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As Vice President and General Counsel, Max Laun oversees the day-to-day operations of Arconic's Legal activities worldwide. Previously he was Assistant General Counsel, Mergers and Acquisitions.

Max began his career as an attorney in Alcoa's Legal group in Pittsburgh more than 25 years ago. He has practiced law in several areas, most notably mergers and acquisitions, energy and general commercial counseling. He has served as lead counsel on several highly visible mergers and acquisitions, and divestitures including the Ma'aden-Alcoa Project, the disposition of Alcoa's Packaging business, and transactions in China, Russia, Latin America, Italy and elsewhere in Europe. Max was named Counsel/General Attorney in 1994, progressed to Senior Counsel in 2001 and then to Assistant General Counsel in 2009.

Max graduated cum laude in 1983 with a degree in History and Russian from Rice University in Houston, Texas. He served as a Fulbright Scholar in Romania from 1983-1985 studying the history of World War I. In 1988, he graduated magna cum laude from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. While there, he served as Articles Editor of the Law Review, and was selected for membership in the Order of the Coif and the Order of the Barristers, two national, honorary scholastic societies recognizing high distinction for scholarly accomplishments and for excelling in advocacy programs.

Max is a Board member, and Immediate Past President of the Board of Directors of the Neighborhood Legal Services Association, the free legal aid provider in a 4-county Pittsburgh region. In December 2015, he was appointed by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to serve a three-year term on the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board. Max is a member of the Advisory Board, Center for International Legal Education, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, and previously served as a Trustee of the Allegheny County Bar Foundation.