

McMILLAN LLP

Canadian Law Offices

Sizes

Ottawa, ON: 16,500 square feet

Vancouver, BC: 40,000 square feet

Toronto, ON: 108,000 square feet

Project Highlights

Canadian office relocations and consolidations

Universal, perimeter offices with glass fronts and centralized, kit-of-parts administrative work stations

Maximized efficiency of space through high-density programming, transparency, and flexible/multi-purpose areas

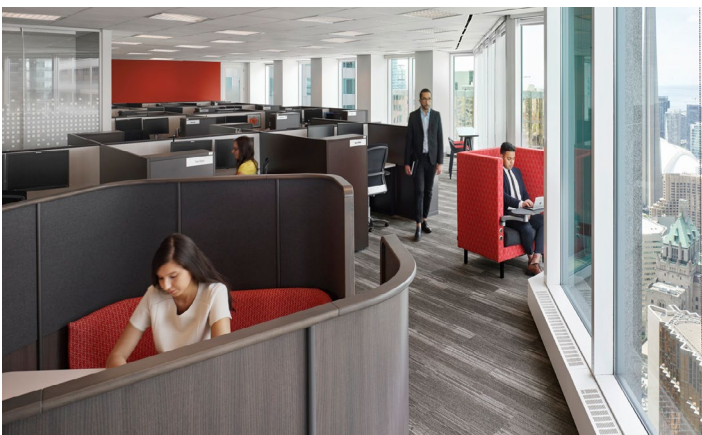
Spaces atypical for law offices boost culture and talent recruitment, including collaboration zones, lounges, and a central, multi-purpose lunchroom with a ping-pong table

Significant size reduction and decentralization of library spaces

Services Provided

Workplace Strategy; Building evaluations; Programming; Full interior design and architecture; Signage/wayfinding; Furniture specifications; Lighting design





McMillan LLP, a Canadian business law firm with international offices, engaged IA to design their Ottawa, Vancouver, and Toronto offices totalling over 160,000 square feet. Consistent, key project goals included maximized efficiency and creating local culture for each regional office within their existing design standards in order to have a "one office feel" globally.

Each project began with a workplace strategy effort, including keep/toss/create activities with leaders from various departments. Once buildings were selected via IA's test-fits and building evaluation services, the design team programmed each to determine the number of glass-front universal offices, workstations, adjacencies, meeting spaces, amenities, and collaboration zones required. Compact planning and multi-functional spaces resulted in increased spatial efficiency, while also allowing for future growth.

While client centres—board and conference rooms—are self-contained within a primary security layer, staff collaboration and lounge zones are central to the office plans. Boosting culture and talent recruitment, spaces atypical for law offices were also integrated, including a collaboration area versus a library, lounge style meeting areas with integrated technology, and a multi-purpose lunchroom with a ping-pong table.