

Axinn Names Jeny Maier as Firm's Managing Partner

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Axinn, Veltrop & Harkrider LLP has named antitrust partner Jeny Maier as the firm's next managing partner, effective Jan. 1, 2024. Maier, who leads clients through antitrust agency review of their multibillion-dollar M&A deals, succeeds Matt Becker, who will continue to practice in the firm's intellectual property group, following his six-year term.

"Every day, I have the privilege to participate in our clients' most important business initiatives. I'm eager to use the business and strategic insights I have gained from that experience to execute Axinn's strategy in a competitive legal market," said Maier, who has spent two decades advising corporations on some of their most significant transactions, including Sunrun in its transformational \$3.2 billion acquisition of Vivint Solar and Take-Two Interactive in its \$12.7 billion acquisition of Zynga. "Axinn is a premier law firm that delivers unparalleled commercial guidance, navigating complexities to achieve success for our clients in the courtroom, the boardroom, and the marketplace."

Before joining Axinn's executive committee in 2022, Maier held various leadership positions within the firm's antitrust practice, one of the largest groups of antitrust lawyers in the country. Antitrust is one of three core practice areas at Axinn—along with intellectual property and high-stakes litigation—and in addition to serving as counsel for Google in the ad-technology lawsuits brought by the DOJ, state attorneys general, and private parties, the firm acted as counsel to VMware on its recently closed \$69 billion acquisition by Broadcom, which *The Wall Street Journal* called "one of the largest technology transactions ever."

"I'm excited to turn over the top leadership position of our firm to Jeny Maier and leave the firm's stewardship in her savvy and immensely capable hands," said Becker, who will continue to serve on Axinn's Executive Committee with Maier and Daniel Bitton. "Jeny combines undeniable leadership skills with a background in economics and a talent for strategic thinking—characteristics that will benefit Axinn as much as they do our clients."

Maier has held numerous leadership roles within the American Bar Association's Antitrust Law Section. She also previously served as the head of Axinn's Women's Affinity Group, and currently serves as partner champion for the firm's Midsize Mansfield Certification efforts.

"I look forward to building on the virtuous cycle that starts with an inclusive culture and talent development, and ultimately leads to stellar results that have drawn world-class clients like Google, McKesson, Silver Lake, Thermo Fisher Scientific, and Tyson Foods to Axinn," said Maier. "I am particularly excited to work with our Chief Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Officer, Leslie Overton, as we foster the values of our exceptional culture and nurture future talent and growth opportunities."

As managing partner, Maier will continue to actively represent clients in their strategic mergers and acquisitions. "The depth of talent that we have established across the firm has set our team up well for this transition, and I will continue to advise firm clients while placing a priority on developing our next generation of outstanding practitioners."

Axinn's antitrust, intellectual property, and litigation groups are led by Mike Keeley, Chad Landmon, and Denise Plunkett, respectively.

Press Coverage:

- Axinn Names Maier Managing Partner, Focusing on Antitrust Leaders, *Competition Policy International*
- Tell Me How You Really Feel: The Tipline for 11 January 2024, *Global Competition Review*
- Axinn Names Antitrust Partner As Firm Managing Partner, *Law360 Pulse*
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