

Stringam Law:

Creating a space for the next generation of professionals



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Stringam Law's newest office in Calgary reflects the firm's commitment to community, collaboration, and a modern workplace culture. Designed for the next generation of lawyers, the space features a flexible layout with areas for focused work, client meetings, and teamwork, all thoughtfully arranged to support the firm's workflow. Emphasizing warmth and approachability, the design creates a welcoming environment for both staff and clients.

Founded in 1913, Stringam Law is a leading law firm with a growing presence across Western Canada. For its newest office, Stringam chose the heart of the vibrant University District in Calgary. Kurt Schlachter, CEO, Stringam Law, explains, "It was very deliberate that we chose to establish

our offices here in the University District. We wanted our staff and clients to feel connected to and invigorated by the surrounding community, enjoying all the amenities this district has to offer."

Balancing Collaboration and Privacy Needs

"The next generation of lawyers prefers less formal, more approachable environments that encourage connection and collaboration with peers and colleagues. It was important for us to reflect this sense of community throughout the design of the space," explains Megan Chwiecko, Principal at Block Interior Design. The office and the furniture within it are intentionally designed to provide a creative and flexible environment for employees' work schedules and work style. Various collaborative spaces enable lawyers and their teams to gather and discuss cases.



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Additionally, glass-front offices make it easy to see when someone is available, eliminating the need to knock on a closed door. Workstations feature height-adjustable surfaces, and the panel heights are calibrated to balance visibility with acoustic privacy. This setup provides individuals with more privacy for calls while still allowing them to feel connected to the larger team. Kurt adds, "You can really see and feel the team around you."

Creating a Sense of Welcome and Comfort for All

Creating a sense of welcome and comfort for everyone is a priority. Moody and dramatic wall colors, along with architectural elements, are complemented by bright accents of 'Stringam Orange,' the firm's brand color, "much like pairing a pair of funky socks with an elegant suit", Megan explains. Large windows allow natural light to fill the space, and access to an outdoor patio fosters a connection to nature and the community. "We want our staff to feel comfortable here, as well as our clients," Kurt states. "This is an important aspect to incorporate into all our spaces. It also reflects the culture of our law firm, which is young, approachable, fun, and willing to shake things up a bit." And on the firm's relationship with Global, Kurt concludes, "we were so pleased with our experience with Global that we have asked them to apply their expertise to the task of furnishing our future office expansions."

FEATURED PRODUCTS:

Newland desking, Ibex task seating, Compile workstations, Citi Square™ lounge, MVL1900 lateral files, Duet™ guest seating, Kadin™ boardroom table, Prefer™ meeting chairs, Zira™ storage credenzas

DESIGNER: Block Licensed Interior Design Inc.

DEALER: McCrum's Office Furnishings



