

# John C. Koski

## Global Chief Legal Officer



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## Overview

John Koski is the Global Chief Legal Officer for Dentons, where he is responsible for managing the provision of legal services to the world's largest law firm. John chairs the Global Risk Management Committee, serves on the Global Management Committee, and reports to the Global Board.

For more than 20 years, John has counseled the firm on governance, structure, litigation, transactions, insurance, regulation, compliance, investigations, and professional responsibility matters. For 10 of those years, he served as the US General Counsel for the firm.

John is a partner in the firm, resident in Chicago, where he is part of the firm's Professional Liability Litigation practice, which represents law firms, corporate law departments, and lawyers. He speaks and writes frequently on legal ethics, risk management and professionalism matters, and is a contributing author and co-editor of *The Risk Tip*.

## Insights

- "Dentons Chief Legal Officer Responds," *The American Lawyer*, 2020
- "Counsel To Counsel: 5 Challenges For A Law Firm GC," *Law 360*, 2017
- "Attorney Client Engagement Agreements: The War of the Forms," *PLI Ethics Programs: Chicago 2016*, Practising Law Institute, 2016
- "Privileges and Waiver," *PLI Ethics Programs: Chicago 2014*, Practising Law Institute, 2014
- "Ethics Fundamentals for Inside Counsel," *PLI Ethics Programs: Chicago 2013*, Practising Law Institute, 2013
- "Ethical Considerations When Dealing With Complex Compliance Issues," *ABA Section of Litigation Food & Supplements Second Annual Workshop*, June 12, 2012
- Co-author, "Hot Topics in Mergers and Acquisitions 2012," *Practising Law Institute*, 2012
- Co-author, "Illinois MCLE Marathon 2012," *Practising Law Institute*, 2012

- "Spoiler Alert: 50 Years of Movie-Lawyer Ethics," Pennsylvania Bar Institute's 17th Annual Health Law Institute, March 15 – 16, 2011
- Co-author, "The Lawyer's Role in Advising Franchisors: When Is Too Much Too Much?," International Franchise Association's 42nd Annual Legal Symposium, May 17 – 19, 2009
- Co-author, "Turning Defiant Franchisees Into Compliant Franchisees," International Franchise Association's 40th Annual Legal Symposium, May 6 – 8, 2007
- Co-author, "Waive Farewell to Uncertainty: EchoStar Clarifies Scope of Waiver in Advice-of-Counsel Defense," *The Computer and Internet Lawyer*, Vol. 23, No 9, September 2006
- "Operations Manuals," International Franchise Association's 36th Annual Legal Symposium, May 11 – 13, 2003
- "The Bulletproof Operations Manual," *Franchising World*, May/June 2003
- "Peril of the E-Mail Trail," *National Law Journal*, C1, January 16, 1995
- "Mandatory Disclosure," *American Bar Association Journal*, February 1994
- "Better Late Than Never? Timing, ADR, and Litigation Costs," *Court Manager*, 1994
- "From Hide-and-Seek to Show-and-Tell: Evidentiary Disclosure Rules," *American Journal of Trial Advocacy*, 1993
- "Idaho v. Wright: The Defenestration of Corroborating Evidence," *University of Miami Law Review*, 1991

## Activities and Affiliations

### Memberships

- Lecturer in Law, University of Chicago Law School (2019-)
- He is a member of the Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers and the American Bar Association's Center for Professional Responsibility, and he speaks frequently on legal ethics, risk management and professionalism matters.
- John is a past President of the Board of Directors of Youth & Opportunity United, Inc. (Y.O.U.), a youth development agency that provides services and leadership to meet the emerging needs of young people and their families.

### Prior and Present Employment

Prior to joining the firm, John served as a research consultant to the American Bar Association's Judicial Administration Division/Lawyer's Conference Task Force on the Reduction of Litigation Costs and Delay. John received his JD, *cum laude*, Order of the Coif, from the University of Miami School of Law, where he was the senior articles editor of the *University of Miami Law Review*. While at Miami, he participated in United States Supreme Court Associate Justice William Brennan's Constitutional Law Seminar.

## Areas of focus

### Practices

- Arbitration
- Class Action Defense

- Commercial Litigation
- Disciplinary and Grievance Procedures
- Franchising and Distribution
- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Partnership and Close Corporation Disputes
- Professional Liability Litigation
- Risk Management

## Industry sectors

- Insurance
- Law Firms
- Professional Liability
- Professional Services
- Risk Management

## Education

- University of Miami, JD, Order of the Coif, *cum laude*, Senior articles editor, *University of Miami Law Review*
- Vanderbilt University, BA

## Admissions and qualifications

- Florida
- Illinois
- US Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- US Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- US Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- US District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- US District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin
- US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- US Supreme Court