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States Attorneys General Perspective-Navigating Litigation Pathways in a Divided Landscape

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Moderator: Clint Vince, Chair of the US Energy practice, Co-chair of the Global Transportation & Infrastructure sector for the US Region, and Co-chair of the Global Smart Cities & Connected Communities Think Tank, Dentons



11:30am-12:30pm ET

Welcome: Christine Scanlan, President and CEO, Keystone Policy Center



Dan Gibb Former Kansas Assistant Attorney General and Partner, Public Policy practice and State Attorneys General group, Dentons

Panelist

Dan is a member of Dentons' Public Policy practice and State Attorneys General group. In addition to advising business and commercial clients on legislative and public policy issues affecting their industries, he provides guidance to companies facing Federal Trade Commission (FTC) or state attorney general investigations. Dan also provides legal and strategic advice on a wide variety of consumer protection issues, including advertising law, unfair and deceptive trade practices and data privacy laws. Dan represents companies across a range of highly regulated industries, including pharmaceutical and biotechnology, food and beverage, automotive, financial services, telecommunications, and social media, among others.

Dan has advised manufacturers and retailers on compliance with regulations and mandatory standards issued by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), including labeling and reporting requirements. When corrective action has been necessary, Dan has assisted clients in planning and implementing recalls for consumer electronics, household appliances, kitchen and bath items, furniture and other consumer products.

Prior to joining Dentons, Dan served as an Assistant Attorney General and senior policy adviser to the Kansas Attorney General. In addition to directing legislative affairs for the Office, Dan led multi-state AG investigations in the areas of consumer protection, antitrust and labor law, and was the lead lawyer on a variety of cutting-edge issues, including internet safety and data privacy. Dan also previously clerked for the US Senate Committee on the Judiciary.





Sam Olens

Former Georgia Attorney General and Partner, Public Policy practice and State Attorneys General group, Dentons *Panelist* Samuel S. Olens is a partner in Dentons' Public Policy practice and is a member of the firm's State Attorneys General group, based in the Atlanta office. His practice focuses on state attorneys general and local government affairs matters.

Sam was twice elected attorney general of Georgia, in 2010 and 2014. In that role he worked to strengthen the penalties for and protect the victims of sex trafficking, guided a comprehensive revision of Georgia's sunshine laws and led the effort to stem the epidemic of prescription drug abuse. Olens also served as vice president of the National Association of Attorneys General in 2016, having previously served as chair of the 13-state Southern Region both in 2013 and 2015.

Prior to being elected attorney general, Olens was chairman of the Cobb County Board of Commissioners, serving from August 2002 through March 2010. He previously served as a county commissioner from 1999 through June 2002.

Sam was chair of the Atlanta Regional Commission board as well as a member of the Board of the Department of Community Affairs. Sam has a history of taking a regional approach to problem solving. During his time at the Atlanta Regional Commission, Sam Olens was awarded the Tom Bradley Leadership Award by the National Association of Regional Councils. The award recognizes leadership excellence an elected or appointed official has made in advocating regional concepts, approaches, and programs at any level of government.

Sam also served as Vice-Chair of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District, a 16-county planning entity dedicated to developing comprehensive regional and watershed-specific plans for the district and as a board member of the National Association of Counties Transportation Steering Committee.

