

Press Release

## **The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien joins Dentons Canada LLP**

**Toronto, February, 2014** – Dentons Canada LLP is pleased to announce that the Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, P.C., C.C., O.M., Q.C., Ad. E., has joined our firm as Counsel.

Mr. Chrétien was the 20th Prime Minister of Canada and held that office for over ten years, from November 4, 1993, to December 12, 2003, winning three consecutive majority governments during his tenure. As Prime Minister, Mr. Chrétien stressed balanced budgets, national unity and a strengthened place for Canada in the world. His government's legacy also includes a number of social reform and humanitarian initiatives.

"This is a very exciting time for Dentons and for our clients," comments Elliott Portnoy, Global Chief Executive Officer for Dentons. "Mr. Chrétien is a renowned global leader, bringing his international experience and diplomacy to our Dentons team. We greatly look forward to working with him, as will our clients."

Mr. Chrétien was first elected as a Member of the House of Commons in 1963. During his career, he also served as Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, President of the Treasury Board, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, Minister of National Revenue, Minister responsible for Francophone Affairs and Minister in charge of Social Development.

"We are very honoured to welcome the internationally recognized and highly respected Mr. Chrétien to our firm," says Chris Pinnington, Dentons' Canada Chief Executive Officer. "Our clients, whether they are based in Canada or around the world, will greatly benefit from Mr. Chrétien's wealth of experience, expertise and keen insights in public policy and government decision-making."

In 2007, Mr. Chrétien was appointed Companion of the Order of Canada, and in 2009, he was awarded the Order of Merit by Her Majesty Elizabeth II.

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