

# Dentons takes home two awards for LGBTQI+ inclusion

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**Sydney** —Dentons has received the Top Ranked Global Firm and Overall Excellence Awards at the Lawyers Weekly Champions of Pride Awards, held in Sydney on 11 March.

The Awards recognise Dentons for its commitment, both pledged and implemented, to the advancement of diversity and inclusion initiatives pertaining to legal professionals who identify as LGBTQI+.

The win follows Dentons' most recent achievement at the Australian Workplace Equality Index Awards held late last year, where it received Gold Status and Employer of the Year for LGBTQI+ inclusion.

Dentons Australia Chair and Australasia Region CEO, Doug Stipanicev, said the win highlights Dentons' commitment to furthering inclusion and diversity within the legal industry.

"Inclusion and diversity is a core part of Dentons' strategy. Our focus has been on ensuring that everyone, no matter their background; gender; sexuality; faith; age; ability; culture; and other characteristics, feel like they belong."

"Creating a culture of inclusion, where people feel heard, accepted and that they can be open at all levels, has been a defining reason why Dentons has been able to make such progress in furthering LGBTQI+ diversity inclusion," said Mr. Stipanicev.

Ben Allen, Dentons Head of Diversity and Inclusion in Australia and Partner Sponsor of Dentons' GLOW network, said he was incredibly proud of what Dentons, with support from the GLOW team, had achieved.

"Knowing that our initiatives, from inclusive policies; Ally training; and working with the Trans and Gender Diverse Legal Service, are making a difference to the lived experience of LGBTQI+ people in the legal community is immensely gratifying."

"This Award win only reinforces our commitment to inclusion and diversity."

## About Dentons

Dentons is the world's largest law firm, connecting top-tier talent to the world's challenges and opportunities with 20,000 professionals including 12,000 lawyers, in more than 200 locations, in more than 80 countries. Dentons' polycentric and purpose-driven approach, commitment to inclusion and diversity, and award-winning client service challenge the status quo to advance client interests. [www.dentons.com](http://www.dentons.com)

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