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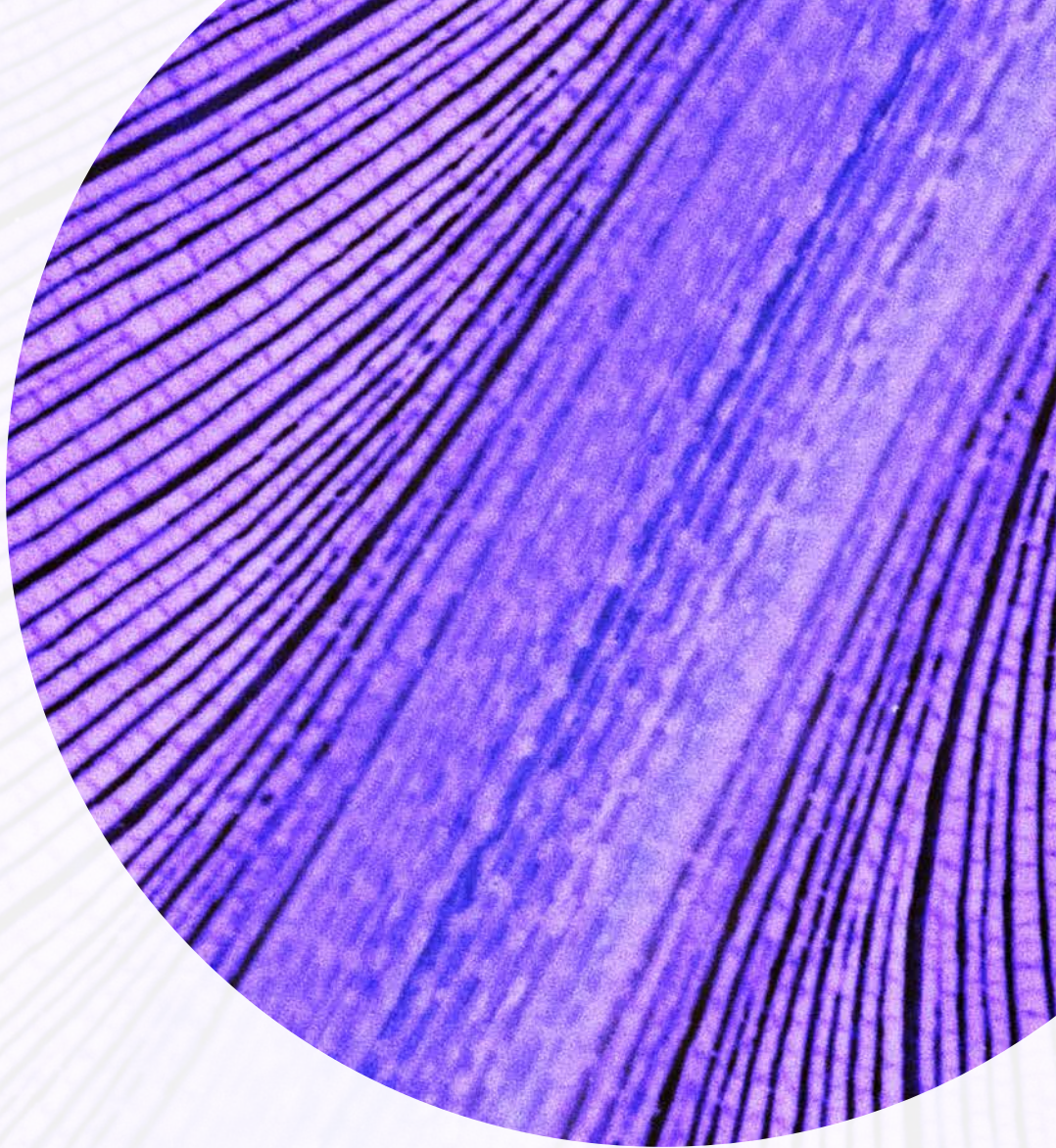
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In Memoriam

We are pleased to share this issue of Alumni@Dentons with our extended Dentons family in the US Region.

Drop us a line at alumni@dentons.com and let us know what you liked about this edition and what you would like to see in the future. Also, keep us posted on what you have been up to and we will be happy to share it in our next issue.



Editor's Note

With this issue, we are pleased to announce the expansion of our global footprint through combinations with leading law firms in Morocco and Viet Nam; the combination of Nextlaw Public Affairs Network and Dentons Global Advisors to form Dentons Global Advisors Network; the selection of a new president of Dentons Sirote and new managing partners in our Evansville, IN; Lexington, KY, and San Diego offices; and the addition of 21 new lateral hires, including partners, shareholders, principals, counsel and policy directors.

Also included in this issue are links to our new Global Guide to Autonomous Vehicles, Global Financial Markets Regulatory Review and Global Smart Cities & Connected Communities Think Tank Annual Report; highlights of recent successes in business transactions and litigation; and a selection of individual, practice area and firmwide awards.

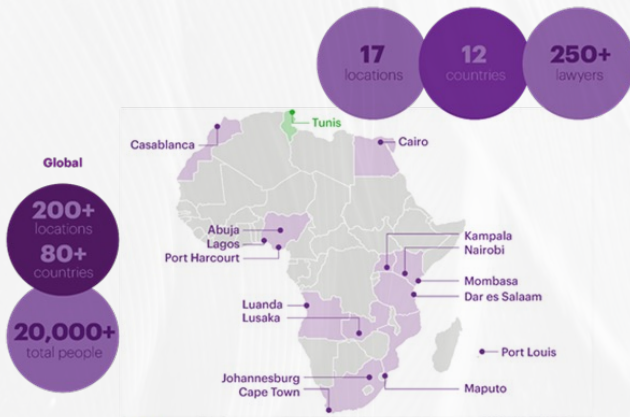
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Highlights

Continuing to grow through combinations with law firms in Morocco and Viet Nam

Zaanouni

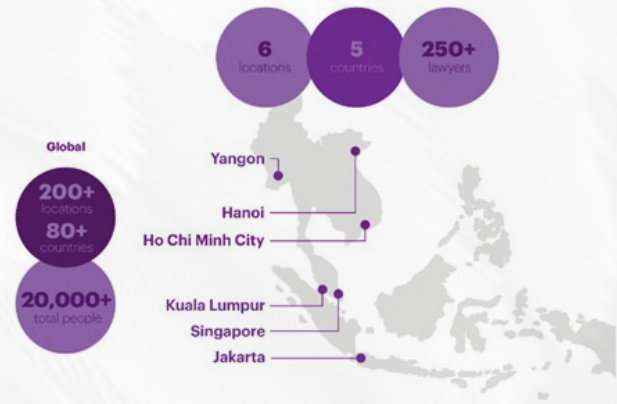
The combination with Zaanouni in Morocco positions us as a leading global law firm in a strategic location in North Africa, and accelerates the momentum for our becoming the leading Pan-African law firm owned and controlled by Africans, with 17 locations on the continent. Established in 1970 and one of the largest full-service law firms operating in Tunisia (the nation's capital), Zaanouni offers more than 14 practice areas and is regarded as a "top 10 firm" in its market, especially for corporate and general commercial work. Zaanouni's reputation as a leading service provider, its international focus, and our worldwide reach position the combined firm to help clients in Tunisia and around the world.



