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# Charlotte law firm Moore & Van Allen expands leadership ranks ahead of key retirement



Moore & Van Allen is headquartered at 100 N. Tryon St. in uptown Charlotte.

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Charlotte's largest law firm is expanding its leadership team as its executive director prepares to retire.

Moore & Van Allen has hired Elizabeth Satterfield to serve as its first chief operating officer. Satterfield joined the local firm after spending more than five and a half years at Proskauer Rose, where she held multiple leadership roles. Her most recent post there was as its innovation and practice solutions officer.

Prior to Proskauer Rose, Satterfield spent more than four years as the director of legal project management at Baker Donelson in Atlanta, according to her LinkedIn page. She also was a former practicing attorney.



Elizabeth Satterfield has been hired as chief operating officer at Moore & Van Allen.

MOORE & VAN ALLEN

Satterfield has expertise in legal operations and law firm management, particularly in knowledge management, legal project management, pricing and innovation, a press release from Moore & Van Allen states.

She will work closely with Moore & Van Allen managing partner and chair Thomas L. Mitchell, the firm's management committee and practice leaders on all aspects of its business operations and strategy.

Mitchell said in the release that Satterfield "has proven to be a pioneering leader in today's rapidly evolving legal industry, and her leadership style and integrity align perfectly with our culture and values."

The new role comes as Matthew Gillespie retires from Moore & Van Allen this spring after 24 years.



Matthew Gillespie, executive director at Moore & Van Allen, is retiring in spring 2024.

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Moore & Van Allen is dividing his job functions into the new COO role as well as creating a chief financial officer position. Steven W. Perkins has been promoted to the CFO role.

In addition, Stephanie Ward is now the firm's director of finance after a promotion.

"We are excited about the growth the firm has experienced in recent years in terms of number of attorneys, capabilities, practice areas, and attorney development and feel this leadership expansion will allow us to better support the firm going forward," Mitchell said.

Founded in 1945, Moore & Van Allen specializes in a range of legal fields, including corporate, financial services, litigation, white-collar criminal defense, antitrust, intellectual property, bankruptcy and commercial real estate.

It is the largest law firm in Charlotte based on number of attorneys. The firm had 323 attorneys and 653 employees locally as of a year ago.

Moore & Van Allen keeps its Charlotte headquarters at Bank of America Corporate Center, at 100 N. Tryon St. It also has an office in Charleston.

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# Charlotte's largest law firms

No. of local attorneys

Rank	Prior Rank	Business name/prior rank
1	1	Moore & Van Allen PLLC
2	2	McGuireWoods LLP
3	3	Robinson Bradshaw

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