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.

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**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

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Confidentiality: The New Employee Arbitration Battleground

A recent decision from a National Labor Relations Board administrative law judge opened a new front in the battle against mandatory employment arbitration agreements. In Pfizer Inc., the ALJ held that such arbitration agreements may not lawfully force employees to treat the arbitration proceedings or award as confidential. The decision distinguished last year's U.S. Supreme Court decision in Epic Systems Corp. v. Lewis, which held that the National Labor Relations Act did not prevent employers from requiring employees to individually arbitrate employment disputes.
Updates
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.

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Court Opens Door to Expanded Disclosure for Nonprofits Making Independent Expenditures in Federal Campaigns
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The U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia holds that organizations that make independent expenditures must disclose to the FEC more information about their donors than required by the FEC’s current regulation.

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

04.17.2019
Voting Rights: Looking Forward to 2020
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