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Andrew Woodson counsels political candidates, officeholders, corporations, super PACs, and other organizations in complying with state and federal campaign finance, ethics, and lobbying laws. Andrew was previously counsel to FEC Chairman Lee E. Goodman, served as legislative assistant to Congressman Eric Cantor (R-VA), and worked at the national and Virginia Republican parties.

During election years, Andrew reviews nearly \$100 million in political spending for the firm's business and political clients, advising on compliance with campaign finance, copyright, and defamation laws. He has also responded to dozens of administrative complaints filed with the Federal Election Commission (FEC) and state election agencies. And Andrew has litigated some of the country's most important campaign finance and lobbying-related cases over the past two decades.

Representative Matters



- Defends and assists clients in enforcement proceedings before the FEC, House Ethics Committee inquiries, and grand jury investigations.
- Counsels both established and start-up technology companies concerning their obligations under the campaign finance laws.
- Works with corporate clients to audit political activities and, when necessary, make *sua sponte* submissions to the FEC.
- Reviews political advertising for campaign finance compliance, potential defamation issues, intellectual property risks, and other concerns.

Practice Areas



Election Law & Government Ethics
Litigation

Credentials



Education

J.D., University of Virginia School of Law
B.A., University of Virginia

Bar and Court Memberships

District of Columbia Bar
Virginia Bar
Supreme Court of the United States
U.S. Court of Appeals for the First, Fourth, Fifth, and District of Columbia Circuits
U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

- Prepares advisory opinion request letters for clients seeking formal advice in complying with federal and state campaign finance laws.
- Represents clients in negotiations with the FEC's Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) office.
- Counsels candidates running for federal office at all stages of the electoral process.

Professional Experience

- Counsel, Federal Election Commission, Office of Commissioner Lee E. Goodman (2013-2015)
- White House Intern, Office of the Counsel to the President (2003)
- Legal Clerk, Republican National Committee, Redistricting Division (2002)
- Legislative Assistant, Office of U.S. Representative Eric Cantor (2001)

Affiliations

- The Council on Governmental Ethics Laws (COGEL)
- Public Affairs Council (PAC)
- State Government Affairs Council (SGAC)
- The Federalist Society