



Corporate Political Spending Conference

Governance, Accountability, and the 2012 Elections

May 15, 2012

The Madison Hotel, Washington, D.C.



PROGRAM CHAIR

Trevor Potter, Member, Caplin & Drysdale; Former Chairman
Federal Election Commission

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The Corporate Political Spending Conference will focus on how companies that engage in the political process can meet the challenges of the complex environment created by the *Citizens United* decision and increased public and media scrutiny.

The conference, chaired by Trevor Potter, former chairman of the Federal Election Commission, will give executives responsible for political spending decisions and policies an opportunity to hear from and engage with thought leaders in the field, including members of The Conference Board Committee on Corporate Political Spending.

Who should attend

Senior executives from the following functions: Legal, Governance, Public Affairs, Government Affairs, Investor Relations.

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Tuesday, May 15, 2012

REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST 8-9 AM

A 9-9:15 AM

Conference Opening: Corporate Political Spending and the 2012 Elections

- The key issues facing companies in the 2012 environment
- The debate over the role of corporations in the political system
- Why corporate leadership on this issue matters and how companies can rebuild trust

Trevor Potter, Conference Chair; Member, **Caplin & Drysdale**; Former Chairman **Federal Election Commission**; General Counsel, **McCain Campaign, 2008**

B 9:15-10:15 AM

The Battle over Corporate Political Activity: Left Wing Plot, Good Governance, or Both?

- Is corporate political activity a right/left issue?

Moderator

Trevor Potter, Conference Chair; Member, **Caplin & Drysdale**

Panelists

Paul Atkins, Chief Executive Officer, **Patomak Global Partners**; Former Commissioner **U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission**

Charles E.M. Kolb, President, **Committee for Economic Development**

Bruce Freed, President and Founder, **The Center for Political Accountability**

Andrew J. Pincus, Partner, **Mayer Brown LLP**

C 10:15-10:30 AM

The Conference Board Committee on Corporate Political Spending

- Focus of the committee
- The role of companies in leading on this issue

Dan Bross, Senior Director of Corporate Citizenship, **Microsoft Corporation**

NETWORKING REFRESHMENT BREAK 10:30-11 AM

D 11 AM-NOON

Effective Political Engagement:

When, Why and How to Engage in the Political Process Under Citizens United

- Effective approaches to political activity in the current environment
- Policies and practices that can help manage undue risk (oversight, decision making)
- Understanding the public perception of your political activity

Moderator

Stefan Passantino, Partner, **McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP**

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Speakers

Carolyn Brehm, Vice President, Global Government Relations, **Procter & Gamble**
James Cicconi, Senior Executive Vice President – External and Legislative Affairs, **AT&T Inc.**
Howard Opinsky, Executive Vice President and General Manager, Washington D.C. Office, **Hill + Knowlton Strategies**

LUNCHEON NOON–1 PM

CONCURRENT SESSION E1 1–2:15 PM

Political Spending in the Boardroom: The Role of Boards and Shareholders

- The role of the board in political spending oversight
- Best practices in shareholder engagement
- Understanding the emerging issues for shareholders

Moderator

Amy Goodman, Partner, **Gibson Dunn**

Speakers

Adam Kanzer, Managing Director and General Counsel, **Domini Social Investments**
Matthew Lepore, Vice President and Corporate Secretary, Chief Counsel - Corporate Governance, **Pfizer, Inc.**
Nell Minow, Editor, **The Corporate Library**; Founder, **GMI Ratings**

CONCURRENT SESSION E2 1–2:15 PM

So You Need a Policy:

Context & Purpose in Developing a Program on Corporate Political Spending

- State and local pay-to-play issues
- Partnering with outside counsel
- What in-house counsel need to understand

Moderator

Joseph M. Birkenstock, Member, **Caplin & Drysdale**

Speakers

Wesley Bizzell, Assistant General Counsel, **Altria Client Services Inc.**
Laurence D. Laufer, Partner, **Genova Burns Giantomasi & Webster**
Steven Tomasic, Assistant General Counsel, **J.P. Morgan Chase**

NETWORKING REFRESHMENT BREAK 2:15–2:30 PM

CONCURRENT SESSION F1 2:30–3:45 PM

The Role of Public Disclosure

- When is disclosure of corporate political spending already legally required
- What, when and how and why to voluntarily disclose political spending activities
- The recent surveys and indexes of corporate practices

Moderator

Trevor Potter, Conference Chair; Member, **Caplin & Drysdale**

Speakers

Dan Bross, Senior Director of Corporate Citizenship, **Microsoft Corporation**
Lori Zyskowski, Corporate and Securities Counsel, **General Electric**

CONCURRENT SESSION F2 2:30-3:45 PM

Political Spending for Government Contractors

- What government contractors need to know to participate in the political process
- Potential executive order that would require disclosure

Moderator

Karl Sandstrom, Of Counsel, **Perkins Coie**

Speakers

Hon. Cynthia L. Bauerly, Commissioner, **Federal Election Commission**
Matthew Sanderson, Associate, **Caplin & Drysdale**
Jonathan D. Simon, Member, **Van Ness Feldman**

G 3:45-4:45 PM

Money, Politics, and the Press in a Volatile Election: What Companies Should Beware Of

- What stories the press are interested in with respect to corporate political spending
- How the press will work to uncover and shape a story
- Steps to manage the relationship with the press on this issue

Moderator

Richard McGregor, Washington Bureau Chief, **The Financial Times**

Speakers

Don Baer, Worldwide Vice Chairman and Chief Strategy Officer, **Burson-Marsteller**
Eliza Newlin Carney, Staff Writer, **CQ Roll Call**
Thomas Hamburger, National Desk, **The Washington Post**

CLOSING REMARKS 4:45-5 PM

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NETWORKING COCKTAIL RECEPTION 5-6 PM

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