

Leadership

Leadership in the bar and the community

Over the course of our 135-year history, attorneys at Briggs and Morgan have proudly accepted the call to lead. Whether related to the legal profession, the business or civic community, or philanthropic and charitable endeavors, our attorneys have contributed their time and talents to causes and organizations that advance our profession and have had a positive impact on the community as a whole.

Leadership in the Profession

Briggs and Morgan has a long tradition of leadership in the bar. Our attorneys have served the bar in many capacities, including service as president of the Minnesota State Bar Association, the Hennepin County and Ramsey County Bar Associations, and Minnesota Women Lawyers.

Members of the firm have gone on to serve in the judiciary and state government, including:

- Peter S. Popovich, former chief justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court
- Sam Hanson, Minnesota Supreme Court justice
- Edward C. Stringer, Minnesota Supreme Court justice
- Richard Kyle, U.S. district court judge
- John Van de North, Ramsey County district court judge
- Elena Ostby, Ramsey County district court judge
- Tim Marx, Commissioner of the Minnesota State Housing Finance Agency

Our firm lineage is also rich with distinguished politicians and leaders of the bar. Early members included:

- Frank B. Kellogg, U.S. senator, ambassador to Great Britain, secretary of state, justice of the World Court, Nobel Peace Prize recipient and president of the American Bar Association
- Cushman K. Davis, Minnesota governor, U.S. senator and chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
- Moses Clapp, U.S. senator
- Cordenio A. Severance, president of the American Bar Association

Briggs and Morgan Foundation

Briggs and Morgan is a leader in giving back to the community in which we live. We believe in helping organizations and individuals achieve their full potential and financially support a variety of nonprofit organizations.

Philanthropically minded, the firm established the Briggs and Morgan Foundation more than 20 years ago. The Foundation is funded entirely by shareholders and has donated more than \$2.5 million to worthwhile organizations since it was founded. Our attorneys give of their time and legal skills to social, educational, and religious organizations throughout the Twin Cities area.

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Firm History

Briggs and Morgan, Professional Association originated with the consolidation of three prominent law firms, each of which dates back to the 1880s. These predecessor firms represented businesses that played significant roles in the economic development of the Twin Cities, Minnesota and Upper Midwest. Briggs and Morgan was officially formed in 1960 after two well-established St. Paul firms merged: The first—Briggs, Gilbert, Morton, Kyle and Macartney—incorporated Weyerhaeuser Timber Company in 1900 and provided considerable representation to lumber companies across the Upper Midwest. Morgan, Raudenbush, Morgan, Oehler and Davis, on the other hand, represented iron ore industry clients and helped to organize the United States Steel Corporation in 1901. The firm's presence and practice was enhanced substantially by a later merger, in 1983, with the well-known Levitt, Palmer, Bowen, Rotman and Share firm, which represented milling companies, international commodities dealers and real estate developers. Briggs' downtown Minneapolis office, located in the IDS Tower, opened in 1979. Today, the vast majority of our practice operates out of this location.

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