

Mayor Eric L. Johnson

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Mayor Johnson offers unparalleled insight into state and local government-related matters, honed through his distinguished career spanning more than 15 years as a state legislator and mayor in Texas.

OVERVIEW

Mayor Johnson draws on unique and valuable frontline experience at the intersection of law, public policy, and politics. A former member of the Texas House of Representatives and the 60th mayor of Dallas, he is a trusted advisor to C-level executives, institutional investors, and stakeholders seeking to navigate the complex legal, regulatory, and political landscape of Texas and beyond.

In his role, Mayor Johnson has led the nation's ninth-largest city through significant transformation. Under his leadership, Dallas strengthened its public safety infrastructure, attracted major economic development projects, and achieved record year-over-year violent crime reduction. He has worked closely with business leaders, state officials, and community partners to promote fiscally responsible governance, enhance quality of life, and ensure Dallas remained competitive on the national and global stage.

Previously, Mayor Johnson served as a member of the Texas House of Representatives for nearly a decade, where he developed a reputation as a pragmatic, bipartisan lawmaker focused on education reform, economic development, infrastructure investment, and disaster preparedness. Mayor Johnson served on several powerful committees, including Appropriations, Ways and Means, and Higher Education, and played a key role in shaping statewide fiscal and education policy. His legislative achievements earned him recognition from organizations across the political spectrum.

Mayor Johnson's experience in state and local government allows him to provide clients with strategic insight into legislative and regulatory developments. He advises on matters involving economic incentives, state and local government contracts, and public-private partnerships. Mayor Johnson is particularly adept at representing clients before city, county, and state policymakers across Texas, as well as advising on reputational risk, coalition-building, and stakeholder engagement.

AWARDS

- Republican National Committee: Trailblazer Award (2024)
- *Dallas Business Journal*, "Texas 100" (2022)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

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PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Chairman, Republican Mayors Association (October 2023-present)
- Member, Council on Foreign Relations
- Member, Federal Judicial Evaluation Committee, appointed by U.S. Senators John Cornyn (R-TX) and Ted Cruz (R-TX) (August 2021-present)
- Member, Dallas Fort Worth International Airport Board (June 2019-present)
- Regent, Pepperdine University Board of Regents (June 2020-September 2022)

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Harvard Kennedy School, Executive Education Certificate, 2018, Senior Executives in State and Local Government
- Princeton School of Public and International Affairs, Master of Public Affairs, 2003
- University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, J.D., 2003
- Harvard University, A.B., *cum laude*, 1998

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Texas

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, "[Housing Roadblocks: Paving a New Way to Address Affordability](#)," U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, March 12, 2025.
- Speaker, [Republican National Convention](#), July 16, 2024.
- Speaker, [Pepperdine School of Public Policy's 2024 Commencement Ceremony](#), April 19, 2024.
- Speaker, "[Decongesting Cities](#)," 54th Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum, January 18, 2024.

PUBLICATIONS

- Author, "America's Cities Need Republicans, and I'm Becoming One," *The Wall Street Journal*, September 22, 2023.

MEDIA COMMENTARY

- Quoted, "After a Decades-Long Retreat, These Republican Mayors Are Bringing the GOP Back to America's Cities," *National Review*, June 11, 2024.
- Quoted, "Dallas Mayor Switches to GOP, Making City the Largest Led by a Republican," *AP News*, September 22, 2023.
- Interviewed, "Americans View Dallas as Safest City, Poll Shows," *Fox News*, August 22, 2023.
- Quoted, "America's Big Cities Are Seeing a Crime Surge. Not Dallas — Thanks to Its Mayor," *The Washington Post*, June 14, 2023.