

Paul Laurenza Elected Chairman of Connected Vehicle Trade Association

Dykema has announced that **Paul M. Laurenza**, Office Managing Member of the firm's Washington, D.C. office and a member of the firm's Automotive Industry Group, has been elected Chairman of the Connected Vehicle Trade Association (CVTA). Laurenza, who heads Dykema's motor vehicle and consumer product safety federal regulatory practices, previously held the position of Vice Chair for the CVTA, and has served on its board of directors since 2007.

Headquartered in Plymouth, Mich., the CVTA is a non-profit business league established to facilitate the interaction and advance the interests of the entities involved in the vehicle communication environment. The organization enables the collaboration of companies, organizations, and governmental bodies engaged in developing bidirectional vehicle communications.

Laurenza has advised clients on connected vehicle legal and policy issues for more than a decade and is a frequent speaker and author on emerging intelligent vehicle technologies. He has represented clients in the transportation, consumer product, food and drug, and industrial sector for more than 30 years.

He earned a J.D. from Washington University, an M.A. from Brown University, and a B.S., cum laude, from the University of New Hampshire.