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## Crowell & Moring Opens Minneapolis Office With 8 Lawyers

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*Law360 (May 13, 2026, 2:23 PM EDT)* -- Crowell & Moring LLP announced Wednesday that it is deepening its commitment to Minnesota by opening a new office in Minneapolis with a team of eight attorneys and said it's expecting more growth in the near future.

The launch will enhance the firm's regulatory, enforcement and litigation strengths in areas including healthcare, antitrust and competition and labor and employment, the firm said. Crowell & Moring partner Toni Michelle Jackson, who chairs the firm's state attorneys general practice group, will serve as office managing partner.

Jackson discussed the launch during an interview with Law360 Pulse on Wednesday.

"Minneapolis isn't new for Crowell," she said. "It's a market we are ready to scale up in. We have established client relationships. Now we're going to build a bench that matches the opportunities that we have here in Minneapolis, and we're ready to hit the ground running."

Partner Jeffrey Gleason, a first-chair trial attorney who co-founded the healthcare practice at Robins Kaplan LLP and arrived at Crowell & Moring in October, is also based in the new office, the firm said. Gleason brought four other former Robins Kaplan attorneys with him — associates Matthew Leighton, Erica Schultz, Dominik Ruch and Brent Murcia, who arrived at the firm Monday.

The other Minneapolis attorneys are counsels Charlene Sun, who was based in Crowell & Moring's Orange County, California, office, and Donna Reuter, who joined the firm in 2023 from Dorsey & Whitney LLP. In addition, two more senior counsel will join by the end of the month, Jackson said.

The eight have been working together at the new office, located at 60 S. Sixth Street in the center of downtown Minneapolis, since January, Jackson said.

Jackson specializes in high-stakes litigation and investigations for companies facing bet-the-company risk in federal and state courts nationwide. She joined Crowell & Moring **in 2021** after a three-year stint as deputy attorney general for the District of Columbia.

Earlier in her career, she was a senior trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice in the Washington, D.C.-Baltimore area and a law clerk for the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in Duluth, Minnesota.

Jackson, a self-described "third-generation Washingtonian," fell in love with the Land of 10,000 Lakes after attending the University of Minnesota Law School.

"When I joined the firm five years ago, I kind of sang the praises of Minnesota and Minneapolis and how I thought it was a great place to work and to practice law, and that it needed a D.C.-based firm with a regulatory [focus]," Jackson said. "Crowell isn't just appearing on the scene. We have several clients that we work with, that I've been coming back and forth to visit and to do work for in the last four and a half years."

Gleason focuses on healthcare law, government investigations, complex business litigation and affirmative recoveries for managed care organizations.

The Minneapolis office is Crowell & Moring's 13th, following launches last year in Boston and Dallas.

There are 17 Fortune 500 companies in the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area. The new office will help attorneys guide clients in a constantly evolving regulatory and business environment, the announcement said.

"The Minneapolis-St. Paul region is the home to long-standing clients who value our ability to bridge the divide between this dynamic business market and the complex regulatory and enforcement landscape driven by decisions in Washington," Philip T. Inglima, chair of Crowell & Moring's management board, said in a statement.

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