

King & Spalding's NYC Office Puts Premium on Collab Spaces

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What You Need to Know

- King & Spalding is now at 1290 Avenue of the Americas, occupying four floors.
- New York managing partner Rich Marooney said the new office is designed for clients and attorneys alike to meet up and collaborate on projects.
- The firm has moved to uniform office sizes, an ongoing trend among major firms.

King & Spalding is settling into its new midtown Manhattan office, which now has uniform attorney offices and is larger than its past location, with more collaborative space.

The Atlanta-founded firm finished moving into 1290 Avenue of the Americas in late October, after nearly 30 years at its prior location just a few blocks downtown at 1185.

The firm's 149,000 square feet in New York across four floors is an increase of about 6,000 from the prior location. The firm signed for the new space in late 2023.

New York office managing partner Richard Marooney said in an interview that collaborative spaces for both clients and



King & Spalding's new office . Courtesy of TP Bennett and photographer Hufton + Crow.

attorneys were a top priority for the new office design. Overall, about a third of the total space is dedicated collaborative spaces, Marooney said. Those spaces include 15 meeting rooms, a boardroom, a large multi-purpose room, an employee café and four outdoor terraces overlooking Sixth Avenue.

Marooney said that King & Spalding's New York office caters to "the most marquis clients" and is frequently visited by attorneys from the firm's other offices, which motivated the firm to prioritize event hosting and meeting space in the

new location. That, coupled with the expiration of the firm's prior lease at the 1185 location, made jumping to 1290 the right move, Marooney said.

"It's very common for our lawyers across the globe to be in New York, for all the obvious reasons," Marooney said. "We're at the center of the financial center of the world. They are able now to use it to host meetings and have an office that they can be proud of and have their clients at, meetings at, et cetera."

For attorneys based in New York, Marooney said that the new location has uniform office sizes. A representative for the firm said in an email to Law.com that on average, each individual attorney's office is "roughly 140 square feet." Many firms have been moving to uniform office size lately as headcounts grow and efficiency of space becomes a top priority.

The move from 1185 to 1290 happened over the course of three weeks, Marooney said. That moving process ended on Oct. 6. The firm is using the 13th through 16th floors in their new building, though construction will still be underway on the 16th floor for an as-of-yet uncertain period of time, Marooney said.

King & Spalding currently has around 250 attorneys in its New York office, Marooney said, adding that when the firm first entered the city in 1990, there were only six.

The firm generated \$2.3 billion in revenue last year, ranking No. 21 on the Am Law 100 this year. New York is the firm's second-largest office after Atlanta, which has over 300 attorneys, according to data from Law.com Compass.

Marooney also said that the firm encourages its attorneys to work in-office, but that there is not a hard-and-fast requirement to be in-office a certain number of days per week. In general, Marooney said the firm's attorneys choose to be in-person on most days but that there is flexibility for some remote work as needed.

"It's a tremendous value of the firm that we mentor and train our younger lawyers," Marooney said. "I think really the only way to do that is to be present with one another. That fosters relationships, it fosters learning, it fosters collaboration and conversations with one another. I know that's how we learned when we were younger, and certainly that remains really important today."

King & Spalding is one of several Am Law 50 law firms that have recently signed deals for larger space or have already moved into larger spaces in New York. Kirkland & Ellis; Goodwin Procter; Latham & Watkins; Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison and Paul Hastings have signed deals in 2025 to add to their New York footprint.