Locations in purple represent Dentons offices. Locations in green represent approved combinations that have not yet been formalized. Dentons has two locations in Port Louis.

LuatViet

The combination with leading Vietnamese law firm LuatViet—which has more than 40 legal professionals serving clients from offices in Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi, as well as an outstanding reputation as a leader in litigation and arbitration, mergers and acquisitions, and corporate and investment—positions the combined firm to serve clients in a key emerging economy of the ASEAN region. The merger also continues Dentons' momentum as a leading global law firm in the region, with offices in 5 of the 10 ASEAN countries. **Tran Duy Canh**, managing partner of Dentons LuatViet, said the firm's clients "now benefit from service by lawyers with essential knowledge of the local market, while also having access to an unrivaled global talent pool."



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Nextlaw Public Affairs Network joins with Dentons Global Advisors to form Dentons Global Advisors Network

Nextlaw Public Affairs Network has joined Dentons Global Advisors, where it will best utilize its extensive network to ensure that all of our clients' needs are met no matter where their needs may be. Dentons Global Advisors Network will help clients engage with their respective governments on critical regulatory and business issues impacting the direction of their companies. Nextlaw Public Affairs Network was launched in 2017 to connect leading public affairs firms to opportunities arising from clients' increasingly complex needs. Under the leadership of CEO **Paul Hatch**, the platform has become the most accessible

and comprehensive network of public affairs firms in the world with over 220 high-quality public affairs firms in 155 countries. Dentons Global Advisors was the first step in realizing our long-held vision to become more than a traditional law firm. The multi-disciplinary consultancy firm was launched in June 2021 in partnership with founding member Albright Stonebridge Group, along with a team of seasoned advisory industry leaders and led by CEO Ed Reilly. A month after the launch, it acquired Interel, an award-winning pan-European public affairs consultancy.

Summer Reading



[Global Guide to Autonomous Vehicles](#): Dentons' 2022 Global Guide to Autonomous Vehicles provides a detailed roadmap of the developing policy, regulatory and legal landscapes for autonomous vehicles, as well as the driving forces and roadblocks that will define the global mobility revolution.



[Global Financial Markets Regulatory Review](#): Dentons is pleased to present the April 2022 edition of the Global Financial Markets Regulatory Review. This regularly published report provides key financial markets regulatory developments as well as other legal developments related to financial markets around the world. The report combines insights from Dentons lawyers with extensive financial markets experience located in major global financial centers.



[Global Smart Cities & Connected Communities Think Tank Annual Report](#): The Global Smart Cities & Connected Communities Think Tank Annual Report 2022 will help you understand the interplay between geopolitical, social and economic upheaval and accelerating (and often unexpected) changes across technologies and institutions. Voices from multiple industries and sectors share their insights on such topics as modernization, efficiencies, hydrogen's future and smart mobility.

Supporting Ukraine



Dentons is proud to share that our Firm helped client PayPal bolster Ukraine's financial resources after the administration of President Volodymyr Zelensky made urgent requests directly to the company's senior leadership. PayPal launched a new payment offering in Ukraine, which will enhance the international flow of funds to support citizens during this critical time of need. Meatpacking,

NY, Venture Technology partner **Victor Boyajian** (left) overnight pulled together the financial institutions team from the Kyiv office and, with the help of Washington, DC, Federal Regulatory partner **Mike Zolandz**, they worked around the clock with PayPal's legal and business teams to develop and execute the plan, which included winning emergency expedited approval from the National Bank of Ukraine. They overcame the extraordinary challenges of distant time zones, intense deadlines and wartime conditions to accomplish this critical strategic project.



On behalf of the International Contrast Ultrasound Society (ICUS), a team of lawyers from Chicago and Washington, DC, helped secure free medical supplies for a children's hospital in Lviv, Ukraine. ICUS had received an urgent request for help obtaining an imaging agent produced by one of the organization's sponsor companies. Trusts, Estates and Wealth Preservation counsel **Linda Maiman**

Feinstein and senior managing director **Robin J. Adams**, a strategic communications and international relations expert, quickly contacted the manufacturer's top leadership, who immediately reached out to its internal teams and supply chain contacts. The products arrived in record time, and hundreds of children suffering blunt trauma, cancer and other serious conditions will now have the benefit of non-invasive, contrast-enhanced ultrasound scans.



New Leadership

Dentons Sirote names new president



Jim Vann has been named president of Dentons Sirote, succeeding **Todd Carlise**. Jim has been with Dentons Sirote since 2001 and previously served as the chair of its Real Estate practice group. In addition to representing developers and owners of multi-family and other commercial real estate in the acquisition, sale, leasing and financing of such properties, he has served as general counsel to various businesses and companies, and representing banks and other lenders in connection with all types of lending.

Offices welcome new managing partners



Trisha Dudlo has been named managing partner of the Firm's Evansville office. She succeeds **Reed S. Schmitt**, who led the office since 2019. Trisha focuses her practice on a range of complex litigation, including dissolution, division of marital estates, child custody, paternity, protective orders, guardianships, grandparents' rights and adoptions, and trust and fiduciary litigation.



Kimberly J. O'Donnell has been named managing partner of the Lexington office. She succeeds **P. Branden Gross**, who recently joined the Dentons Bingham Greenebaum partnership board. Kimberly advises and represents clients in matters involving a broad range of employment issues, with a focus on employment litigation, including claims of discrimination, retaliation, retaliatory discharge, harassment, state and federal wage and hour laws, and violations of the Family and Medical Leave Act.



Peter Stockburger has been appointed managing partner of the San Diego office. He succeeds **John Leslie**, who retired after 35 years at the Firm. As a member of the Firm's Venture Technology and Emerging Growth Companies group and co-lead of the Firm's Autonomous Vehicle practice, Peter works with clients of all sizes and maturity to build and shore up their privacy and security programs, deploy technology, enhance compliance and stakeholder confidence, take new products to market, work through data governance and retention challenges, navigate workplace disputes, and harness emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence.

Alumni Spotlight



Abhay Nadipuram

Vice President and Chief Legal Officer
Care Initiatives

From 2017 to 2020, Abhay Nadipuram was a civil litigator at Dentons Davis Brown, primarily practicing in the areas of commercial litigation, construction litigation, insurance defense, professional liability defense, employment litigation, product liability and health care. In November 2020, Abhay became vice president and chief legal officer of Care Initiatives, Iowa's largest nonprofit long-term care provider, serving over 2,800 Iowans through 43 skilled nursing care locations, 7 assisted living locations, 3 senior housing apartment locations and 7 hospice office locations. In addition to overseeing legal affairs, risk management, government relations and philanthropy, Abhay serves as the executive sponsor for diversity, equity and inclusion and helps lead Care Initiatives' Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Council.

What was it about Care Initiatives that appealed to you?

