

Mayer Brown Selects Finance Partner As Next Chair

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Law360 (May 25, 2021, 3:41 PM EDT) -- Mayer Brown LLP announced on Tuesday that it has tapped a structured finance partner based in New York and Chicago to succeed its chair of nine years.

Jon D. Van Gorp is slated to serve at least one three-year term as chair of the firm, starting June 1. He will succeed Paul Theiss, who has held the position since 2012.

Van Gorp has been at Mayer Brown for nearly 25 years, most of his career. He previously co-led the firm's banking and finance, capital markets, and structured finance practices. He has also served on the firm's management committee since 2017.



Jon Van Gorp

"I look forward to continuing to drive the execution of our strategic vision, and embarking on a listening tour to hear directly from our clients and colleagues across the globe how we can work and innovate together to achieve even greater success," Van Gorp said in a statement Tuesday. "Our best days are yet to come."

According to Mayer Brown, the firm's revenue increased by over \$1.5 billion last year, along with profits per partner, which the firm said rose by 11% to more than \$2 million.

Since Theiss became chair in 2012, profits per partner had increased by 74% as of last year, the firm said. In a statement announcing the move, Theiss said Van Gorp "played a vital role in the firm's continued success."

"The firm will prosper with Jon at its helm to carry out its strategic plan and next stage of growth," Theiss said. "Mayer Brown's future has never been brighter, and I look forward to continuing to be an important part of that future."

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