

# Dentons Regulatory Risk Assessment for Private Equity and Growth-Stage Investing

In today's dynamic policy and regulatory environment, both mature and growth-stage companies face growing exposure to regulatory scrutiny, political headwinds, and stakeholder activism. For private equity, venture capital, and growth equity investors, these external pressures can present hidden risks that undermine valuation, delay scalability, or complicate exits.

**Dentons' Regulatory Risk Assessment** is designed to support investors at every stage of the investment cycle—whether conducting pre-deal diligence or guiding post-investment strategy. We help identify regulatory vulnerabilities, anticipate opposition, and build tailored engagement strategies that protect enterprise value and enhance long-term growth.

## 1. Regulatory Audit & Risk Mapping

- Identify legacy and emerging regulatory obligations that could affect operations, expansion, or deal outcomes.
- Evaluate enforcement risk, legislative activity, and agency oversight relevant to target sectors
- Assess friction with incumbents, interest groups, labor organizations, or regulatory coalitions.
- Map stakeholder dynamics that could trigger litigation, reputational harm, or transactional delays.

## 2. Media and Stakeholder Landscape Assessment

- Analyze reputational vulnerabilities across digital and traditional media platforms.
- Identify narrative and activist risks that may emerge during hold periods or public events.
- Monitor online sentiment, political trends, and advocacy activity by competitors or disruptors.
- Flag potential flashpoints for scrutiny or public backlash that could influence perception or valuation.

## Strategic Positioning & Execution

- Develop proactive regulatory and public policy strategies aligned with investment goals.
- Support management teams and founders in navigating compliance, stakeholder, and reputational challenges.
- Shape the company's narrative to align with innovation, mission, and policy priorities.
- Help ensure regulatory issues are addressed early—protecting valuation and strengthening exit positioning.

## Why It Matters

For investors across the capital spectrum, regulatory positioning is no longer a niche concern—it is a key lever for risk mitigation and value creation. Dentons brings unmatched policy insight, stakeholder access, and execution support to help your portfolio companies scale with confidence and navigate complexity with clarity. For more information, contact Eric Tanenblatt at [eric.tanenblatt@dentons.com](mailto:eric.tanenblatt@dentons.com)



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