Three reasons. First, its mission. Care Initiatives' mission is "Improving quality of life for Iowans and their families during life's health transitions through compassionate, individualized care." What drew me to the organization was the word "compassion" because it told me that my character and values align with the organization. Second, as the company's first in-house counsel, I had the opportunity to shape the role, build a department, and be part of an organization that was growing. Finally, joining Care Initiatives was somewhat personal. Both of my parents are physicians and my mom—who is a recently retired internist—had a significant nursing home practice that she thoroughly enjoyed. I grew up hearing a lot about and even meeting many of her patients who had transitioned to long-term settings and watched my mom help them through those transitions. Being able to serve that very population gives me a sense of purpose for my career.

What do you enjoy most about your role?

I get to work with so many different members of our team daily, from administrators and directors of nursing at our locations all the way up to members of our board of directors. That allows me to help with issues that are directly impacting the care we provide while also helping shape the growth strategy of the organization. In a single day, I might help one of our locations interpret a resident's power of attorney, and on the very same day, meet with other members of our senior management team to discuss a new service line that we might offer. While those days can sometimes be challenging, when I reflect on how much of the company I get to touch, it makes me feel like I am not only helping the organization but all of the people who are part of it, too.

What does an average day look like for you?

I touched on this a little bit in my previous answer, but my days vary. My wife Rani and I both have busy careers (she is a neonatologist) and we have an 18-month-old, Karuna, who is the apple of our eyes, so my day usually begins early. I am typically up by 5 a.m. to get some work done. I usually get ready for work around 6:30 before Karuna wakes up. I usually spend about an hour with Karuna in the morning, feeding and playing with her, and then we are usually out the door by 7:45. After dropping Karuna off at daycare, I'm usually at the office or in my home office by 8:30. Some days, I can be in meetings the entire day, which means that I spend the evenings responding to emails and catching up on work. Other days, I have time to get some work done, which might include reviewing contracts, analyzing litigation reports from outside counsel, researching some nuanced issues, or fielding calls from our regional or location leadership about day-to-day issues that have popped up in the

field. I almost always try to see and speak with every member of our team to see if they need anything from me, and I try to make sure that I have an hour blocked off to work out. Although the days can be action-packed, I almost always pick up Karuna from daycare around 5 or 5:30 in the evening, head home, have dinner and catch up with Rani, and then usually log back on for another hour or two before going to bed. I sit on a couple of nonprofit boards and am involved in the Des Moines Rotary Club, so sometimes my evenings are spent working on those matters. I also try to read a few pages of a book every night to wind down.

What are the toughest problems and decisions you handle?

My role as chief legal officer is to not only help protect the company and handle its legal affairs but to also be a strategic business partner. So, while there may be a legal answer to a problem, often the legal answer might not be practical or fit into our strategy. So, generally, I think the toughest problems I face and the hardest decisions I need to make are those that do not have a clear “yes” or “no” answer. They usually require me to look at things from the perspective of my colleagues who are responsible for other aspects of the company, like operations, human resources or finance. I think the best way to handle those problems or decisions is to empathize with your fellow colleagues so that you can work together to make the best decision for the organization.

Tell us about your involvement in Care Initiatives diversity, equity and inclusion program.

When I interviewed with my boss Mike Beal, the CEO of Care Initiatives, I told him that one thing I wanted to do was jump-start and lead Care Initiatives’ diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives. Thankfully, he has empowered me to do just that. In 2021, Care Initiatives launched its Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiatives. The Initiatives include forming a DEI Council, committing \$120,000 annually to Iowa nonprofits, conducting a DEI assessment, and establishing an executive sponsor for DEI to ensure DEI permeates through all levels of Care Initiatives.

In 2022, Care Initiatives formed its first DEI Council. The Council is employee-led and has a mission to guide all decisions and initiatives: “to create and maintain an environment that promotes a welcoming culture, breaks down barriers and stereotypes, and honors differences.” The DEI Council meets monthly and has three working groups, including Education and Observances, Policies and Procedures, and Community Outreach.

The Community Outreach working group determines how Care Initiatives would execute its \$120,000 annual commitment to serve underrepresented Iowans. Parameters were developed for choosing nonprofits to be considered for donations. To date, the working group has helped make \$80,000 in contributions to eight organizations. The Policies and Procedures working group has taken several steps toward creating a more inclusive environment at Care Initiatives, including adding a “preferred pronouns” field to job applications, adding a DEI statement to online job postings, and researching technical needs to include nonbinary gender identifiers in applications as well as internal team member documents, including preferred pronouns on name tags, and developing a toolkit for our leaders to implement DEI learning opportunities in their teams.

Our third initiative involved assessing our culture. We surveyed nearly 600 team members and held virtual listening sessions. Based on the results, the DEI Council developed action items to address areas for improvement. After the Council developed ideas, those were presented to and approved by the senior management team.

To ensure that DEI remains a priority for the organization, our CEO named me the executive sponsor for DEI. In that role, I am responsible for overseeing and rolling out Care Initiatives’ DEI initiatives and ensuring the initiatives remain a priority. I helped create a second position: manager of diversity, equity, and inclusion, the first paid position dedicated to DEI in the company’s history.

Are there any aspects of working in a law firm that you miss?

I really miss the people, the camaraderie and the sense of family. I miss having a younger cohort of attorneys to talk shop and commiserate with and having senior lawyers to look up to and learn from, especially when I am struggling with a decision. The mentorship on the litigation team at Dentons Davis Brown was incredible; most senior attorneys were always there for us and always had our backs.

Do you have any favorite memories of your time at Dentons Davis Brown?

I will state the obvious: Thoma Day, Thoma Trivia and all the other firm events.

Aside from the firm gatherings, some of my favorite memories involve learning from more senior attorneys, not just about how to be a better lawyer, but a better person.

In what ways did your time at Dentons Davis Brown help prepare you for what you are doing today?

My time at Dentons Davis Brown sharpened my legal skills, but it also gave me insight into different areas of the law, which made me a better issue-spotter. And that's important because I don't know the answer to every legal question that arises in my role, but I feel like I know what questions to ask and when I need to pull someone in to help.

What are some of the most important skills a lawyer must develop to succeed?

A good lawyer responds promptly, listens intently and understands their client's objectives and operations.

What do you like to do outside of work? Any special interests?

A few of my closest friends got me into cycling a few years ago. While I haven't been on my bike as much as I would have liked, I really enjoy it. I also love music of all kinds. I sang in the Wartburg Choir for four years in college and until recently sang in the Des Moines Choral Society. As I mentioned earlier, I dedicate time serving on the boards of organizations like the Choral Society and my alma mater's foundation, the Iowa Law School Foundation.



Welcome!



Chris Bennett has joined the Washington, DC, office as a partner in the Hotels and Leisure practice. Chris was previously the vice chair of his prior firm's Hospitality and Gaming group, as well as the firm's Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer. Prior to that, Chris spent 16 years as chief administrative officer, general counsel and secretary of Interstate Hotels & Resorts Inc., then the largest hotel management company in the United States, managing more than 450 hotels worldwide.



