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# **Corporate Political Activity and Government Affairs Compliance Seminar**



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024 | WASHINGTON

Time	Session
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Registration and Breakfast
9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.	Welcome and Introduction  Doug Gibson, Chair of Covington's Management Committee
9:05 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	An Update on Political Law Enforcement Trends  • Enforcement trends in the States, at the FEC, and at the Department of Justice  Rob Kelner, Covington Partner and Practice Chair, Election and Political Law  Peter Koski, Covington Partner, Former Deputy Chief of DOJ's Public Integrity Section
10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.	A Crash Course on the Lobbying Disclosure Act  Triggers for LDA registration Ins and outs of quarterly reporting requirements Political contribution reporting and gift rule certification Tricky reporting issues  Derek Lawlor, Covington Of Counsel, Election and Political Law Elizabeth Upton, Covington Associate, Election and Political Law
10:50 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Break
11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	<ul> <li>The Foreign Agents Registration Act (DOJ's Crackdown Continues)</li> <li>A basic primer on FARA</li> <li>Common FARA traps for the unwary corporation</li> <li>How FARA investigations start, how they unfold, and how they could end</li> <li>Current DOJ targets for FARA investigations</li> <li>The proposed new FARA regulations and possible legislation</li> </ul> Alex Langton, Covington Associate, Election and Political Law

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11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	<ul> <li>Vetting Corporate Contributions to Political Committees and Tax-Exempt Organizations</li> <li>What are the different kinds of entities that corporations contribute to (Super PACs, c4s, c3s, LLCs, ballot committees, and so on)?</li> <li>How are these types of contributions different, what risks do they present?</li> <li>What approaches and processes can a corporation adopt to vet its contributions, and what should you be looking for?</li> <li>Andrew Garrahan, Covington Special Counsel, Election and Political Law Susan Leahy, Covington Of Counsel, Tax Pooja Shah Kothari, Covington Associate, Election and Political Law, Tax</li> </ul>
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Luncheon Fireside Chat: Political Risk and Crisis Management for Corporations <u>Eric Holder</u> , Covington Senior Counsel and Former U.S. Attorney General <u>Rob Kelner</u> , Moderator, Covington Partner and Practice Chair, Election and Political Law
1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Federal PACs  The basic rules governing federal PACs The restricted class and the limits on soliciting for the PAC FEC reporting issues What kinds of compliance risks do corporate PACs commonly face? Trade association PAC rules and issues  Derek Lawlor, Covington Of Counsel, Election and Political Law Kimberly Railey, Covington Associate, Election and Political Law
2:15 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.	Break
2:25 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.	<ul> <li>Election-Year Issues Facing Corporations</li> <li>Political Fundraising and Volunteering by Executives</li> <li>Employees running for office</li> <li>Coordination issues</li> <li>Corporate political disclosure and shareholder resolutions</li> <li>FEC complaints against corporations (content moderation, in-kind contributions, use of corporate resources)</li> <li>Andrew Garrahan, Covington Special Counsel, Election and Political Law</li> <li>Zack Parks, Covington Of Counsel, Election and Political Law</li> </ul>

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3:10 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	State Campaign Finance and Lobbying Laws  How state (and local) campaign finance and lobbying laws typically work  How they differ from the federal rules  State PACs v. corporate political contributions  Determining whether to register  Common registration and reporting issues  Procurement lobbying  Grass roots and good will lobbying  Elizabeth Upton, Covington Associate, Election and Political Law  Channing Ruff, Covington Associate, Election and Political Law
4:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.	Government Ethics Rules (including Gift Rules)  A summary of federal and state gift rules Revolving door rules  Matt Shapanka, Covington Special Counsel, Election and Political Law Alex Langton, Covington Associate, Election and Political Law
4:50 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.	Pay-to-Play Laws and Rules  What are pay-to-play laws and rules and how do they work?  Which states and localities have pay-to-play restrictions?  How do corporations implement pay-to-play compliance programs?  Zack Parks, Covington Of Counsel, Election and Political Law  Kevin Glandon, Covington Associate, Election and Political Law
5:25 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Closing Remarks  Rob Kelner, Covington Partner and Practice Chair, Election and Political Law
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Networking and Reception