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William Minor leads the firm's political law practice, which advises clients on the intersection of law, advocacy, and political activity, and represents corporations, associations, non-profits and others in high-profile government investigations and enforcement matters.

For more than 25 years, William has counselled clients on matters of political and legal risk, particularly federal, state, and international lobbying laws, campaign finance regulations, and government ethics rules. He applies to these representations a deep understanding of both the legal requirements as well as the practical needs and objectives of those involved in government advocacy and political activity.

Chambers USA, *The Washingtonian*, the Ethisphere Institute, and others have long recognized William as a leading authority on the Lobbying Disclosure Act (LDA), the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA), campaign finance law and regulations, congressional and Executive Branch gift and travel rules, and "pay-to-play" restrictions applicable to government contractors and regulated entities.

William regularly represents clients in enforcement matters before the Department of Justice, the Federal Election Commission, and the congressional ethics committees. He has also represented clients in formal and informal congressional investigations and prepared executives for highly-scrutinized testimony in congressional oversight hearings.

In addition, William works closely with corporate and non-profit clients in a wide variety of industries to develop and implement effective compliance strategies for lobbying, advocacy, and political activity. This often includes the organization and management of political action committees (PACs), the development of lobbying and political activity policies, and the creation of training programs to ensure continued compliance.

On behalf of the firm, William currently serves as Deputy Managing Partner of the Washington, DC office and manages the firm's own PAC and political law compliance efforts, working closely with the firm's Office of General Counsel.

- Regulatory and Government Affairs
- Intellectual Property and Technology

- Energy and Natural Resources

Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Maryland

Prior Experience

Prior to joining DLA Piper, William was an associate at Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard, McPherson and Hand and served as a legislative assistant to US Representative (now Senator) Edward J. Markey. He has also worked for Marttila & Kiley, a political consulting firm, and previously held positions with the American Civil Liberties Union, US Representative Joseph P. Kennedy II and the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

Recognitions

Chambers USA has recognized and ranked William for more than a decade for his "sophisticated practice" among Political Law practitioners nationwide. Clients have asserted that they "look to William for his expertise across a range of federal legislation concerning political activities in the US. He has, without exception, provided prompt, thoughtful, effective and practical advice and solutions when called upon. He is always abreast of developments in his field." Others have noted: "We use William when we have a complex, nuanced matter that requires deep understanding of the subject"; and "He previously worked on Capitol Hill and as a lobbyist, as well as a lawyer. I think that helps him bring a practical approach and an understanding of government affairs work, which is important."

The Washingtonian magazine has named William to its "Top Lawyers" list for Campaign and Election Law, and the Ethisphere Institute has recognized him among "Attorneys Who Matter" in business ethics and compliance.

Education

- J.D., Columbia University School of Law 1995
Editor-in-Chief, *Columbia Journal of Law and Social Problems*
- B.A., Tufts University 1989
magna cum laude
- London School of Economics and Political Science 1988

INSIGHTS

William is the author of the Bureau of National Affairs (BNA) portfolio on the regulation of corporate lobbying, part of the BNA Corporate Practice Series. He also contributes an annual chapter on the Lobbying Disclosure Act to the Thomson Reuters legal treatise on political law, speaks frequently on political law matters, and is regularly quoted in the press on developments in this area of the law.

Publications

- *Corporate Lobbying: Federal and State Regulation* (Bloomberg BNA Corporate Practice Series, 2014)
- *Political Activity, Lobbying Laws and Gift Rules Guide* (Trevor Potter and Matthew T. Sanderson eds., 3d ed. 2013 – 2014) (author of chapter on the Lobbying Disclosure Act)
- "Political Activity: Election Year Considerations for Corporate Counsel," *27 Bloomberg BNA's Corporate Counsel Weekly* 136 (April 25, 2012)

Events

- Speaker, "Canada-US Energy and Trade Policy: Cooperation or Confrontation," Plenary Session of Canadian Corporate Counsel Association's World Summit and National Spring Conference, Montreal, April 17, 2012 (with Governor James Blanchard and Kiera Gans)