Political Law

Perkins Coie represents individuals, candidates, parties, political committees, lobbyists, corporations, trade associations and tax-exempt organizations seeking to effectively engage in political activity.

As the creative pioneer of modern political law and as one of the largest practices of its kind in the country, Perkins Coie is known for its innovative approach to campaign financing, exceptional record of election-related litigation, and knowledge and experience in corporate political activity. Areas of counsel include:

- Political Parties, Campaigns and Committees
- Corporate Political Activity and Regulation
- Voting Rights and Election Administration
- Tax-Exempt Organizations

Perkins Coie attorneys distinguish themselves in their bigger picture perspectives of the political system and the depth of understanding of their clients’ needs. Our political law team has as their sole focus the political arena and they have built a reputation for excelling in oral and written communications and their dedication to clients.

Political Law Practice Scope and Clients

We regularly represent clients before the Federal Election Commission on issues related to rulemaking, advisory opinions and enforcement processes, and we seek the most constructive possible approaches to address our clients’ challenges and concerns.

Our daily work with members of Congress provides valuable insights into the machinations of government—our focus is full time in this arena of ever-evolving law and regulatory requirements. During the decades in which we have advised clients on how to establish and maintain a central, vibrant role in the political process, Perkins Coie attorneys have represented such interests as:

- Political parties and affiliated committees at the national, state and local levels
- Political candidates and elected officials
- Individuals and committees of individuals
- PACs and Super PACs
- Tax-exempt organizations, nonprofits, social welfare groups and public charities
- Nonpartisan issue groups
- Corporations
- Trade associations and other commercial interests
- Lobbyists and lobbying firms

Perkins Coie political law attorneys leverage the firmwide resources of a full-service Am Law 50 national firm.
11.11.2019

**Partner Marc Elias Quoted in The Hill - Democrats Challenge Election Laws in Battleground States**

General News

*The Hill*

Partner Marc Elias was quoted in *The Hill* article, "Democrats Challenge Election Laws in Battleground States," regarding the lawsuits being filed by Democratic groups challenging election laws and procedures.

11.11.2019

**Perkins Coie Named to 2019 Appellate Hot List by *The National Law Journal***

Press Releases

Perkins Coie is pleased to announce that it was named to *The National Law Journal*’s 2019 Appellate Hot List, an annual list of law firms that have won key matters before the U.S. Supreme Court and federal courts of appeals.

10.28.2019

**Marc Elias Quoted in Politico - Court Freezes North Carolina’s Gerrymandered Map**

General News

*Politico*

Partner Marc Elias was quoted in the *Politico* article, "Court Freezes North Carolina’s Gerrymandered Map," regarding the state court’s ruling that North Carolina cannot proceed with House primaries under the current congressional map.

10.25.2019

**Perkins Coie Named to 2019 Appellate Hot List by National Law Journal**

General News

Announced on October 25, 2019, Perkins Coie was one of the law firms chosen by *National Law Journal* for the 2019 Appellate Hot List.

10.11.2019

**Uzoma Nkwonta Quoted in The Washington Post - US Judge Hears Arguments About Mississippi Election System**

General News

*The Washington Post*

Uzoma Nkwonta was quoted in *The Washington Post* article, "US Judge Hears Arguments About Mississippi Election System," regarding Mississippi’s multistep process of electing a governor and other statewide officials.

07.11.2019

**Marc Elias Quoted in The Washington Post - To Unlock the Youth Vote in 2020, Democrats Wage Legal Fights Against GOP-Backed Voting Restrictions**

General News

*The Washington Post*

Partner Marc Elias was quoted in *The Washington Post* article, "To Unlock the Youth Vote in 2020, Democrats Wage Legal Fights Against GOP-Backed Voting Restrictions," regarding the effect of the size of the millennial generation when it comes to election results.

06.20.2019

**Perkins Coie Secures U.S. Supreme Court Win in Virginia Redistricting Case**

Press Releases

WASHINGTON, D.C. (June 20, 2019) - Perkins Coie secured a significant 5-4 U.S. Supreme Court decision on June 17 for 12 Virginia voters in a constitutional challenge to a Virginia House of Delegates’ redistricting map arising under the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.

06.20.2019

**Perkins Coie Supreme Court Win Mentioned in Multiple Publications**

General News

05.01.2019

**Perkins Coie Named Among Top Law Firms in 2019 Chambers USA**

Press Releases

Perkins Coie is proud to announce that it has again been ranked by Chambers & Partners, publishers of *Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business*, as one of the top law firms in the United States. For 2019, the firm is recognized in 52 practice areas and 139 individual attorneys.

03.05.2019
Karl Sandstrom was quoted in “As 15 Ex-Lawmakers from Last Congress Join Lobbying Firms, 2 Senators Roll Out Bill to Ban Such Moves,” an article in MarketWatch, regarding efforts aimed at banning former lawmakers from lobbying their old colleagues.

**PUBLICATIONS**

*How Companies Can Get Politically Active Without Breaking the Law*

From taking a stance on issues ranging from Charlottesville to the immigration crisis, companies are getting politically engaged like never before. But they need to be careful to hew closely to the morass of federal campaign finance laws that govern this sort of activity.

*Corporate Political Participation: New Opportunities to Reach Customers and Engage Employees*

With the 2020 election season already underway, there are new opportunities emerging for companies that choose to harness political engagement as an important, innovative component of their business strategy.

*Changes to Lobbying Disclosure Act Registration and Reporting Forms*

As of March 29, 2019, the Lobbying Disclosure Act (LDA) online reporting forms comply with the disclosure requirements of the Justice Against Corruption on K Street Act of 2018 (JACK Act).

**PRESENTATIONS**

*Election Law Refresher: What you need to know for the 2020 cycle*

Chaired event and discussed updates in federal caselaw likely to impact Arizona election laws in 2020.

*Voting Rights: Looking Forward to 2020*

Co-Chaired event and discussed national trends in voting rights litigation.

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**RELATED SERVICES**

**PRACTICES**

- Corporate Political Activity
- Political Law Litigation
- Political Counsel for Tax-Exempt Organizations
- Political Parties, Campaigns & Committees

**NEWS & INSIGHTS**
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Rebecca Gordon - Video Profile
Rebecca Gordon counsels corporations, trade associations, lobbying firms and other entities on the entire spectrum of legal issues that impact their ability to interact with and impact federal and state governments.
Marc Elias Mentioned in Multiple Publications Regarding His Role in Election Recounts

Court Opens Door to Expanded Disclosure for Nonprofits Making Independent Expenditures in Federal Campaigns

Brian Svoboda - Video Profile
Brian Svoboda is an authority on the laws regulating political activity. His work entails recognizing, understanding and serving clients’ strategic and reputational interests, especially when the political stakes are high.