

Mayer Brown Chair Reelected To A 2nd 3-Year Term

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Law360 (June 4, 2024, 9:33 AM EDT) -- Mayer Brown announced Tuesday that a partner who has spent almost his entire three-decade legal career at the firm has been reelected to a second three-year term as its chair.

Jon D. Van Gorp, who has served as the firm's chair since June 2021, started his second term June 1, he told Law360.

"I am honored by the trust and faith that my fellow partners have shown in me by reelecting me chair of this outstanding firm for another term," Van Gorp said in a statement. "As we look to the future, our unified vision that merges our respective commitments to excellence and robust client service will enable us to exceed our strategic milestones — securing our position as a formidable international powerhouse in our industry."



Jon Van Gorp

Van Gorp, 54, has been with Mayer Brown since 1997, starting as an associate before being promoted to partner in 2003, his LinkedIn profile says. He has been a member of the firm's global management committee since 2017, the profile says.

The firm also announced Tuesday that its New York office managing partner, Matthew D. Ingber, was elected to the management committee.

Prior to becoming chair in 2021, Van Gorp co-led the firm's banking and finance, capital markets and structured finance practices, Mayer Brown said.

Van Gorp worked at Thompson & Knight LLP for three years before joining Mayer Brown, according to his LinkedIn profile. He earned a law degree from Southern Methodist University's Dedman School of Law and an undergraduate degree at Calvin University.

"It's really been a great place for me," Van Gorp told Law360 of his lengthy tenure at Mayer Brown, saying that he has "loved our culture and our people" the entire time he has climbed up the ladder at the firm.

As chair of the firm's eight-member management committee, Van Gorp works with Mayer Brown's managing partner, Jeremy Clay, and other members to oversee the firm's day-to-day operations and strategic direction.

Earlier this year, the firm unveiled its first three-year strategic plan under Van Gorp's chairmanship. Van Gorp told Law360 the plan is focused on areas such as continued growth to meet client and practice area needs, competing for lateral talent, embracing new technology such as artificial intelligence, and training partners so they can best manage their practice groups.

Mayer Brown's strategic growth is dictated by where there is the most need, whether it is in practice areas or new locations, Van Gorp said.

The firm continues to expand its services in core areas such as insurance; projects, infrastructure and energy; funds and asset management; international arbitration; capital markets; lending and private credit; financial services regulatory; and mergers and acquisitions, he added.

During Van Gorp's tenure as Mayer Brown's chair, the firm has steadily grown, the announcement said. Total revenue in 2023 reached \$1.9 billion, more than 25% more than when he took over as chair, and the firm's profits per partner rose by 21.6% to about \$2.5 million in the past three years, the firm said.

Also, the firm promoted 117 lawyers to partnership during the past three years and made 85 lateral partner hires, the announcement said.

In 2022, the firm opened an office in Salt Lake City to bolster its technology, emerging company and investment services in Utah and beyond.

Mayer Brown now has 27 offices and about 1,900 attorneys globally, according to a firm representative.

In 2022, Mayer Brown announced a joint law venture with Singapore firm PK Wong & Nair LLC to provide clients with advice on international and Singapore law, the announcement said. Also that year, the firm entered into an agreement with Al Akeel & Partners in Saudi Arabia to enhance its capabilities in the Middle East, Mayer Brown said.

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