Jonathan Braunstein has joined the Oakland office as a partner in the Litigation and Dispute Resolution practice. Jon has represented clients in the health care, insurance, employee benefits, financial services, technology, real estate, retail and construction industries and litigated a variety of individual and class actions, including contract disputes, business torts, and data privacy and security matters.



Brian Cohen has joined the Chicago office as a counsel in the Litigation and Dispute Resolution practice with a focus on commercial litigation, including contract disputes, restrictive covenants, misappropriation of trade secrets and unfair competition, consumer class action defense, business torts and legal malpractice disputes. Brian's representation includes a wide range of clients, including large companies, private business owners and startups.



Angel Cortiñas (left) and **Jonathan Kaskel** have joined the Litigation and Dispute Resolution practice as partners in the Miami office. Angel, who served on his prior firm's board of directors and as co-chair of its appellate group, will serve as the office's managing partner. His experience includes trying more than 30 jury trials in private practice and as an assistant US attorney, and serving as a prominent appellate judge on Florida's 3rd District Court of Appeals for more than eight years. Jonathan, for his part, has a diverse litigation practice centered on complex commercial disputes, including insurance, class action, white collar defense and professional liability litigation.



Former US Congressman **Joe Crowley** joined our Public Policy practice as senior policy director. He will serve as a strategic advisor on a range of issues, including tax, financial services and health care. As a former member of the House Ways and Means Committee, Joe worked to protect Social Security and Medicare, helped pass the Affordable Care Act, and pushed to cut taxes for small businesses and the middle class. He also served on the House Financial Services and Foreign Affairs Committees; co-chaired the Congressional Caucus on India and Indian-Americans and the Ad Hoc Committee on Irish Affairs; was an active member of the Friends of Ireland Caucus; and co-founded the Bangladesh and Rare Diseases Caucuses.



Matthew Cutts joined the Firm as a strategic financial services and tax policy advisor in the Washington, DC, office. Prior to joining Dentons, Matthew served as chair of the financial services and tax policy public policy practice and as co-chair of the strategic advocacy public policy practice at his prior firm. Matt served on presidential candidate Barak Obama's Mid-Atlantic Finance Committee and assisted the President-Elect Obama's transition team with the vetting and hiring of senior appointments within the executive branch.



Callie Fuselier has joined our Washington, DC, office as a principal in the Public Policy practice, where she assists clients in navigating the US Congress, congressional procedures and a variety of public policy issues. During her seven years on Capitol Hill, Callie worked for former Senator John Breaux and former Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and also established strong executive branch relationships from working at the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, where she was deputy chief of staff to former Commissioner Fred Hatfield.



Alexander Hakopian has joined our Real Estate practice group as counsel in the New York office. He represents commercial banks, investment banks and other institutional lenders in commercial real estate loans on such asset classes as multifamily, industrial, office, retail and hotel properties. He has originated loans intended for securitization or other sale on the secondary market, including CMBS and CLO offerings. Prior to joining us, he was a counsel in the real estate & land use department of another multinational law firm.



Victor Johnson has joined our Intellectual Property and Technology practice as a partner, resident in the Dallas office. Victor's practice centers around enforcing and defending IP rights, including patent, trademark, brand protection and trade secret misappropriation, as well as domain name disputes and other forms of unfair competition. He represents both plaintiffs and defendants and assists clients against both competitors and non-practicing entities.



Hannah King has joined Dentons' Cannabis team as a partner. Based in Portland, ME, Hannah is one of New England's leading authorities on the industry. She has advised hundreds of cannabis businesses, from small, family-run firms to large, publicly traded multistate operators, in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont. Hannah's work ranges from local and state licensing, permitting and regulatory compliance to assisting with complex commercial and financial transactions and litigation. She has also advised tribal nations looking to enter cannabis and hemp markets.



Christopher Kula joined our New York office as a partner in the Corporate practice, with a focus on fund formation, including structuring, governance, operations and compliance, for capital markets, corporate, private equity, real estate finance and venture technology clients.



Lora Manion joined the firm's Indianapolis office as of counsel in the Energy practice. Lora advises clients in the energy, telecom, and water and wastewater utilities sectors on regulatory and transactional matters, including mergers and acquisitions, public financing, rate cases, service territories, cost recovery and commercial contracts.



Krystal Mikkilineni has joined Dentons as a shareholder in the Restructuring, Insolvency and Bankruptcy and Mergers & Acquisitions practice. Resident in the Des Moines office, she has over eight years' experience representing businesses, creditors, trustees and individuals with reorganizations, insolvency matters, and chapter 7, 11, 12, and 13 bankruptcies, including in-court and out-of-court workouts.



Tim Pittman has joined Dentons as of counsel in the Real Estate and Litigation practice groups in the Huntsville, AL, office, where his practice focuses on business and real estate transactions and financing, as well as civil litigation and appeals, for both plaintiffs and defendants, in state and federal courts. Other areas of focus include foreclosure and mortgage default; landlord/tenant negotiations; and representing lenders in bankruptcy proceedings.



Sarah Ray has joined Dentons as of counsel in the Tax Controversy practice group in the Huntsville, AL, office. With more than 10 years' experience in the legal, military and administrative communities, Sarah has practiced in policy management and implementation, legal and administrative research, military justice litigation, strength management and tax law.



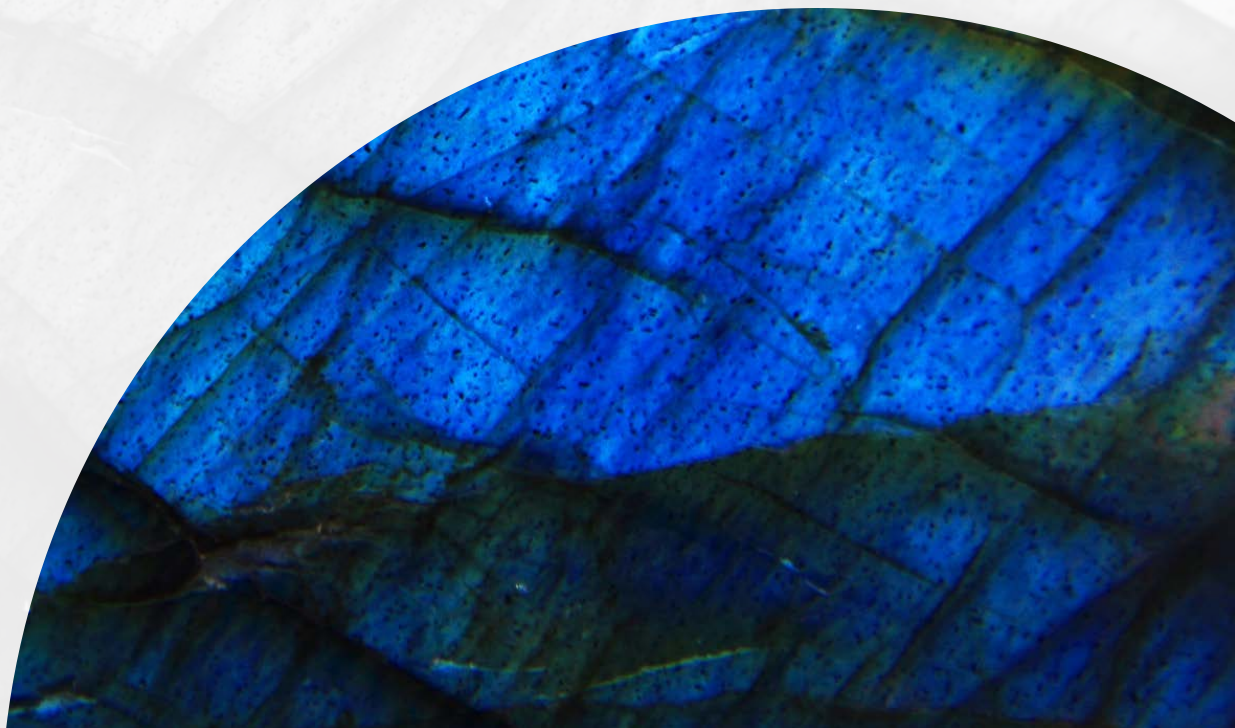
Glynis Ritchie joined our Pittsburgh office as a shareholder in Trusts, Estates and Wealth Preservation group. Glynis, who practiced out of Boston the past nine years, counsels individuals and families on income, gift, estate and generation-skipping tax planning, trust and estate administration, planning for families with children with disabilities, and charitable giving.



