



### Matthew P. Denn

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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 oversaw attorneys who 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.

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- State Attorneys General
  
- Healthcare

## 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

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### Publications

#### **Attorney General Insights podcast with Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller**

27 January 2022

Attorney General Insights Podcast

DLA Piper partner and former Delaware Attorney General Matt Denn interviews Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller.

DLA Piper · Attorney General Insights: Tom Miller

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#### **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.

DLA Piper · Attorney General Insights: Tim Fox

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#### **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.

DLA Piper · Attorney General Insights: Tim Fox

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## NEWS

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#### **DLA Piper announces its 2021 North American Pro Bono Award winners**

24 February 2022

DLA Piper's lawyers and staff are committed to promoting access to justice by providing their time, talent and energy to those who cannot afford to hire a lawyer. Recognizing the significant contributions and tremendous impact of this work, DLA Piper is pleased to announce the seven recipients of the firm's 2021 North American Pro Bono Awards.

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#### **DLA Piper announces launch of State Attorneys General practice**

11 May 2021

DLA Piper announced today the formal launch of its State Attorneys General practice, a practice that successfully represents and advises companies facing state-level enforcement.

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## 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