

Dentons launches combination with Durham Jones & Pinegar in Utah

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Dentons has launched a previously announced combination with Salt Lake City-based Durham Jones & Pinegar, now known as Dentons Durham Jones Pinegar. In the midst of a global pandemic and economic crisis, Dentons has announced 23 new offices around the world in an environment where other law firms are standing still, contracting or withdrawing from key markets.

The launch of Dentons Durham Jones Pinegar continues the growth of Project Golden Spike, a series of combinations launched earlier this year dedicated to advancing the first truly national US law firm capable of helping clients navigate the New Dynamic across 36 US locations and 189 locations across 77 countries around the world.

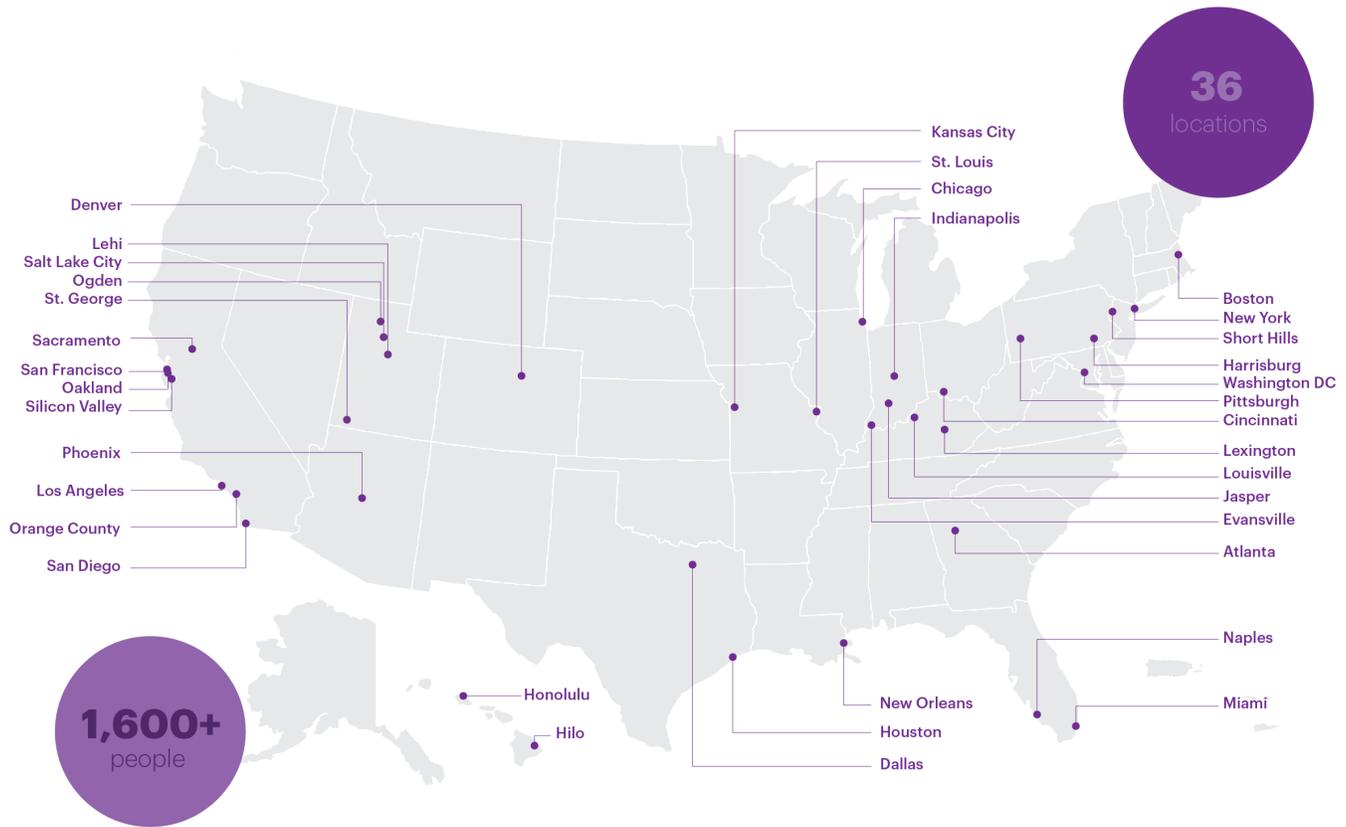
"In the New Dynamic our clients are confronted with constant, accelerated change and want to work with a law firm that has the experience and confidence to help them navigate it wherever they are located," said Joe Andrew, Global Chairman of Dentons. "Dentons is the first law firm to institutionalize scaling the Firm, first globally and now in the US with Project Golden Spike, through combinations with exceptional talent which now includes Dentons Durham Jones Pinegar, and - in so doing - gets us one step closer to becoming the first truly national US law firm."