Adrienne Thompson has joined Dentons as of counsel in the Trusts, Estates and Wealth Preservation practice group in the Tuscaloosa, AL, office. In her practice, Adrienne focuses on trust and estate planning and administration.



Linda Willard has joined our Washington, DC, office as counsel in our Energy practice where she concentrates on energy, environmental and transportation policy. Linda represents clients before Congress, the executive branch and other government entities. Her experience as a government affairs lawyer and public policy advisor spans the public and private sectors, including serving as a counsel to the US Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works; a lawyer in the Energy and Environment practice of a global law firm based in Washington; and counsel and senior policy advisor in a DC-based lobbying firm.



Recent client successes!

DEFENDING NYSE EXCHANGES: In the largest securities class action ever filed, a Litigation team comprised of lawyers in **New York, Chicago** and **Washington, DC**, won summary judgment in favor of the New York Stock Exchange, NYSE Arca and NYSE Chicago. The plaintiffs alleged that our clients and four other exchanges provided “high-frequency trading” firms with enhanced data feeds and faster order processing, and let them locate their servers near the exchanges’ own servers so trading signals would be sent faster. They asserted sample damages exceeding \$5 billion and were expected to seek 20 times that amount once the class was certified. Instead, the court found that after almost eight years of litigation, the plaintiffs could not demonstrate that they had suffered an injury, let alone one potentially traceable to the defendants.

HANDLING CONVERSION, REBRANDING OF TRUMP’S DC HOTEL: A team of lawyers in our **Phoenix, Los Angeles** and **New York** offices represented a multinational hospitality company in connection with the conversion and rebranding of the Trump International Hotel in Washington, DC, as a Waldorf Astoria. In addition to negotiating the management and branding agreement, the team advised the client on its credit support obligations to the Miami-based investment firm that purchased the property.

ASSISTING WITH DISCOVERY OF ANCIENT ROMAN RELIC: Lawyers in **Naples, FL**, and **Pittsburgh** assisted on a case involving the return of an ancient Roman artifact. The object—from the late first century B.C., or early first century A.D.—was part of a Bavarian king’s art collection from the 19th century until it was looted during World War II. Working with the legal team of the State of Bavaria’s castle administration and its Munich-based curator, we negotiated an agreement with the finder of the bust—who bought it from a Goodwill store in Austin for \$34.99—and with the San Antonio Museum of Art, where it is on display pending its return to the Bavarian government.

ADVISING ON PEDIATRIC ORTHO ACQUISITION: A multi-practice team from our **Indianapolis, Louisville** and **Montreal** offices advised a Warsaw, IN, company focused exclusively on pediatric orthopedics on its acquisition of a bioengineering services company in the Montreal, Canada, area that developed an implant designed to treat deformities in children with osteogenesis imperfecta. The \$33 million transaction includes an upfront cash payment of \$31 million and \$2 million in company stock subject to restrictions that lapse over time.

TAKING A COMPANY PUBLIC SANS IPO: A team of lawyers in **Chicago, New York** and **Los Angeles** represented Bright Green Corp. in its filing to go public through a direct listing on the Nasdaq. This alternative method of listing, which allows a company to begin trading shares without an IPO, resulted in the client’s stock trading at 216 percent above its listing price of US\$8. Bright Green is one of only a few companies authorized by the US government to grow, manufacture and sell cannabis and cannabis-related products for research and medicinal use through an agreement with the Drug Enforcement Administration.

FACILITATING A SYNDICATED LOAN: Lawyers in **Atlanta, Washington, DC, New York** and **Toronto** represented the National Black Bank Foundation in facilitating a syndicated loan of \$25 million from seven Black-owned banks to Major League Soccer. The transaction was covered by Good Morning America, CNBC, ESPN, USA Today and the Associated Press.

PASSING FEDERAL LEGISLATION: On behalf of an Indian Nation, lawyers in **Washington, DC**, successfully advocated for passage of the Shadow Wolves Enhancement Act in Congress. The bill, which is headed to the President for signature, will modernize the “Shadow Wolves,” an all-Native American tactical unit within Immigration and Customs Enforcement charged with stopping human trafficking and drug smuggling on the nation’s reservation in Arizona’s Sonoran Desert.

DEFEATING A CLASS ACTION AGAINST PAYMENT

PLATFORM: A team of lawyers in **Los Angeles, New York** and **Pittsburgh** obtained dismissal of a putative nationwide class action against a leading fintech company involving federal claims under the RICO and Electronic Funds Transfer Acts. The court granted our motion to compel individual arbitration in the case.

ADVISING ON A HEALTH-SYSTEM MERGER: Acted as lead counsel to a Colorado-based health system with hospitals and clinics throughout Colorado and Montana in its merger with Salt Lake City-based Intermountain Healthcare, including providing related antitrust and regulatory advice. The combined nonprofit health system—the first US deal in which a large Catholic health care system affiliated with a larger secular health care system—will encompass 33 hospitals and 385 clinics spread across Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming. Lawyers from our **San Francisco; Oakland; Los Angeles; Short Hills, NJ; Phoenix; Atlanta; Kansas City;** and **Washington, DC,** offices collaborated on the matter.

HANDLING A MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR MERGER:

Lawyers in **Dallas, Washington, DC,** and **New York** teamed up to represent a leading student housing developer in its merger with Blackstone Funds. Blackstone acquired all of the developer's outstanding shares of common stock in an all-cash transaction valued at \$12.8 billion.

COVERAGE CLAIM DISMISSED: A Litigation team in **Washington, DC,** and **New York** secured dismissal with prejudice of a coverage denial claim against an insurance company under a professional liability insurance policy. The policyholder, a large accounting and advisory firm, sued our client for coverage of an underlying lawsuit alleging that the policyholder was responsible for a \$30 million judgment entered against its client. We argued that no coverage was available because the policyholder had knowledge of a potential claim prior to the policy period, and the US District Court for the Southern District of New York adopted our arguments in full.

