Dentons Public Policy trio named 2020 Top Lobbyists by *The Hill*



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Dentons Public Policy principals **Michael Drobac**, Sander Lurie and John R. Russell IV have been named to *The Hill*s 2020 Top Lobbyists. The Top Lobbyists list highlights the broad range of talents needed to achieve success in the influence industry.

Drobac draws from deep experience in the private and public sector, thus his practice is focused on achieving positive outcomes for his technology clients related to regulation and public policy. Joining Dentons in October, he advises clients from the internet, technology and telecommunications sectors on developing messaging to define and execute outreach strategies, while advocating before Congress and federal agencies in support of policy objectives. He was recognized by *The Hill* as a Top Lobbyist of 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019, and was named a Government Relations Trailblazer by the *National Law Journal* in 2019.

Lurie has spent more than 30 years working in Washington, DC, on legislative and public policy issues in the US Senate as a chief of staff, legislative director and committee staffer, as well as in the private sector. He was chief of staff to two US senators, Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey and Debbie Stabenow of Michigan, and served as deputy staff director on the Senate Budget Committee. Lurie represents over a dozen clients on Capitol Hill and before federal agencies. His policy areas have included budget, tax, appropriations, health care, transportation and trade. Lurie has been recognized as a Top Lobbyist by *The Hill* in 2016, 2018 and 2019.

Russell focuses on federal advocacy and strategic communications. He worked for nearly a decade on Capitol Hill, serving on the leadership staffs of a speaker, a House majority whip and the chairman of the House Campaign Committee. In his career, Russell has worked both extensively and effectively in the legislative, communications and campaign arenas. His knowledge of the policy, political and personal aspects of Washington, DC, allows him to design winning strategies to accomplish dynamic policy and market objectives. He was named a Top Lobbyist for 2018 and 2019 by *The Hill*.

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