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Robert Walker Discusses Whether Sen. Menendez Can Participate in Lynch Confirmation Vote

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Robert L. Walker, of counsel in Wiley Rein's Election Law & Government Ethics Practice, was quoted in an article published March 23 in *The Record* about whether or not Senator Robert Menendez (D-N.J.) should recuse himself from the confirmation vote to of Loretta Lynch to succeed Eric Holder, Jr. as Attorney General. Mr. Walker told *The Record* that Sen. Menendez would not have to recuse himself from the Lynch vote despite reports of a pending U.S. Department of Justice investigation into alleged corruption.

"There would be no requirement under any rule he recuse himself from such a vote," Mr. Walker told *The Record*. "It might be that under the circumstances, he would want discretion to be the better part of valor and he simply decides to abstain. If it were to come down to a situation where Senator Menendez's vote were crucial to the nomination passing the Senate, I think it would probably be prudent for [Lynch] to recuse herself from consideration of the Menendez matter."

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