CLOSING A SYNDICATED LOAN: A team that included lawyers in **Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis** and **Atlanta,** acting as lead lender counsel, closed and funded a \$105 million syndicated commercial real estate loan secured by 13 golf course and development properties in 9 states.

REPRESENTING A SOLAR ENERGY COMPANY IN

INVESTMENT: A multi-practice team from Dentons' **Salt Lake City,** and **Lehi, UT,** offices represented a provider of rooftop solar sales and installations based in Provo, UT, in finalizing an investment led by an investment team at Greenbelt Capital Partners. Other investors in the transaction included Trilantic Energy Partners II North America, Blackstone Credit and Energy Impact Partners.

FACILITATING PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT: A team of lawyers from **Kansas City, New York** and **Chicago** represented an investment management firm in obtaining a \$1 billion loan to develop a high-rise condominium building on New York City's Central Park West. The complex transaction, which closed in just six weeks, involved acquisition, demolition and zoning components.

INVESTING IN ZERO-EMISSIONS POWER: A team out of **Washington, DC, Short Hills, NJ,** and **Kansas City** advised a Durham, NC, clean energy technology company with plant operations in LaPorte, TX, on its multimillion-dollar equity investment and joint development program with a Houston-based oil field services company to convert natural and renewable gas into zero-emissions power at a lower cost.

DEFEATING A BAD FAITH CLAIM: Lawyers from our **Oakland, Los Angeles, Orange County** and **Chicago** offices won a unanimous verdict in favor of a life insurance company following an eight-day trial in the US District Court for the Southern District of Texas. The plaintiff sought more than \$100 million in life insurance proceeds and statutory bad faith damages. The jury ruled in favor of the insurer's counterclaims for fraud and rescission of the policy, finding that the insured did not die as alleged and that the policy had been obtained through misrepresentations as part of a cross-border fraud ring.

Accolades

Firmwide Awards and Rankings

Results are in from Chambers and Legal 500: Dentons earned 74 practice rankings in the 2022 edition of *Chambers USA*—a 21 percent increase over 2021—including 14 practices that achieved a Band 1 ranking and 17 practices that were ranked nationwide. In addition, 162 lawyers were individually ranked, including 27 in Band 1 and 36 in Band 2. In the 2022 edition of *The Legal 500 US*, Dentons earned 37 practice rankings, 9 Leading Lawyer rankings and 2 Hall of Fame placements.

Honored as a Client Service Leader: In BTI Consulting Group's 2022 Client Service A-Team report, Dentons was once again included in the Client Service 30 listing, which recognizes "the best of the best in client service delivery." Clients praised our ability to anticipate needs, deal with unexpected changes, offer innovative approaches and practical solutions and remain both pragmatic and flexible.

Highly Ranked for IP Work: For the second year in a row, our New York Intellectual Property and Technology team earned silver-band rankings in the 2022 *World Trademark Review 1000*.

Honored for Family Office Services: *Family Wealth Report* recognized our Family Office group with two awards: Legal Team of the Year (Private Client category) and Outstanding Contribution to Wealth Management Thought Leadership.

Individual Recognitions

James Magazine recognized Atlanta Public Policy partners **Thurbert Baker**, **Gordon Giffin**, **Steve Labovitz**, **Edward Lindsey**, **Caesar Mitchell** and **Sam Olens**; Public Policy senior counsel **Sharon Gay**; Corporate partner and Dentons US Chairman **Jeff Haidet**; Washington, DC, Federal Regulatory partner **Ben Keane**; and recently retired Atlanta Public Policy counsel **Lem Ward** among Georgia's Most Influential Politically-Connected Attorneys for 2022.



Huntsville shareholder **Michelle Abrams Levin** and Birmingham shareholder **Gregory Rhodes** have been elected as new Fellows to the American College of Tax Counsel in recognition of their extraordinary accomplishments, professional achievements and dedication to improving the practice of tax law.



Alanna Clair, a Litigation partner in Washington, DC, was among Law360's Rising Stars of 2022 in the insurance category. The accolade recognizes the accomplishments of lawyers under the age of 40.



President Biden appointed Los Angeles Venture Technology senior managing director **James Costos** to the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. A former US Ambassador to Spain and Andorra, James will help supervise the Fulbright Program and related programs for selecting students, scholars, teachers, trainees and others to participate in educational exchange programs.



Laura Gibson, managing partner of the Houston office and head of the office's Employment and Labor practice, was sworn in as the 142nd president of the State Bar of Texas, the eighth woman to serve in that role.



Washington, DC, Public Policy partner **Chris Fetzer** has joined the Krach Institute for Tech Diplomacy, a bipartisan think tank operating at the intersection of technology, security and foreign policy, as a member of its inaugural advisory council. Other members of the advisory council include two former national security advisors to the President, a former assistant secretary of state, a former head of the US Export-Import Bank and a former ambassador.



Atlanta Public Policy managing associate **Anamaria Hazard** received the Up & Comers Award from the American Bar Association's Section of State and Local Government Law. Part of the 25th Annual Jefferson Fordham Society Awards, the accolade recognizes early-career lawyers with an impressive record of achievement.



Kansas City White Collar and Government Investigations partner **Steve Hill** will receive a 2022 ICON Award from Missouri Lawyers Media. The accolade recognizes distinguished people of 60 or older "who have demonstrated notable, sustained success and strong leadership within and outside the field of law."



Dentons' **Elizabeth H. Hutchins** has been named to American College of Trust and Estate Counsel's Board of Regents. She will be one of 12 new regents serving for a 3-year term. ACTEC's Board of Regents is the governing body of the College.



Indianapolis lawyers **Dick Kiefer**, co-Leader of Dentons' national White Collar Crime and Government Investigations practice, and **Joel Benson**, a managing associate in our Corporate practice, received Leadership in Law awards from the *Indiana Lawyer*. The awards recognize members of the legal community who have shown a commitment to their profession and the clients and communities they serve. Dick was honored as a Distinguished Barrister and Joel received the Up and Coming Lawyer Award.



Lexington, IN, partner **Clay Larkin**, a member of our Environmental and Energy & Natural Resources practices, has assumed the presidency of the national nonprofit Energy & Mineral Law Foundation, which fosters the study of mining, natural resources and energy law. Clay will serve as president through June 2023.



Los Angeles partner **Samuel Maizel** received an "Outstanding Nonprofit Lawyer Award" for 2022 from the Nonprofit Organizations Committee of the American Bar Association, Business Law Section. The award recognizes accomplished and civic-minded nonprofit lawyers.





Hotels and Leisure partner **Raja Patil** was selected by *Louisville Business First* as one of “20 People to Know in Law” for 2022. “People to Know” connects Louisville-area business community with influential business people in key roles that are crucial to their businesses.



