

Clark Hill's new space offers contemporary feel, room to expand

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Clark Hill has completed [relocating to new offices](#) in Two Commerce Square, a courtyard away from where it had originally been at One Commerce Square.

Though the move wasn't a big one in terms of distance, it was dramatic when it came to its design. Clark Hill wanted a more contemporary space that was reflective of how modern-day law firms work and that meant shedding dated paneling, libraries and big corner offices.

The 34,000 square feet that Clark Hill now occupies in Two Commerce Square is over a floor-and-a-half. This allowed the firm to use the half floor for its reception area and a conference center where multiple meeting rooms are available for both large and small meetings as well as for yoga and meditation.

While some companies have eliminated offices even for top executives, law firms including Clark Hill, have not gone to that extreme. The full floor has offices around the perimeter and interior and they are all the same size though the ones with window views are most desirable and come with seniority. A café also takes up a good portion of space on the floor and serves both to give employees a place to dine in as much as another place to bring their laptop to work and meet.

"I'm so excited about the space and the impact on our employees," said Lauri A. Kavulich, who is in charge of Clark Hill's Philadelphia office and oversaw the search. The new space has infused an enthusiasm from employees that is noticeable, she said.

The design is contemporary with some exposed ceilings, clean lines and splashes of color. "We didn't want it to be too industrial because it can be too cold," Kavulich said. Meyer Design and Partners by Design were the architects

Clark Hill partnered with the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts to have one of the school's interns curate an exhibit of art completed by current and former students that will be showcased on the firm's walls or, in the case of sculpture, in special areas in the office. This will be done on an annual basis.

"It is a way to connect our office to the community as well as provide an outlet to showcase the incredible talent of students in our area," Kavulich said. "It provides us with incredible art that will change yearly and keep the space fresh."

The new offices also enable the firm to grow. It had been in 21,000 square feet at One Commerce. The firm has 21 attorneys and paralegals and room for a total of 50.

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