

Morgan Lewis Chair's Term Unanimously Extended To 2026

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Law360 (October 7, 2022, 4:42 PM EDT) -- The partners of Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP voted unanimously Friday to extend the tenure of the firm's chair, Jami McKeon, to 2026, the firm announced.

McKeon, who has served as chairwoman since 2014, was confirmed to two more years in office, and will continue her work overseeing the firm's growth and other initiatives, according to a news release. She is based in the firm's Philadelphia office.

Steve Reed, who is the firm's lead advisory board member and leads Morgan Lewis' global antitrust and competition practices, said in a statement Friday that since McKeon had taken on the role, she had helped establish the firm as a "destination for our clients' most important matters," and elite attorneys.

"Since 2014, Jami has led bold initiatives that have made Morgan Lewis a recognized global powerhouse, significantly strengthening our practice groups and industry teams while remaining fully committed to the well-being of our people, the firm's inclusive culture, and philanthropic service to our communities," Reed said. "We are very excited to have the benefit of her strategic vision and inspiring leadership."

The firm noted that six weeks into McKeon's first term, she helped lead the acquisition of more than 750 attorneys and professional staffers when Morgan Lewis & Bockius merged with Bingham McCutchen LLP. She helped drive the firm's expansion to Asia, helping open offices in Singapore, Shanghai, Hong Kong and Abu Dhabi. She also helped oversee several other office expansions, in Hartford, Connecticut, and Century City, Los Angeles. Just this year, she helped push for the opening of a Seattle office, the firm said.

McKeon has spent her entire legal career with Morgan Lewis, joining the firm as a partner after graduating from Villanova University's Charles Bridger School of Law in 1981. The firm said McKeon had always been a champion on diversity and inclusion initiatives, and was responsible for designing and implementing programs to innovate firm culture. That included the launch of ML Well in 2019, a comprehensive program offered to firm personnel to "create a healthier, more engaged environment," according to the release.

In an email to Law360 Friday, McKeon said it had been "an incredible journey leading a place I have been so proud to call home for more than 40 years," and said she was honored to have been chosen for



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the role again by the firm partnership.

"Needless to say, the global disruptions for all of us over the past few years have been life-altering," she said. "My priorities have been, and will always be, supporting our people and clients in a manner that's never complacent. We will continue to establish our firm as a place clients want to come for world class advice, and a place where lawyers want to come because they share our vision and values."

She added: "As we turn the page on our fiscal year and embark on our 150th anniversary as a firm, we as a firm have more to give and more goals to be attained."

McKeon has held a number of management positions with the firm, leading Morgan Lewis' litigation practice before her election as chairwoman — the firm's largest practice, according to her firm profile. Her current practice revolves around financial services and technology industry clients, helping them with complex litigation, mass torts and fraud litigation, according to her firm profile.

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