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Elections and Campaign Finance

Interaction between the public and its elected representatives is governed by a complex web of federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and rules. Our lawyers have extensive experience, both in and out of government, with federal, state, and local campaign finance and election laws and regulations, lobbying disclosure requirements, and ethics rules. Vorys attorneys are regularly sought out to provide expert commentary to Congress and the press on campaign and election law.

We advise corporations, trade associations, non-profit organizations, candidates, political action committees, ballot issue committees, and individuals on compliance with these laws and regulations. Vorys attorneys have assisted clients with the formation, organization, operation, and financing of campaigns, ballot issues, and political action committees. We also advise clients on the formation and operation of tax-exempt organizations, including 527 committees, and the rules that govern their role in the political process. In addition, we have an enviable record of successfully defending clients in campaign finance enforcement actions before both the Federal Election Commission and state campaign regulatory agencies, and where necessary in court. Our lawyers are also knowledgeable about requesting Advisory Opinions from the Federal Election Commission, and bringing suit in federal court to challenge adverse Federal Election Commission rulemakings or advisory opinions.

Vorys attorneys also advise clients on the laws that govern the electoral process itself, including the Voting Rights Act and the Help America Vote Act, and interact with both the Department of Justice and the United States Election Assistance Commission on the issues governed by these two statutes.

Our team of lawyers approaches the practice of Election and Campaign Finance law with a keen attention not only to legal issues, but also to the often sensitive public relations and political issues that our clients must navigate to reach their political goals.