inc.'s headquarters and broadcast facility, J.P. Morgan Partners LLC, and Dentons.

"Mayer Brown has an excellent reputation and is an ideal tenant," Edward J. Gultinan, vice president and head of leasing in New York for the Rockefeller Group, said in Monday's statement. "We are proud to have them as a tenant in 1221."

The New York office, which started in 1978 with just one lawyer, is now Mayer Brown's second largest in the U.S. with more than 200. Attorneys in New York handle local, national and international matters for a variety of clients in a broad array of industries, with attorneys specializing in all of the firm's practice areas.

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A previous version of this article misstated the relative size of Mayer Brown's New York office.

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