



Allsteel®

PROJECT PROFILE

**MEAGHER & GEER**  
{ MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA }

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## CHALLENGE

“This law firm had been in the same space since 1986,” notes Dave Steinhauser, executive director of Meagher & Geer in Minneapolis, MN. “There have been a lot of changes since then, especially with the way technology affects workspaces.” According to Paula Storsteen of architecture and interior design firm 20 Below Studio, “They went from a floor-and-a-half of space to two floors and wanted to update their image, give everyone access to light, and open up the reception area.” They wanted a custom look, with lots of wood and an aesthetic appropriate to a law firm. Finally, they were looking for one specification to outfit every office and “solve problems from administrative assistant stations to paralegal and associates’ offices,” she adds.

Steinhauser and his staff visited several law offices and considered custom millwork before going to the Chicago Merchandise Mart to look at systems furniture. “We saw a wide variety of furniture, and Align was the last system we looked at,” he recalls. “We thought it was by far the best solution for us.”



## SOLUTION

Align provided Meagher & Geer with the flexibility and specification ease of systems furniture, along with the richness of wood they wanted and some important customizations they required. "Align combined the strength and advantages of steel with the look and appeal of wood," says Steinhauser. "It offered clean lines and flexibility. For us, Align was perfect."

Finding a way to store red rope files so they are both neat and accessible was critical. Allsteel increased the depth of the overhead cabinets and created a unique closed unit between administrative assistant stations "so lawyers can drop off papers without things looking messy," according to Storsteen.

Meagher & Geer chose Sum for seating throughout the office. "They tested four chairs," says Storsteen, "and Sum was the hands-down winner. Its sliding seat makes it fit just about everybody." Partner's offices were augmented with Gunlocke furniture for a seamless and beautiful design.

## GAINS

A single kit of parts, from administrative assistant stations through associates' offices, across 49,500 sq. ft.

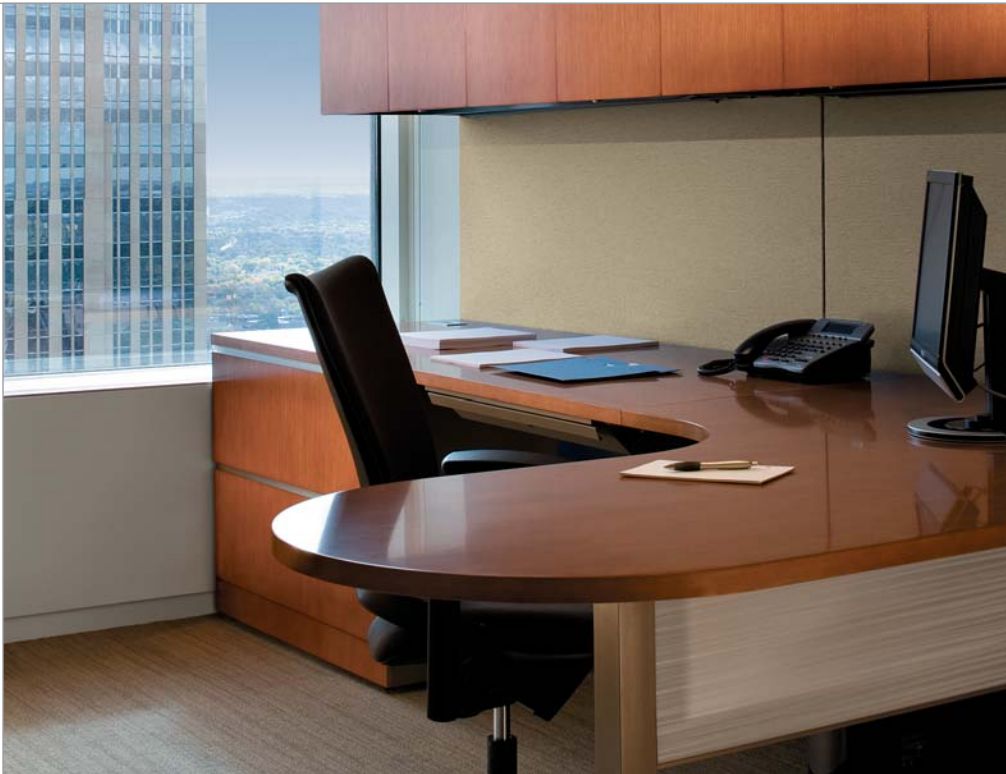
The warmth and prestige of wood and the flexibility of a frame-and-tile system, without the cost and complications of custom-built furniture

Custom storage options designed to meet unique needs

Seamless furniture integration with existing millwork and Gunlocke furniture

Seating that accommodates a variety of workers and workstyles

Improved organization, communications, ergonomics, functionality, and performance



## ALLSTEEL PRODUCTS

Align™ frame-and-tile system, Pearlescent Strata™ Landscape™ surface, Gunlocke® Medley™ 2.0 casegoods, Align storage, Extensions™ work tools, #19®, Sum™, and Tolleson Side seating

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## EXPERIENCE

“The dealer and Allsteel’s people were very attentive,” says Steinhauser. “With a firm of 75 lawyers and support staff, there was a lot of furniture to install, and we were working on a very tight schedule.”

Storsteen concurs. “Throughout the project, the dealer and Allsteel worked hard to understand our vision and make sure it was carried out. They really wanted things to look built-in. I was a bit obsessed with making sure the red rope files fit,” she continues, “and they walked us through the entire engineering process to adjust the overhead cabinet depth. It was a functional thing that had to work, and they made sure it did.”

Looking back after almost a year in the space, Steinhauser reports that he has collected numerous positive comments from staff on their offices and seating. “I can say with certainty we made the right decision with Allsteel. If we had purchased custom-built furniture, I can only imagine the problems we would have experienced, so I am glad we changed direction. The project was finished on schedule and the results were perfect.”

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