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Matthew Denn, the former Attorney General of Delaware, focuses on assisting clients in matters involving state attorneys general, state insurance regulators and other state agencies, along with internal investigations.

As Attorney General, Matt represented all state agencies and boards, prosecuting all criminal and juvenile delinquency cases and enforcing consumer protection, data privacy and other statutes. He oversaw Delaware DOJ investigations and participated in numerous multistate AG investigations involving data breaches, improper debt collection and banking practices, false advertising and antitrust issues. Matt also wrote and successfully passed through the Delaware General Assembly the Delaware Online Privacy and Protection Act, which expanded the legal protections available under Delaware law to individuals, in particular children, relating to their online and digital activities, and the Student Data Privacy Protection Act, which protected the privacy and security of student data. In 2017, a major Internet privacy website rated Delaware as having the nation's top state privacy laws and credited these legislative reforms for part of that ranking.

RELATED SERVICES

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- Delaware

Prior Experience

Prior to being elected Attorney General in 2014, Matt served as Delaware's elected Lieutenant Governor, and as its elected Insurance Commissioner. As the state's Lieutenant Governor, Matt focused on issues affecting children, and also oversaw reforms to the state's workers compensation statutes that resulted in historic reductions in the premiums paid by employers. He also helped oversee and implement the state's annual budget, and oversaw the state's expenditure of federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds. As Delaware's Insurance Commissioner, Matt was the state's chief insurance regulator and was responsible for approval of complex transactions and enforcement of laws protecting consumers.

Prior to being elected to office in 2004, Matt worked as a litigator at two Delaware law firms and as a Skadden Fellow at Delaware Volunteer Legal Services. His law firm practice included matters in the area of commercial, corporate, and bankruptcy law. Matt has practiced in every court in the state of Delaware. Matt also served as the chief legal counsel to the Governor of Delaware between 2001 and 2003, and as the chairman of the state's Child Protection Accountability Commission prior to his government service.

Education

- J.D., Yale University
- B.A., University of California at Berkeley

INSIGHTS

Publications

Attorney General Insights podcast with Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro

24 February 2021

Attorney General Insights Podcast

DLA Piper partner and former Delaware Attorney General Matt Denn interviews Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro.

Attorney General Insights podcast with Attorney General Tim Fox of Montana

4 August 2020

Attorney General Insights Podcast

DLA Piper partner and former Delaware Attorney General Matt Denn interviews Montana Attorney General Tim Fox.

COVID-19: New York and Other Northeast Council states take phased approach to reopening economy

6 May 2020

These developments raise a number of immediate questions and considerations for businesses operating in the region.

Attorney General Insights podcast with Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh

24 April 2020

Attorney General Insights Podcast

DLA Piper partner and former Delaware Attorney General Matt Denn interviews Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh about the legal and organizational challenges that he and his fellow AGs are facing during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Coronavirus: State Attorneys General take action against alleged price gouging in personal protection equipment sales

21 April 2020

State Attorneys General coast to coast are taking aggressive action.

Coronavirus: US State AGs ramp up efforts to combat price gouging

29 March 2020

Antitrust and Competition: Novel Issues in a Post-Coronavirus World

State Attorneys General throughout the country are vigorously enforcing state unfair trade practice and price gouging statutes against those alleged to be taking advantage of consumers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Attorney General Insights podcast with Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall

18 December 2019

Attorney General Insights Podcast

DLA Piper partner and former Delaware Attorney General Matt Denn interviews Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall.

Attorney General Insights podcast with District of Columbia Attorney General Karl Racine

14 August 2019

Attorney General Insights Podcast

DLA Piper partner and former Delaware Attorney General Matt Denn interviews District of Columbia Attorney General and Vice President of the National Association of Attorneys General Karl Racine about campaigning, his transition from the private to public sector, and the complex issues he faces in that role, including criminal justice reform and juvenile justice.

***District of Columbia v. Facebook*: General Consumer Protection Statute can serve as vehicle for state attorney general seeking redress for data privacy violations**

12 June 2019

This case should be carefully examined by entities that collect data for a number of reasons.

Events

Previous

Business Skills CLE Institute

24 September 2019

Philadelphia

Regional conference of the National Association of Attorneys General

21 May 2019

NEWS

DLA Piper announces new office and practice group leadership

9 March 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to announce several recent changes to the firm's US office and practice group leadership.

MEDIA MENTIONS

- "Sponsored Industry Roundtable: Cybersecurity," *Delaware Business Times*, September 30, 2019
- "DLA Piper Partner and Former Del. AG Speaks on Cybersecurity," *Delaware Law Weekly*, June 10, 2019