"We are delighted to launch the first global law firm in the 'Silicon Slopes' - a key and growing market for our clients – and to welcome our new colleagues at Dentons Durham Jones Pinegar," said Elliott Portnoy, Global CEO of Dentons. "The Salt Lake City metropolitan area is a model for the New Dynamic economy: a community with a history of strong economic growth and stability that continues to foster a vibrant, diverse group of innovative businesses and initiatives."

Dentons Durham Jones Pinegar is one of the largest and fastest growing top-tier law firms in Utah, with nearly 100 lawyers and offices in Salt Lake City, Lehi, Ogden and St. George. Known for its innovative and practical solutions, Dentons Durham Jones Pinegar offers a spectrum of legal services in a number of specialized fields, including complex business and finance law, mergers and acquisitions, banking, commercial litigation, intellectual property, bankruptcy, real estate, tax, estate planning, employment, family law and immigration.

"We are thrilled to launch our combination with Dentons," said Todd Leishman, Chairman and President of Dentons Durham Jones Pinegar. "Our clients now benefit from access to a more sophisticated technology platform as well as access to leading talent across the country and around the world."

Building on Dentons' global polycentric model, Project Golden Spike increases the quality and breadth of service to clients on a national and global scale, while also enabling US legal practices like Dentons Durham Jones Pinegar to retain their defining characteristics and provide in and of the community insight wherever clients need it.



"We are in a time of accelerated change and law firms, more than ever before, need to transform to meet and exceed the dynamic needs of clients," said Toby McClamroch, Managing Partner of Dentons United States Region. "The launch of Dentons Durham Jones Pinegar through our Golden Spike model continues our trajectory to better serve our clients' needs across the 100 largest legal markets in the US."

In 2020 to date, Dentons has announced 23 new offices. Dentons' partners approved a combination with leading Tanzanian law firm, East African Law Chambers (EALC) as part of its strategy to become the leading Pan-African law firm owned and controlled by Africans. In addition, Dentons has launched eight combinations:

- Dentons Bingham Greenebaum and Dentons Cohen & Grigsby, the founding members with Dentons US of Project Golden Spike;
- Dentons Kensington Swan in New Zealand;
- Dentons Lee in South Korea;
- Dentons Jiménez de Aréchaga in Uruguay;
- Dentons Rattagan Arocena (formerly Dentons Rattagan Macchiavello Arocena) in Argentina;
- Dentons LEAD in Angola; and
- Dentons Durham Jones Pinegar in the US - as part of **Project Golden Spike**.

Dentons has also opened offices in the British Virgin Islands, St. Lucia, Ireland and Colombia.

About Dentons

Dentons is the world's largest law firm, connecting top-tier talent to the world's challenges and opportunities with 20,000 professionals including 12,000 lawyers, in more than 200 locations, in more than 80 countries. Dentons' polycentric and purpose-driven approach, commitment to inclusion and diversity, and award-winning client service challenge the status quo to advance client interests. www.dentons.com

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