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Related Practice Areas

- Appellate
- Commercial Litigation
- Election Law
- Government and Congressional Investigations
- Government Ethics Compliance
- Higher Education Compliance
- Political Law
- State Attorneys General

David P. Johnson

Partner

David Johnson is a partner at Holtzman Vogel and focuses his practice on political and election law regulatory compliance, appellate law, and state attorneys general investigations and litigation.

Prior to joining the firm, David was Policy Director and General Counsel to the Republican Attorneys General Association, as well as serving as president for the Rule of Law Defense Fund and Center for Law and Policy. In these roles, he worked closely with Republican attorneys general and their staff on developing and advancing policy priorities. He has also worked with President Trump's administration and other leading Republican political and conservative policy organizations with respect to key policy initiatives.

Previously, David was Senior Counsel with the Office of the Indiana Attorney General where he advised the Attorney General on strategy with respect to litigation, communications, complex legal objectives, and policy goals. Prior to joining the Indiana Office of Attorney General, David served as Corporation Counsel for Lawrence, Indiana. In that role, David advised on myriad issues including municipal bonding, human resources, and capital projects. And before that, David served as Deputy General Counsel and Policy Director for Governor Mike Pence, providing strategic counsel to the Governor on litigation, policy, crisis communications, and legislative strategy, as well as guiding policy efforts on gaming issues in Indiana.

Education

- Indiana University McKinney School of Law, J.D.
- Wabash College, B.A.

Bar & Court Admissions

- State Bar of Indiana

Clerkship/Government Experience

- Republican Attorneys General Association, Policy Director and General Counsel
- Office of the Indiana Attorney General, Senior Counsel and Chief Counsel (Advisory Division)
- City of Lawrence, Indiana, Corporation Counsel
- Office of Governor Mike Pence, Deputy General Counsel and Policy Director
- Indiana Office of State-Based Initiatives, Executive Director
- Indiana Office of Management and Budget, Regulatory Counsel
- Indiana Gaming Commission, Staff Attorney and Ethics Officer
- Indiana State Senate Majority Caucus, Assistant Counsel

News & Insights

- State AGs and the Supreme Court 2025 Term
- Holtzman Vogel Files Amicus Brief on Behalf of 23 State Attorneys General Supporting President Trump in DC Crime Lawsuit
- In-Compliance: Holtzman Vogel's August 2025 Political Law Round-Up
- Universities Face Stricter Data Reporting Requirements Under New Trump Policy
- Trump Shines a Light on Discrimination in College Admissions
- A Cautionary Tale - State AGs Prevail with a Lump of Coal for Major Investment Firms
- Holtzman Vogel Grows Political Law and State Attorneys General Practices with Addition of David P. Johnson

Community Involvement

- Federalist Society, Indianapolis Lawyers Chapter Steering Committee Member (Present)
- Indiana Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (2021 to Present)
- Club for Growth Foundation Fellowship (2020)
- Pastoral Council Chairman, Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Danville, IN (Present)

Awards and Honors

- Sagamore of the Wabash, awarded by Governor Mike Pence (2016)

Speaking Engagements

- State AGs and the Supreme Court 2025 Term

Publications

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