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Overview

Elliott Portnoy is the Global Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Dentons, the largest global law firm in the world.

As Global CEO, Elliott is responsible for management of the global Firm and its unwavering commitment to integrated client service. Under Elliott's leadership, Dentons is experiencing a period of exceptional growth and success.

Prior to the formation of Dentons, Elliott served as the youngest chairman of Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal, which later became SNR Denton, one of the firms that combined to create Dentons. He joined Sonnenschein in 2002, founding its public policy practice and building a bipartisan cadre of lawyers and policy professionals into a team that Legal Times' "Influence 50" survey called one of Washington, DC's "top 10 lobbying practices." Roll Call ranked the practice as one of the top 25 in the US, and Chambers USA designated it one of the firm's outstanding practices.

Elliott serves on the Board of Directors of Catalyst, a global nonprofit working with some of the world's most powerful CEOs and leading companies to help build workplaces that accelerate and advance women into leadership. He also serves on the Board of Trustees for Syracuse University.

Community service has been a constant in Elliott's life. In addition to his nonprofit board service, he founded and remains on the Board of Directors of Kids Enjoy Exercise Now (KEEN), an innovative nonprofit that provides sports opportunities to children with severe and profound disabilities in the US and the UK. KEEN has provided service to thousands of children in Washington, Chicago, London, Los Angeles, New York, Oxford, Phoenix, San Francisco and St. Louis, and has trained more than 50,000 volunteers to serve young people with disabilities since its founding in 1989. He has received multiple awards for his work with KEEN, including recognition by Washingtonian magazine as a "Washingtonian of the Year."

That same commitment to social responsibility is reflected in Dentons' support of nonprofit organizations and its partnerships with clients to improve local communities. Elliott promotes pro bono legal work and inclusion as vital components of the Firm's mission and has been a vocal advocate of Dentons' relationships with nonprofit organizations around the world.

Elliott earned his PhD as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University and is a graduate of Harvard Law School and Syracuse University.

Recognition

Elliott has been recognized as a prominent public policy lawyer by multiple publications and organizations, including successive editions of *Chambers USA*, most recently as a "Top Washington Lawyer." He has also been called "inspiring" and a "dynamic and ambitious go-getter" by the *Washington Business Journal*, and cited as one of the top lobbyists in the nation by *Washingtonian* magazine. In addition, he has received multiple awards from nonprofit organizations for his community service and pro bono contributions.

Honors and Awards

- *Best Lawyers in America*, Government Relations Practice, 2017-present
- *Ally of the Year*, Corporate Counsel's 2023 Women, Influence and Power in Law Awards

In the Media

- Quoted in, "**Dentons Taps South Korea Leader as Global Board Chair**," *Law.com*, August 16, 2023
- Quoted in, "**Dentons appoints Victoria White as Global Compliance Officer**," *Legal Desire*, July 13, 2023
- Quoted in, "**Legal Market Needs Have Changed. Are the Vereins Having Their Moment?**" *Law.com*, June 23, 2023
- Quoted in, "**Competitors will follow, but may enter India differently**," *Financial Express*, June 16, 2023
- Quoted in, "**Dentons Grows in India as Baker McKenzie, Others Weigh New Rules**," *Bloomberg*, May 24, 2023
- Co-authored, "**The time is now for India**," *The Global Legal Post*, May 15, 2023
- Quoted in, "**Dentons' combination with Link Legal in India commences**," *Lawyers Weekly*, May 15, 2023
- Quoted in, "**Dentons Combination To Fill ASEAN 'Hole' In Philippines**," *Law360*, March 14, 2023
- Quoted in, "**Dentons combines with Manila law firm to enter Philippines market**," *Reuters*, March 14, 2023
- Quoted in, "**Dentons bolsters Asean footprint with Philippines tie-up**," *The Global Legal Post*, March 14, 2023
- Co-authored, "**In a shifting world, DEI should be a foundation**," *IFLR*, December 6, 2022
- Quoted in, "**Law Firms Branch Out Beyond Lawyers in Bid to Beat Out Rival Advisers**," *The Wall Street Journal*, May 28, 2022
- Quoted in, "**Agility will be vital post-pandemic, say lawyers**," *The Financial Times*, May 5, 2021

Areas of focus

Practices

- **Advocacy and Government Affairs**
- **Congressional Investigations (United States)**
- **Corporate and Coalition Campaign Management**
- **Crisis Communications**

- **Native American Law and Policy (United States)**
- **Political Law, Ethics and Disclosure**
- **Public Policy and Regulation**
- **Strategic Communications**
- **US Policy**

Industry sectors

- **Energy**
- **Government**
- **Life Sciences and Health Care**

Services and solutions

- **Global Smart Cities & Connected Communities Initiative and Think Tank**

Education

- Harvard Law School, 1992, JD, *cum laude*
- Oxford University, 1989, PhD, Rhodes Scholar
- Syracuse University, 1986, BA, *summa cum laude*

Admissions and qualifications

- District of Columbia
- Maryland
- US Supreme Court