

# Inside The Twin Cities' Big Law Firm Mergers

It was November 2014 when attorney Steve Ryan gave a presentation to his shareholders about a possible merger for Briggs & Morgan law firm, arguing that they “needed to take a hard look at what the strategic path forward for our firm was going to be,” reports Liz Fedor in MinnPost’s *Twin Cities Business*.

“It took Briggs five years to consider its future, choose a merger option, and find Taft, a Midwestern law firm that, like Briggs, was founded in the 1880s. On Jan. 1, 2020, the firms merged, and Ryan is now partner-in-charge of the Minneapolis office of Taft.”

“As of early 2020, Briggs was among three of the 10 largest law offices in downtown Minneapolis that executed mergers. Gray Plant Mooty, the oldest continuous law firm in Minneapolis, dating back to 1866, combined with a firm whose biggest market is Kansas City. The new firm is called Lathrop GPM.”

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