Law360 has named partners **Bob Richards** (Restructuring, Insolvency and Bankruptcy, Chicago) and **Heather Sibbison** (Native American Law and Policy, Washington, DC) to its editorial advisory boards for 2022. Bob, chosen for the Bankruptcy Law board, and Heather, chosen for the Native American Law board, will help guide the publication’s coverage in their respective fields.



St. Louis Small Business Weekly named St. Louis Corporate partner **Karen Jordan** one of its “Top 100 St. Louisians to Know to Succeed in Business.”



James Magazine recognized Atlanta Public Policy principal **Eric Tanenblatt** and Dentons US chairman **Jeff Haidet** among its 2022 Most Influential Georgians. The annual roundup recognizes the most accomplished people in Georgia and details their significant contributions to the state.



Jim Vann, a shareholder in Birmingham, has been named to the *Birmingham Business Journal*’s “Who’s Who in Banking” list for 2022, highlighting the movers and shakers in the banking and finance industry.



Birmingham shareholder **Jim Williams** has been selected for the *Birmingham Business Journal*’s “Best of the Bar” awards program, which highlights the best and the brightest in Birmingham’s legal scene.

Pro Bono

Partnering with Clients

In the first six months of 2022, Dentons has partnered with substantial firm clients on three separate pro bono projects.



We partnered with multi-state cannabis operator **Verano** to host a Cannabis Expungement Clinic with Legal Aid Chicago. Teams of Dentons and Verano lawyers and professionals provided direct service to low-income clients who were seeking to expunge old arrests/convictions for small amounts of cannabis. This was the first such clinic under the new Cannabis Expungement provisions of the Illinois Cannabis legalization law.



Dentons partnered with in-house lawyers and professionals at **PNC Bank** to host a virtual DACA Renewal Clinic. DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) is the federal program that assists undocumented immigrants who arrived in the United States as babies and who have since graduated from high school or served in the military. The DACA Renewal Clinic was part of the national Financial Services Pro Bono Day. Dentons and PNC lawyers/professionals helped a total of 18 DACA recipients complete their complex DACA renewal applications.



Dentons is partnering with **Prudential** in-house lawyers to represent six asylum applicants as part of Legal Services NYC's LGBT Asylum Project. In the first phase of the project, completed in May, Dentons and Prudential lawyers screened 10 potential asylum clients. In phase two, teams of Dentons and Prudential lawyers were assigned to each of the 6 clients who made it through the screening (i.e., who fled persecution and violence in their home countries due to their LGBTQ+ status). The Dentons-Prudential team is now preparing the clients' lengthy asylum applications and, when the time comes, will represent them at their formal asylum interview.

Diversity and Inclusion

Spreading D&I Principles and Practices at a DRI Event



Dentons sponsored and attended the Annual Diversity and Inclusion Luncheon at the 2022 [DRI](#) Life, Health, Disability and ERISA Seminar in Nashville. The featured speaker was **Ada Ejikeme**, the head of Diversity and Inclusion at Dentons US. Above, from left, Dentons associate **Alyse Windsor**, shareholder Jim Williams, Ada, and DRI D&I Committee member **Jeaneen J. Johnson**, a principal at Semmes, Bowen & Semmes.

LGBTQ+ Pride Month

Dentons celebrated LGBTQ+ Pride Month with many events including, in our Pittsburgh office, a Pride Brunch (top) for family, friends, and clients. and, on Dentons

Global Pride Day, our first annual Pride Drag Show! Both events were excellent opportunities to celebrate Pride and reconnect with colleagues. All had a wonderful time, and both events were excellent opportunities to celebrate Pride and reconnect with colleagues.





International Transgender Day of Visibility

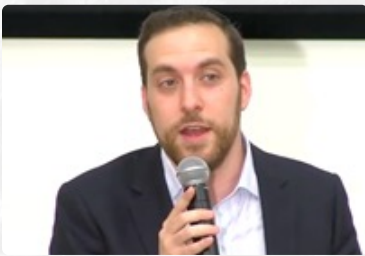
On Transgender Day of Visibility, we proudly recognized our trans and nonbinary colleagues at Dentons and all trans and nonbinary members of the communities in which we live and work. In commemoration, the Firm announced the launch of Talking Trans, in which trans and nonbinary colleagues share stories of their experiences. The Firm also established a Transgender and Nonbinary Advisory Group and a Bi Advisory Group, for colleagues who identify as such. Please contact the Global LGBT+ team to sign up for either group.

Women's Institute for Leadership in Law



Pittsburgh shareholder **Julie Vanneman** completed the Allegheny County Bar Association's Women's Institute for Leadership in Law (WILL) program. Julie is one of 25 graduates of this unique leadership program, which was created by ACBA's Institute for Gender Equality in partnership with Carnegie Mellon Executive Education to increase the number of women attorneys advancing into leadership positions in the region. Pictured with Julie (left) is Dentons' **Christie Tillapaugh**, who recently concluded her fifth term as co-chair of the ACBA's Gender-Equality Committee.

Understanding Antisemitism...



The Diversity and Inclusion Committee hosted "Understanding Antisemitism – And What to Do About It," with guest speaker **Yair Rosenberg**, a contributing writer at The Atlantic, where he writes Deep Shtetl, a subscriber newsletter on the intersection of politics, culture and religion. Rosenberg led a discussion to encourage awareness and promote understanding around antisemitism and share how we can all advocate for change.

...and the Sikh Community



The Firm honored **Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month** with a program featuring **Amrith Kaur Aakre**, legal director of the **Sikh Coalition**. She spoke about the origins of Sikhism, the founding of the Sikh Coalition and the organization's focus on a holistic approach to addressing racism and discrimination against minority communities. Amrith also shared the many ways the Sikh Coalition community comes together in times of need and offered concrete steps we can all take to build understanding, inclusion and safety in our communities.

Kicking off a Disability/Accessibility Storytelling Series

The Disability/Accessibility Affinity Group kicked off its new storytelling series, “The Transformational Power of Disabilities.” Washington, DC, partner **Max Carr-Howard** [shared his story](#) of living with an unseen disability, the challenges he faced, the transformation he experienced and how it made him who he is today. He also highlighted the importance of advocacy and allyship throughout his career and the potency of embracing disability as a “superpower.” Max, St. Louis partner **Belinda May** and St. Louis senior paralegal **Katie Krutzsch** co-chair the Disability/Accessibility Affinity Group.

Introducing HBCU Students to Big Law

The Firm hosted our first “Introduction to Big Law” event for students of historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs) who are interested in a career as a lawyer, paraprofessional or business services professional. New York partner **Lynn Harrison**, Atlanta managing associate **Anamaria Hazard** and Birmingham shareholder **Gaile Pugh Gratton Greene**, among others, shared their insights and experiences. Head of diversity and inclusion **Ada Ejikeme** moderated the discussion.

Dentons Delivers

Porpoises With a Purpose



Dentons raised \$7,045 for the 7th Annual Alabama Legal Food Frenzy benefitting Feeding Alabama to help provide extra meals for kids in need this summer. **Leigh Kaylor** organized the fundraiser by having “Porpoises With a Purpose” travel to different offices to collect money for the cause. Offices visited by porpoises were issued a “Writ of Habeas Porpoise”!

