



DEANNA BURKE

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

DeAnna Burke joined Dunlap, Bennett, and Ludwig (DBL) in April 2017 as Chief Operating Officer and now serves as the Chief Executive Officer, where she leads over 70 attorneys and 40 staff members. She provides operational direction and supports strategic firm-wide growth. Ms. Burke is responsible for overseeing corporate operations and employing legal project management principles and firm-wide processes to maximize service quality while managing legal costs for clients. She has implemented scalable growth practices, negotiated, and implemented strategic mergers, and increased overall productivity.

Ms. Burke is PMI certified Project Management Professional with extensive experience at both the program and senior leadership levels. Prior to joining DBL, she led high-impact projects in the aviation industry from concept design through operational deployment for the FAA and international government entities in South Africa, Columbia, Curaçao, Singapore, and Australia.

Ms. Burke launched the firm's volunteer and social commitment group, DBL Cares, in 2017. The group's mission is to create and support programs that will positively impact the less fortunate and most vulnerable members of the community. In 2018, Ms. Burke created the DBL Women's Network. Ms. Burke continues to co-lead the committee with CMO, Aimee McKinney, to help women achieve their individual goals through training and advocating for women to achieve leadership positions both internally and externally.

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EDUCATION

- William & Mary, BA, History; Minor Mathematics

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Project Management Institute's (PMI) Project Management Professional PMP ID No: 861055, certified February 2007
- Member of Corporate Legal Operations Consortium (CLOC) – Organization that focuses on operational legal innovation and transformation.
- Board member – Sadie Smile Foundation is a non-profit organization raising money in memory of Sadie Grace Ablard. Raised over \$450,000 to date. All profits are donated directly to Smile Train.
- Area Leader and former Vice President for Keep Loudoun Beautiful. A non-profit organization dedicated to maintaining a safe, clean, and healthy environment for Loudoun families, businesses, and wildlife through educational outreach, litter prevention, and cleanups.



EXPERIENCE

- 20+ years of domestic and international experience working with government agencies and private companies to meet operational goals and objectives.
- Extensive hands-on experience across different functional areas with an organization, including training, human resources, marketing, research & development, sales, finance, contracts, IT, and operations.
- Featured guest on BlackLetter podcast. Dunlap, Thomas, host. "Law Firm Management." Blackletter: A Podcast for CEOs, Corporate Counsel, & Entrepreneurs, season 2 episode 8
 - <https://www.dblawyers.com/podcasts/e18-season-2-episode-8-law-firm-management/>
- Highlighted on BlackLetter podcast. Dunlap, Thomas, host. "Powerful Lesson from Women in Leadership." Blackletter: A Podcast for CEOs, Corporate Counsel, & Entrepreneurs, season 9, episode 99,
 - <https://www.dblawyers.com/podcasts/blackletter-podcast-powerful-lessons-from-women-in-leadership/>
- Published article about the decision to pursue a life in the corporate world and leave behind a career riding and competing horses. Burke, D. (2011, November 28). Becoming an Amateur. The Chronicle of the Horse.
 - <https://www.chronofhorse.com/article/becoming-amateur/>

