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Overview

Attorney General Thurbert Baker co-leads Dentons' US State Attorney General practice and serves on the US Board. His practice focuses on corporate compliance and investigations, complex state legal and legislative matters, public policy and regulatory affairs, multi-state litigation, public sector procurements and regulatory matters.

Attorney General Baker served as the attorney general for the State of Georgia for 13 years under three different governors. He has been consistently selected as one of the "100 Most Influential Georgians" by *Georgia Trend* Magazine. In 2009 he was the recipient of the first annual Barack Obama Political Leadership award from the National Bar Association for his pioneering achievements as a public servant and an elected official. *Men Looking Ahead* Magazine recently selected him as its "Man of the Year".

In addition to his impact on the state level in Georgia, Attorney General Baker also has a broad national network, having served as the President of the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) from 2006-2007. He has been recognized as one of "America's Top Lawyers" by *Black Enterprise* Magazine and served for over a decade as NAAG's representative to the American Bar Association's House of Delegates. He has gained respect and cultivated relationships with some of the nation's top governing officials and business leaders through his work with NAAG, Democratic Attorneys General Association (DAGA), Republican Attorneys General Association (RAGA) and other organizations. This experience and network of key relationships enables him to effectively advise clients on a wide range of issues involving State Attorneys General, as well as in complex federal legal and legislative matters.

Attorney General Baker began his career in politics, spending eight years in the Georgia House of Representatives. He served in Governor Zell Miller's Administration as the House Floor Leader, sponsoring several pieces of significant legislation, including the HOPE Scholarship, awarded to Georgia residents who have demonstrated academic achievement and attend college in Georgia, and legislation to strengthen penalties for repeat violent felons.

Recognition

Honors and Awards

- *Chambers USA* 2019 - 2020: Ranked in Band 1 in the area of State Attorneys General, Nationwide.

Insights

- Co-author, "What to expect from state attorneys general during a Biden administration," *The Hill*, December 4, 2020
- "From Student Debt To Home Foreclosures, State AGs Take Growing Consumer Protection Role," *Forbes*, June 25, 2015
- "Alabama should close lawsuit lending loopholes to protect consumers and courts," *AL.com*, May 26, 2015
- "O.C.G.A. § 9-10-2: The Five-Day Notice Rule Explained," *Daily Report*, July 7, 2014
- "Tennessee should regulate predatory lawsuit lenders," *The Tennessean*, February 7, 2014

Activities and Affiliations

Presentations

- "Emerging Issues in Mass Tort Practice," Law Journal Symposium on Torts Reform, Widener University School of Law, June 5, 2013.
- "2013 Annual Government Contracts Briefing," McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP, May 7, 2013.
- "Transforming Local Government Conference," Closing Ceremony and Keynote Address, Alliance for Innovation, April 12, 2013.
- "Soaring to New Heights," 16th Annual DBA International Conference, February 6, 2013.
- "Third Party Litigation Funding," Corporate Counsel Institute, December 6, 2012.
- "The Current State of Affairs," Moderator, 13th Annual Legal Reform Summit, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, October 24, 2012.
- "Paying to Play: Inside the Ethics and Implications of Third-Party Litigation Funding," Toxic Torts and Environmental Law, February 9, 2012.
- "State Attorneys General: Champion of Consumer Protection," National Foundation of Judicial Excellence, 2012 Annual Symposium, July 13, 2012.
- "Pharmaceutical Companies and the False Claims Act," George Mason University School of Law, Attorneys General Education Program Public Policy Conference, May 2, 2012.
- "Sailing to New Horizons," 15th Annual DBA International Conference, February 7, 2012.

Areas of focus

Practices

- Privacy and Cybersecurity
- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Corporate
- White Collar and Government Investigations

- Public Policy and Regulation
- International Commercial Arbitration
- Corporate Governance
- State Attorneys General (United States)
- Financial Services Litigation
- Government Contracts - US

Industry sectors

- National Governments
- State, Regional, Provincial, Municipal and Local Government Bodies

Issues and opportunities

- Global Smart Cities & Connected Communities Initiative and Think Tank

Education

- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, BA
- Emory University School of Law, JD

Admissions and qualifications

- Georgia