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Related Practice Areas

- Appellate
- Constitutional Law
- Election Law
- Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA)
- Government, Congressional and Corporate Investigations
- Government Ethics Compliance
- Lobbying and Grassroots Advocacy
- Non-Profit and Tax-Exempt Organizations
- Political Law

Jason Torchinsky

Partner

Jason Torchinsky is a partner at Holtzman Vogel, specializing in campaign finance, election law, lobbying disclosure and issue advocacy groups. In addition to his practice counseling clients on compliance with campaign finance, ethics laws, lobbying disclosure and election laws, Jason has served as lead counsel in a number of litigation matters dealing with First Amendment freedoms and election law and redistricting issues.

Jason has filed numerous cert petitions, jurisdictional statements, and amicus briefs with the U.S. Supreme Court. At the Supreme Court, Jason has won a summary reversal from a redistricting case out of Michigan, and was counsel in a rarely granted petition for cert before judgment in another redistricting matter. His amicus briefs on behalf of the NRSC and NRCC was cited in the Court's opinion in *McCutcheon v. Federal Election Commission*. Jason has also represented candidates across the country during post-election canvass and recount processes.

Education

- College of William and Mary School of Law, J.D.
- College of William and Mary, B.A., Government and Public Policy

Bar & Court Admissions

- Virginia Bar
- District of Columbia Bar
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 11th and D.C. Circuits

Clerkship/Government Experience

- Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division at the United States Department of Justice
- Deputy General Counsel to Bush-Cheney '04
- Deputy General Counsel to the 2005 Presidential Inaugural Committee

Representative Matters

- *Robison v. Ardoin* (U.S. Supreme Court) (Cert before judgment granted in redistricting matter, case currently held in abeyance)

- *Chatfield v. League of Women Voters* (U.S. Supreme Court) (summary reversal in a redistricting matter)
- *Pursuing America's Greatness v. Federal Election Commission* (D.C. Circuit) (challenging an FEC regulation)
- *Van Hollen v. Federal Election Commission* (D.C. Circuit) (defending an FEC regulation)
- *Martins v. Pidot* (Second Circuit) (prevailing after a district court ordered a special primary)
- *Edwards v. Vesilind* (Va. Supreme Court) (success represented bi-partisan group of Senators in legislative privilege claim arising from a redistricting lawsuit)
- *Harris v. Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission* (U.S. Supreme Court) (representing Arizona's Secretary of State)
- Arguments before the Supreme Courts of Virginia, Arizona, Nevada, Maryland, West Virginia and Pennsylvania

News & Insights

- Holtzman Vogel Recognized by Chambers USA for Political Law, Environmental Law and Land Use
- Concerns over AI in Politics: Washington State Becomes One of the First to Act
- AI Content Changes the World of Politics: Protecting Free Speech While Defending Basic Truths
- Firm Sponsors 2023 Annual Pollie Award Conference; Jason Torchinsky and Christine Fort Speakers
- Jason Torchinsky Guest on SiriusXM Program with Michael Smerconish on the POTUS Channel
- "If You Ain't First, You're Last": How State "Sore-Loser" Laws Make it Impossible for Trump to Run a Successful Third-Party Campaign if He Loses the Republican Primary
- Jason Torchinsky Quoted in New York Times Article: "Trump Spent \$10 Million From His PAC on His Legal Bills Last Year"
- Jason Torchinsky Quoted in CNN Article on the Voting Rights Act
- Jason Torchinsky on We the People Podcast: Moore v Harper
- Early Returns Podcast: Jessica Furst Johnson and Jason Torchinsky - Political Lawyers Take a Deeper Dive into 2022 Elections and Look Ahead to 2024
- Top Ten Questions from Corporate and Trade Association Clients Approaching Midterms 2022
- National Constitution Center Podcast-Redistricting in Alabama and the Voting Rights Act—Part 2
- Georgetown SALPAL Hosts Webinar Conversation on the Independent State Legislature Theory
- Holtzman Vogel Supreme Court Review, October Term 2021

- Supreme Court Grants Stay to Louisiana and Schedules Major Redistricting Case for October
- Election Impact 2022 Webinar Series - Drawing the Line: The Impact of Redistricting on the Shifting Political Landscape
- Federal court rules candidate loan limit unconstitutional
- GOP Gerrymandering Trial Kicks Off in Michigan
- A Primer on the Rules of 'Personal Use' for Campaign Funds
- Jason Torchinsky Guest on CNN to Talk About State Sore Loser Laws

Community Involvement

- College of William and Mary School of Law, IRS and Political Campaigns, Adjunct Professor
- American Bar Association Foundation, Fellow
- American Association of Political Consultants, General Counsel and Board Member

Awards & Recognition

- *Chambers USA*, top "Political Law" attorney
- *Politico*, "50 Politicos to Watch"
- *Campaigns and Elections Magazine*, "Rising Star of Politics"
- Fellow, American Bar Association Foundation

Presentations/Events

- National Conference of State Legislators, Presenter
- Republican National Lawyers Association, Presenter
- Federalist Society, Presenter
- American Association of Political Consultants, Presenter
- National Constitution Center
- Stanford Law Review

Publications/Articles

- "'If You Ain't First, You're Last': How State 'Sore-Loser' Laws Make It Impossible For Trump To Run A Successful Third-Party Campaign If He Loses The Republican Primary", *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy* (March 2023)
- How Independent is Too Independent?: Redistricting Commissions and the Growth of the Unaccountable Administrative State, *20 Geo. J.L. & Pub. Pol'y* 533 (Summer 2022)
- "State Court Docket Watch 2020: Fisher v. Hagett and Lay v. Goins" by Jason Torchinsky, Dennis W. Polio, *The Federalist Society* (2020)
- "State Legislative 'Responsies' to Citizens United Five Years Later" , *66 Syracuse L. Rev.* 273