

Gary Doer, former Canadian Ambassador to the United States and past Premier of Manitoba, joins Dentons

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Toronto—Dentons is pleased to announce that Gary Doer, former Canadian Ambassador to the United States and past Premier of Manitoba, has joined our firm as Senior Business Advisor. Based out of Dentons' Toronto office, Mr. Doer is working closely with all our offices across Canada (including Calgary, Edmonton, Ottawa, Montréal and Vancouver), throughout the United States and around the world.

Highly regarded throughout political and business communities, Mr. Doer served as Canada's Ambassador to the United States from October 2009 to March 2016. Prior to this high-profile assignment, Mr. Doer was the 20th Premier of Manitoba, from 1999 to 2009, leading his party to win three consecutive majority governments. As Premier, he led strategic investments in health care, education and infrastructure; worked with both US and Mexico governors to improve trade and energy cooperation; and introduced balanced budgets during each of his ten years in office. In late 2005, *Business Week* recognized Mr. Doer as one of the top 20 international leaders on climate change.

Mr. Doer brings his exceptional experience at the critical intersection of business, public policy and cross-border relations to clients, joining Dentons' deep bench of international, national and local leaders, including Jean Chrétien, former Prime Minister of Canada; Gordon Giffin, former US Ambassador to Canada; James Moore, former Minister of Industry for Canada; Joe Andrew, former Chairman of the Democratic National Committee; Howard Dean, former US presidential candidate and former Governor of Vermont; Bill McCollum, former Attorney General of Florida and Member of US Congress (FL); and many other team members who have served in influential roles. Former Ambassador Doer will work closely with Dentons' Canada-US trans-border practice, which is known for providing clients with unparalleled and integrated legal and policy services around the largest trading relationship in the world. He will also be deeply involved in the Firm's market-leading global public policy initiatives.

"We are honoured to welcome Gary to Dentons—his arrival further strengthens the unmatched talent and scope of our team of business and public policy advisors," said Chris Pinnington, Dentons' Canada Chief Executive Officer. "Gary's experience and widely-respected stature in public service, in government and with cross-border diplomatic and business relations in North America, will be invaluable to our clients."

"It has been a privilege to serve the people of Manitoba and Canada for over three decades and, now, I am excited to work closely with clients and the team at Dentons," said Gary Doer. "Dentons offers the one-of-a-kind opportunity to work with such a high-profile and multifaceted public policy team, within the world's largest law firm. Together, we deliver the comprehensive and on-the-ground experience that clients need in today's challenging economy and evolving political climate."

"I have worked with Gary in his capacity as Premier and Ambassador. He is an extraordinary talent, whose ability to clearly define public policy challenges and then fashion solutions is virtually unparalleled," said Gordon Giffin, former US Ambassador to Canada (1997 – 2001), Chair of Dentons' US Public Policy and Regulation practice, and Co-Chair of Dentons' global Energy sector team. "I have been privileged to work with him in my capacities in and out of government and enthusiastically look forward to teaming with him at Dentons to solve client problems and create

client opportunities throughout North America and around the world."

"We are very proud of the accomplishments and perspective our team brings to the table, and the arrival of former Canadian Ambassador Doer further enhances our unique capabilities and focus with identifying the right solutions and opportunities for our clients," said Elliott Portnoy, Dentons' Global Chief Executive Officer. "This is an exciting announcement for Dentons and for our clients."

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