

# Mike McNamara

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## Overview

Mike McNamara is the US Chief Executive Officer and a member of the Global Management Committee of Dentons, the world's largest law firm.

As Chief Executive Officer, Mike is responsible for leading the US advancement of Dentons' strategy and vision for the benefit of Firm clients. He guides the client service, innovation, strategic and growth initiatives of the Firm and its 24 offices across the US, linking clients and their business priorities to the talent and capabilities Dentons offers around the world.

As a practicing lawyer with more than two decades of experience, Mike brings a dynamic understanding of the intersection of business, law, innovation and regulation to client engagements. He provides board-level counsel to multinational businesses and organizations facing complex transactions and disruptions—particularly in instances where significant public policy considerations must be informed by regulatory and political sensitivities. He has represented corporations, investor groups and high net worth individuals in the structuring and negotiation of transactions valued at more than US\$100 billion.

Throughout his career, Mike has been deeply engaged in corporate crisis management and response, advising clients facing major events or market interruptions on legal, political and stakeholder communications strategies. This includes responding to US government investigations, international sanctions, judicial proceedings and other bet-the-company matters.

Mike has been active in numerous nonprofit organizations and in directing Dentons' community and social responsibility commitments. He is a trustee of the Federal City Council, which advocates for investment in Washington, DC. Mike spearheaded a national service initiative at Dentons that deployed more than 400 Partners and colleagues to support more than two dozen nonprofit service organizations across the US, in the communities where Firm lawyers and professionals live and work.

Mike has been a longtime advocate for diversity and inclusion in the legal profession, and is a signatory to the CEO Action for Diversity and Inclusion Pledge. In addition to being an engaged leader in the work of the Firm's Diversity and Inclusion Committee and its Women LEAD (Leadership, Entrepreneurism, Advancement, Development) initiatives, Mike represented Dentons on a winning team in Diversity Lab's Women in Law Hackathon, presenting a strategy for better recruitment, advancement and retention of experienced women at law firms.

Mike is a member of Dentons' Global and US Boards. He served as US Managing Partner, has chaired the Firm's

worldwide Government sector team and is a founding partner of the US Public Policy and Regulation practice, recognized by the National Journal as a top 10 US practice and by Chambers USA as one of Dentons' leading practices. He has held numerous other senior leadership roles, including US Integration Partner for the 2010 combination between Sonnenschein and Denton Wilde Sapte that created SNR Denton.

Earlier in his career, Mike served as an economist with the US Department of Commerce.

Mike holds an AB in economics and public policy from Duke University and a JD from Harvard Law School.

## Insights

- Co-author, "Chapter 2: The Foreign Agents Registration Act," *Political Activity, Lobbying Laws and Gift Rules Guide, 3d Edition*
- Co-author, "Effective Enterprise Risk Management and Crisis Management," Dentons Client Alert
- Co-author, "Administration Releases Sweeping Regulation Reform Proposal," Dentons Client Alert
- Co-author, "The Changing Landscape for Compliance," Dentons Client Alert
- Co-author, "Libya Sanctions Update," Dentons Client Alert
- Co-author, "The New Regulatory Regime for Investment Advisers," Dentons Client Alert

## Areas of focus

### Practices

- Advocacy and Government Affairs
- Compliance and Risk Management
- Congressional Investigations (United States)
- Corporate
- EU Law and Policy
- Public Law
- Political Law, Ethics and Disclosure
- Public Policy and Regulation
- Strategic Communications
- Government Contracts - US

### Industry sectors

- Energy
- Financial Institutions
- Government
- Insurance
- Life Sciences and Health Care

- Professional Services
- Technology

## Education

- Harvard Law School, 1996, JD, *magna cum laude*
- Duke University, 1990, AB, *summa cum laude*

## Admissions and qualifications

- District of Columbia
- Maryland