A legacy of pioneering and innovation

While the combination to create our global firm occurred just in 2013, the legal practices that have combined to form Dentons have deep roots in their communities, which provides clients a competitive edge, knowing that understanding local cultures is crucial to successfully completing a deal, resolving a dispute or solving a business challenge.

- **1742**: The firm of Warrens, the earliest predecessor firm of Denton Hall, opens in the City of London.
- **1785**: Thomas Wilde and Archer Hussey form the London law firm that will become Wilde Sapte.
- **1788**: Samuel Denton establishes a firm of solicitors in London that will become Denton Hall.
- **1828**: John Gaden starts his practice in the Sydney suburb of Double Bay with 10 lawyers, the precursor of what would become Dentons' Sydney office.
- **1839**: John Willoughby Crawford opens a law firm in Toronto that will be the earliest predecessor of Fraser & Beatty.
- **1861**: Woods & Davidson, the firm that would become Rodyk and Davidson, was founded by Robert Carr Woods and James Guthrie Davidson.
- **1873**: Moses A. Luce starts his law practice and joins the bankers, builders and visionaries who shaped San Diego, California's first city. In 1889, Luce drafts the San Diego City Charter.
- **1885**: Denton and Hall joined by Charles and Edward Burgin to become Denton Hall & Burgin.
- **1888**: Earliest predecessor of Milner & Steer law practice established in Edmonton.
- **1906**: Edward Sonnenschein, Maurice Berkson and Isadore Blumenthal form a Chicago law firm that will become Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal.
- **1912**: Lloyd Hamilton Fenerty and Henry Phipps Otto Savary open a Calgary law firm that will eventually become Milner Fenerty.
- **1913**: Savary & Fenerty (later Fenerty, Robertson) established in Calgary.
- **1913**: Cardenas & Cardenas is founded by Parmenio Cardenas.