

McKenna Long & Aldridge merges with Dentons US *Dentons' polycentric approach fosters San Diego's growth*

On July 1, 2015, Dentons US and McKenna Long & Aldridge merged, expanding Dentons' geographic reach and strengthening our talent base in the US. Dentons offers clients the full range of business and dispute resolution services through approximately 3,000 lawyers and professionals, 1,100 of whom are located in the US, delivering integrated, multidisciplinary cross-border solutions at any one of our 80-plus locations in 50-plus countries.

Although global in reach, the Firm's history reaches back more than 130 years in the San Diego region. Dentons' roots in the community date back to 1873, when Moses A. Luce opened his law practice and joined the bankers, builders and visionaries who shaped California's first city.

Dentons is driven to provide a competitive edge in an increasingly complex and interconnected world. A top 20 firm on the Acritas 2014 Global Elite Brand Index, we are committed to challenging the status quo in delivering consistent and uncompromising quality in new and inventive ways. With a legacy of legal experience that dates back to 1742 and builds on the strengths of our foundational firms—Salans, Fraser Milner Casgrain (FMC), SNR Denton and McKenna Long & Aldridge—the Firm serves the local, regional and global needs of private and public clients.

Dentons is a polycentric firm with no dominant national culture or single headquarters. This approach benefits our clients as they compete in their particular industries and in global markets, providing legal talent from diverse backgrounds regardless of geography.

While this polycentric approach may sound like some futuristic vision, it is happening today—in San Diego and elsewhere. Marketplaces that were out of reach only a few years ago are today eager to have San Diego usher in this new era of commerce. Witness, for example, how quickly our city's biotech sector has blossomed in a relatively short time period. According to a recent study, nearly 450 technology and life sciences startups were founded in San Diego just last year. These companies emerge here and quickly flourish on the international scene.

San Diego's development depends more than ever on attracting international partners to our city's collaborative, innovative culture and bi-national economic engine, and Dentons is excited to be a part of this growth. Earlier this year, the Firm launched NextLaw Labs—a collaborative innovation platform focused on investing in, developing, and deploying new technologies to transform the practice of law and benefit our clients.

Dentons is a global, polycentric firm like no other, with a deep commitment to the San Diego business and cultural community. Our comprehensive US capabilities are second to none—now with North American offices in all major economic centers, across four time zones, in every legal discipline.