



Erik Olson Named Venn's President Continued Growth Demands More Strategists at the Top

WASHINGTON, DC — Venn Strategies, a nationally recognized public affairs and government relations firm, announced today that **Erik Olson**, its longstanding Principal and Chief Operating Officer, ascended to the role of President.

The firm, twice named among the fastest-growing private companies in the United States (the “Inc. 5000”), has grown from 17 employees to more than 60 over the past decade. Olson, who helped drive that expansion as co-chair of the firm’s Critical Infrastructure practice—Venn’s fastest-growing group—will now take on a new leadership role with **Venn founder and CEO Stephanie Silverman**.

Silverman will continue in her role as CEO, helming Venn’s strategy, talent development, investments, and key client and partner relationships. Olson’s rise to President of the company will pivot from his daily duties running operations and toward firm-wide growth.

“The rapid expansion of key business lines, our burgeoning talent bench, and launch of high-performing subsidiaries has created significant new firm-wide management responsibilities,” said Silverman. “With all that he has accomplished, there’s no doubt Erik is the right leader to partner with me and ensure Venn keeps growing in ways that are intentional, strategic, and impactful.”

“I’m honored to have earned Stephanie’s trust—and that of Venn’s management team and employees,” said **Olson**. “This cements a longstanding partnership. We will continue to rely on one another as we steer the firm’s continued growth, and I’m excited to take on this new position under Stephanie’s leadership.”

Venn also announced that **Jon Pyatt** will assume Olson's relinquished operational responsibilities as Executive Vice President. Pyatt, who joined the firm earlier this year after serving as former Rep. Cheri Bustos' longtime chief of staff and top political advisor, will continue serving clients in the firm's health practice. Pyatt previously led the federal advocacy agenda for the University of Illinois and its teaching hospital and health system in Chicago.

"My new role means we need a steady, trusted hand to steer the firm's substantial and growing day-to-day operations," said Olson. "Jon is the right person for the role, and he will still have the capacity to contribute to the firm's growing health practice."

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