



# Charlie Maier Named Practice Group Leader of Lathrop GPM's National Litigation Group

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**MINNEAPOLIS** (February 22, 2022) - Lathrop GPM Partner Charlie K. Maier has been named leader of the firm's litigation practice group. In this role, Maier will guide practice growth, client-value, and oversee a growing team currently of 50 lawyers and 5 paralegals. Prior to the combination of Lathrop Gage and Gray Plant Mooty (GPM), Maier served as a practice group chair, board member, and managing officer of GPM.

"I am happy to be back in a leadership role for the firm," said Maier. "Having been a football coach for many years, I am passionate about mentoring and development. I have, likewise, enjoyed coaching attorneys over the years and witnessing them grow from young associates to thriving partners with solid client relationships and their own books of business."

Maier is an experienced litigator who serves individuals and businesses facing complicated and acrimonious disputes including those among business owners and shareholders, complex business transactions, bet-the-company matters, closely held business litigation, and trust and estate issues. Recently, Maier helped secure a significant victory for the seller in an M&A transaction where the Court found the buyer to have acted fraudulently and in breach of contract. In a rare decision, the Court found the owner of the purchasing LLC personally liable, thus piercing the corporate veil and awarding the claimant, Maier's client, \$8.5 million.

"Charlie is a brilliant litigator and selfless leader," said Cameron Garrison, Managing Partner. "I look forward to the furthered success of the practice group and the continued value to our nationwide clients with Charlie at helm."

Lathrop GPM's litigation practice group has the breadth of experience and depth of bench to litigate disputes from coast to coast. Coupled with relentless dedication to client service and efficient and effective resolution of client matters, the litigation group provides clients with a value-driven, budget-conscious approach to litigation. Clients range from global Fortune 100 corporations and international franchises, to privately held and family businesses, and entrepreneurial ventures. The litigation attorneys represent clients in industries such as health care, banking & financial services, education, agribusiness and food, manufacturing, technology and hospitality. The group also has teams focusing on appellate work, investigations and white-collar defense, class actions, fiduciary litigation, business transactions disputes, and financial institutions liability.