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**AREAS OF EMPHASIS**

- Federal/state campaign finance and election laws
- Political and business ethics
- White-collar crime (official corruption)
- Tax-exempt organization law (emphasis on issues advocacy and elections activity)
- Lobbying regulation and disclosures
- Political broadcast regulation

**SELECTED REPRESENTATIONS AND ASSIGNMENTS**

- National Counsel for Voter Protection, Democratic National Committee
- Co-Counsel to the New Hampshire State Senate in the Trial of Chief Justice David A. Brock (2000)
- General Counsel, Bill Bradley for President Committee (1999-2000)
- Counsel to the Democratic Leader in the Trial of President William Jefferson Clinton (1999)
- Counsel to the Democratic Senatorial and Congressional Campaign Committees
- Co-Author, Report of Counsel to the Senate Rules and Administration Committee in the Matter of the United States Senate Seat from Louisiana in the 105<sup>th</sup> Congress of the United States, (March 27, 1997)
- Co-Author, "Campaign Finance Reform," A Report to the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the United States Senate (March 6, 1990)
- Co-Author, "The Presidential Election Process in the Philippines" (1986), (A bipartisan report prepared at the request of the Chairman and Ranking Member of the United States Senate Committee on Foreign Relations)

**BOOKS**

*More Soft Money Hard Law: The Second Edition Of The Guide To The New Campaign Finance Law* (January 2004)

*Soft Money Hard Law – A Guide To The New Campaign Finance Law* (Published March and July 2002)

*United States Federal Election Law*, (Oceana Publications, 1982, 1984)

## ARTICLES (SELECTED)

- “*McConnell*, Parties and the Decline of the Right of Association,” 3 *Election L.J.* 199 (2004)
- “When the ‘Pols Make the Calls’: *McConnell*’s Theory of Judicial Deference in the Twilight of *Buckley*,” a paper presented at the University of Pennsylvania Law Review 2003-04 Symposium: The Law of Democracy
- “Concluding Comment on Professor Foley’s Project,” 3 *Election L.J.* 19 (2004)
- “Undercutting Overbreadth: A Reply to Professor Foley,” 3 *Election L.J.* 3 (2004)
- “‘Horse Race’ Coverage in Modern Presidential Campaigns: The Role of the Press in Post-Party Presidential Politics,” a paper presented at a conference sponsored by the Centre D’Etudes et de Recherches Internationales Foundation Nationale des Sciences Politiques on Trends in US Presidential Campaign Practices (Paris, France, June 30, 2003)
- “In the Line of Fire: Liability of Federal Candidates and Officeholders Under the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002,” 1 *Election L.J.* 531 (2002)
- “Thoughts on the Democratic Basis for Restrictions on Judicial Campaign Speech,” 35 *Indiana L. Rev.* 747 (2002)
- Election Law Symposium Article, “Going Nowhere, Slowly: The Long Struggle Over Campaign Finance Reform And Some Attempts At Explanation And Alternatives,” 51 *Catholic University L. Rev.* 741 (2002)
- “Technology Politics: The Experience of Television and the Internet’s Future,” *Cyberspace Lawyer*, Vol. 4, Nos. 9 & 10 (December 1999 & January 2000); Winner, Burton Award for Legal Achievement
- “Oral Argument Before the Press,” *Legal Times* (Feb. 23, 1998)
- “Political Resolution Needed for Charges Against the President,” *Roll Call* (Feb. 2, 1998)
- “Professional Ethics and the Concept of the ‘Merits’,” 13 *J. Applied Philosophy* 21 (1996)
- “Recipe for a Constricted Congress,” *The Washington Post* (Jan. 11, 1996)
- Co-author, “Pure Antipolitics,” *The Washington Post* (Feb. 24, 1994)
- “Law and Ethics in Political Life: Considering the Cranston Case,” IX *J.L. & Pol.* 461 (1993)
- “Senate Ethics Panel Should Not Appoint an Outside Counsel,” *Roll Call* (Dec. 14, 1992)
- “The Limits of Term Limits,” *The Wall Street Journal* (Oct. 22, 1992)
- “Between the Lines of the Keating 5 Case,” *Legal Times* (Mar. 25, 1991)
- “Ethics Laws and Rules in Politics,” *Federal Bar News and Journal* (1987)
- “Counseling the Politically Active Corporation: Legal Uncertainties and Political Pressures,” *The Business Lawyer* (May 1984)

## SPEECHES (SELECTED)

- “Super Thursday: Meet the Presidential Candidates’ Counsel,” American Corporate Counsel Association (February 24, 2000) (appearing as General Counsel to the Bill Bradley for President Committee)
- “An Unholy Alliance of Law and Politics: the Impeachment of President Clinton,” Board of Contract Appeals Judges Association (April 21, 1999)
- “Ethics,” Practising Law Institute (1999-2000)
- “Corporate Gift Giving and Ethics,” Practising Law Institute (March 26, 1992)
- “Lobby Registration Rules,” Practising Law Institute (March 26, 1992)
- Complying with Congressional Ethics Requirements,” Federal Bar Association (March 20, 1992)
- “Special Briefing on PACs” presentation to American Bar Association, Standing Committee on Election Law (October 5, 1991)
- “Business Ethics,” Sierra Pacific Resources (June 18, 1991)
- “Campaign Finance Reform,” Symposium, University of Central Florida (February 21, 1991)
- “The Business Community and the Defense of PACs,” National Association of Business Political Action Committees (July 11, 1990)
- “Campaign Finance and the Press,” National Press Foundation (June 20, 1990)

## **HONORS AND PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES**

Advisory Commission on Election Law (American Bar Association)  
National Advisory Board, *Journal of Law and Politics*, University of Virginia  
Listed in [\*The Best Lawyers in America\*](#)

## **EDUCATION**

University of Virginia, J.D., 1976  
Hardy Dillard Fellow in legal writing  
Harvard College, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1973

## **ADMITTED TO PRACTICE**

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