

# **Dykema Elects Leonard C. Wolfe New Chairman and Chief Executive Officer**

Wolfe pledges continued emphasis on innovative solutions for clients struggling with COVID-19's fallout while reaffirming the firm's commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion

Detroit – August 13, 2020 – Dykema, a leading national law firm, announced today that Len Wolfe will become chairman and chief executive officer for a three-year term commencing January 1, 2021. Wolfe succeeds Peter M. Kellett, who has served as chairman and chief executive officer since 2012. Although Wolfe will work from each of Dykema's 13 offices, he will move his principal office from Lansing, Mich., to Chicago.

For more than 25 years, Wolfe has practiced government policy and regulatory law, helping clients implement significant public policy initiatives. He first joined Dykema as a summer associate before quickly ascending into leadership roles within the firm. For the last six years, Wolfe has served as a twice-elected member of Dykema's Executive Board, acting as board Liaison to the firm's Diversity & Inclusion Committee for the past four years.

Prior to his board membership, Wolfe was Director of Dykema's Regulated Industries Department and Leader of the firm's Government Policy and Practice Group for nine years. His various leadership positions provided Wolfe with extensive knowledge of Dykema's business operations and the complex process of running the daily operations of a multi-office law firm with a national footprint.

Wolfe's practice has covered several areas of law, including education, gaming, state procurement, government restructuring

and the creation and development of new local and state governmental bodies. He is known nationally for his work with charter schools and has been recognized by The Best Lawyers in America® each year since 2007—including being named “Lawyer of the Year” in Lansing for Gaming Law in 2019.

Wolfe earned a J.D. from the Indiana University McKinney School of Law and a B.A. from the James Madison College at Michigan State University. Before joining Dykema, he worked in the Michigan Legislature, United States Senate and the Michigan Governor’s office.

#### About Dykema

Dykema serves business entities worldwide on a wide range of complex legal issues. Dykema lawyers and other professionals in 13 U.S. offices work in close partnership with clients – from start-ups to Fortune 100 companies – to deliver outstanding results, unparalleled service and exceptional value in every engagement.

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