Volunteering at a Food Bank



Dentons lawyers and summer associates had a great time volunteering at the Community Food Bank of Central Alabama. They boxed 419 meals for families and helped sort through donated food items.



Running for Justice

The Firm sponsored the 2022 Public Counsel Run for Justice 5K Run at Dodger Stadium, held the weekend of the 2022 Los Angeles Marathon. Los Angeles partner **Bob Schuda** led Team Dentons, joined by partner **Judith Sidkoff** and her family and by counsel **Malka Zeefe**. The team raised \$5,550 to benefit Public Counsel, the nation's largest nonprofit law firm specializing in pro bono legal services, which annually assists more than 30,000 families, children, immigrants, veterans and nonprofits.



Tending to a Treasured Public Site

Honolulu colleagues helped care for and maintain the Hāwea Heiau complex and Keawāwa wetland in East Oahu, part of a volunteer cleanup project organized by the Trust for Public Land with a charitable donation from the Firm. The Hāwea Heiau complex is a community site with deep ties to Hawai'i's cultural history, and the adjoining wetland is home to a wide range of native wildlife, including endangered species.



Feeding Families

New Jersey colleagues packed and delivered meal kits for nourish.NJ, a nonprofit offering food, housing, work-readiness, medical, social and educational services. The meal kits contained all ingredients for a family of four to prepare a healthy meal at home. **Sherri Foley, Rose Marie Gartland, Audrey Nash, Catherine Poli** and **Samira Small** participated.



A Pizza Party Celebration

The Washington, DC, office threw a pizza party happy hour to celebrate winning the 2021 Movember Campaign contest. Washington colleagues raised more than \$5,500 last November to support men's health issues and awareness. The DUS Associates Committee sponsored both the campaign and the celebration.





Supporting a Legal Aid Fundraiser

Honolulu partner **Louise Ing**, managing associate **Nathan Shimodoi** and associate **Rick Crum** attended a fundraiser for the Legal Clinic, which provides free legal services to immigrants in need. Hawai'i Supreme Court Associate Justice Sabrina McKenna also attended.



Raising Money for Cancer Research

The Cycle for Survival team sponsored by the New York office raised more than \$26,000 for rare-cancer research at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. The fundraiser culminated in a team cycling ride in Central Park. The team included **Erin Becker, Schanel Crawford, Erik Klingenberg, Rob Olin** (the team captain) and **Gabe Scala**, along with family and friends.

Summer Associates Volunteer Across the US

Summer associates, lawyers and staff across the US participated in local service projects as part of our 2022 Summer Associate Program. Atlanta, Dallas, Kansas City, Oakland, San Diego, St. Louis and Washington, DC, colleagues volunteered at area food banks. Honolulu colleagues helped clean up Waimānalo Beach, and Chicago colleagues helped beautify parks around the city. Denver colleagues volunteered with HomeAid Colorado's "Builders for Babies" diaper drive. And Los Angeles and New York colleagues assembled and shipped activity kits for children in hospitals through the Sending Sunshine organization.



Retirements



Gregory Deitsch has retired from his position as a shareholder in Dentons' Birmingham, AL, office, where he has been a member of the Real Estate practice group since 1984 and leader of the Landlord's Rights team. Gregg had extensive experience dealing with creditors' rights, landlord/tenant relationships and real estate litigation. He regularly represented commercial and residential landlords and property owners on recovering possession, clearing title or collecting outstanding rent.



T. Julian Motes, a shareholder in Dentons' Mobile, AL, office, has retired from the Firm. He was a member of the Employment and Labor practice group since 1986. His practice has focused primarily on business, litigation, and civil trial matters. Julian represented clients in litigating and arbitrating contract disputes and labor claims, including serving as lead and support trial counsel in employment discrimination and other labor cases, defending against claims of discrimination, wrongful termination, retaliation, and breach of collective bargaining, as well as unpaid wages and overtime.

In Memoriam



Donald G. Lubin, Sadly, we share news of the passing of Don Lubin, a foundational leader of our legacy firm Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP and a colleague, friend and mentor to many. Don passed away peacefully at home on June 5. As chairman of Sonnenschein and an active member of its governing board, Don played an outsize role in the Firm's growth far beyond its Chicago origins to the global brand it is today. A pillar of the Firm's corporate law practice, he was a trusted advisor to legions of general counsel, entrepreneurs and CEOs, including McDonald's founder Ray Kroc; CEO and Secretary of Defense Don Rumsfeld; and J.R. Simplot, the largest potato producer in the US and one of the first billionaires in the US. Don counseled boards of directors and senior management at McDonald's, Aon, Burberry, Experian, Great Universal Stores, WW Grainger, Sears, Allstate, Sara Lee, Holiday Inns, Gilead Sciences, the San Diego Padres, the Chicago Bulls, G.D. Searle, Sloan Valve and Molex, on matters of real consequence, and was an early advocate for appointing women to boards of directors.

Don represented numerous closely held companies and, in many instances, the families controlling them, including advising on complex estate-planning strategies. He also served as a director of several public companies (he was the longest serving director of McDonald's), and as a member of key board committees. Among Don's many civic and philanthropic endeavors, he played a founding role in establishing the Ronald McDonald House Charities; served as a director of the Smithsonian Institution and the National Museum of American History; was a life trustee of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Highland Park Hospital; and served as vice chair of Rush University Medical Center and chair of Metropolis Strategies, which was founded by The Commercial Club of Chicago to enhance the economic vibrancy of the Chicago region.

In 2017, to commemorate Don's 60th year with the Firm, the Firm created the annual Lubin Award to honor colleagues who best exemplify his passionate dedication to Dentons, our clients and our communities.



Duane Quaini, It is with a heavy heart that we advise of the passing of Duane Quaini on June 7. Duane was the longest serving chairman of our legacy firm Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP, a position he held from January 1997 to March 2007. During that time the Firm doubled in size and added offices around the country, all paving the way for our eventual global growth. Duane's law practice began with a clerkship at the Firm the summer after his second year at Stanford University Law School. After receiving his JD in 1970, he went on to spend the next 40 years with us. He was an eloquent and persuasive speaker and a brilliant advocate with a legendary work ethic; a mentor to generations of the Firm's lawyers and staff; and passionate about diversity and inclusion, promoting numerous women to leadership positions.

Duane represented clients in complex business litigation throughout the United States. One of his major clients was the Allstate Insurance Co., which he represented in more than 50 federal and state appellate courts in complex commercial litigation, including consumer class actions raising issues of policy coverage, claims handling and insurance regulation. Other clients for whom Duane handled substantial matters included BASF Corp., Chrysler Corp., Citicorp, Coldwell Banker, Farmers Insurance Group, Montgomery Ward, Royal Indemnity Co., Sears Roebuck and Co., and Travelers Insurance Cos.

Duane was also committed to providing pro bono legal services. He handled a wide variety of matters for organization such as the ACLU, the Chicago Committee for Civil Rights Under Law and Lambda Legal. As Chairman, he hired the Firm's first full-time partner responsible for pro bono operations.