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Overview

Ambassador Gordon D. Giffin is a leader in the Firm's Public Policy and Regulation group.

His practice is focused on international transactions and trade matters, government procurement, energy regulatory and policy matters, corporate governance and crisis counseling, federal and state regulatory matters and public policy. He maintains offices in Washington, DC and Atlanta, Georgia.

From August 1997 to April 2001, Ambassador Giffin served as the nineteenth US Ambassador to Canada. As Chief of Mission at the US Embassy in Ottawa, he managed US interests in the world's largest bi-lateral trading relationship, as well as US collaboration with Canada on global issues in international fora. He received the Superior Honor Award from the Department of State for negotiating a pre-clearance agreement. From 1975-1979, he was Legislative Director and Chief Counsel to US Senator Sam Nunn in Washington, DC. Ambassador Giffin was a recipient of the Emory University School of Law's 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award, which recognizes outstanding alumni who have achieved distinction in legal practice, teaching, research or public administration and has received honorary degrees granted by Canadian and US universities. He has also served as an adjunct professor of law at Emory University School of Law. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees of the Carter Presidential Center and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Trilateral Commission. He serves on the Board of Directors of public company Canadian Natural Resources as Lead Director. He also serves on the board of CIBC Bank US.

Recognition

Honors and Awards

- *Best Lawyers in America*, Government Contracts, 2015-present

In the Media

- **"Fall 2015 Convocation ceremonies scheduled for Saturday,"** *University of Windsor*, October 15, 2015

Insights

- **"House Energy and Commerce Committee Democrats release framework for comprehensive climate legislation,"** *Dentons Client Alert*, January 9, 2020
- **"A closer look at round seven of the NAFTA negotiations,"** *Dentons Client Alert*, March 19, 2018
- **"Trump decides to leave Paris climate accord,"** *Dentons Client Alert*, June 2, 2017
- **"US Policy Scan 2017,"** *Dentons Whitepaper*, January 3, 2017
- **"US Policy and Politics Fall Preview,"** *Dentons Client Alert*, August 31, 2016
- **"Top takeaways from North American Leaders' Summit and Canada-Mexico state visit,"** *Dentons Client Alert*, July 1, 2016
- **"Canada/US Policy Scan 2016,"** *Dentons Whitepaper*, April 1, 2016
- **"US Policy Scan 2016,"** *Dentons Whitepaper*, January 4, 2016
- **"Energy bills move forward in Congress,"** *Dentons Client Alert*, July 31, 2015

Activities and Affiliations

Community Involvement and Pro Bono

- Council on Foreign Relations
- Carter Presidential Center, Board of Trustees
- The Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, Board of Advisors
- The Trilateral Commission
- Woodrow Wilson Center, Board of Advisors
- World Affairs Council, Board of Directors

Memberships

- Canadian-American Business Council, Advisory Board
- Canadian National Railway Company, Board of Directors
- Canadian Natural Resources Limited, Board of Directors
- CIBC Bank USA, Board of Directors
- McLarty Global, Board of Advisors

Areas of focus

Practices

- **Canadian Policy**
- **Environment and Natural Resources**

- **Government Contracts - US**
- **International Commercial Arbitration**
- **International Trade**
- **Litigation and Dispute Resolution**
- **Political Law, Ethics and Disclosure**
- **Public Policy and Regulation**
- **US Policy**
- **White Collar and Government Investigations**
- **Business Immigration**

Industry sectors

- **Climate Change Strategies**
- **Energy**
- **Infrastructure and PPP**
- **National Governments**
- **Financial Institutions**

Education

- University of Windsor, 2015, Hon. LLD
- State University of New York Potsdam, 1999, LLB, Hon.
- Emory University School of Law, 1974, JD
- Duke University, 1971, BA

Admissions and qualifications

- District of Columbia
- Georgia
- US District Court for the Northern District of Georgia