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Related Practice Areas

- Corporate Governance
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Michael Bayes

Partner

Michael Bayes is a partner at Holtzman Vogel, with a primary focus on campaign finance and election law, lobbying and ethics compliance, and tax-exempt organizations.

Before joining the firm in 2008, Michael served as Counsel and Executive Assistant to a Commissioner on the Federal Election Commission (“FEC”) and worked extensively on all aspects of the enforcement of federal campaign finance law. Prior to his time at the FEC, he served as Deputy Counsel at the Republican National Committee, where he advised on federal and state election law, contracting, employment, and intellectual property matters.

Education

- The George Washington University Law School, J.D.
- Vanderbilt University, B.A., Political Science

Bar & Court Admissions

- District of Columbia Bar
- Virginia Bar

Clerkship/Government Experience

- Counsel and Executive Assistant to a Commissioner on the Federal Election Commission
- Deputy Counsel at the Republican National Committee

News & Insights

- Hawaii Governor Signs First-of-Its-Kind Legislation to Circumvent Citizens United; Legal Challenges Expected
- President Trump Nominates Two Republicans to Federal Election Commission
- New Federal Rule Removes Civil Service Protections for High-Ranking Career Employees in Policy Roles
- Federal District Court Rejects North Carolina Redistricting Challenge Seeking to Require Race-Based Districts
- In-Compliance: Holtzman Vogel's September 2025 Political Law Update
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- In-Compliance - Holtzman Vogel's July 2025 Political Law Update
- In-Compliance: Holtzman Vogel's May 2025 Political Law Round-Up
- In-Compliance: Holtzman Vogel's April 2025 Recap
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- FEC Releases Increased Contribution Limits for the 2025-2026 Election Cycle
- Fifth Circuit Reinstates Corporate Transparency Act's Beneficial Ownership Reporting Rule Deadline
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- FinCEN Beneficial Ownership Reports Due Before the End of the Year
- FEC Advisory Opinion Requests: Fundraising, Election Advertisements and Use of Campaign Funds for Dependent Care Expenses
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- In Compliance: June 2024 Round-Up
- National Party Convention: To Do or Not To Do? That Is the Question
- In Compliance: Holtzman Vogel's May 2024 Round-Up
- FEC Authorizes Federal Candidates and Officeholders to Solicit Unlimited Funds for State Ballot Initiative Committees
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- In Compliance: Holtzman Vogel's February 2024 Round-up
- In Compliance: Holtzman Vogel's Monthly Round-Up - January 2024
- FEC Allows Federal Candidates and Officeholders to Establish State Leadership PACs: Advisory Opinion Authorizes Additional Committees with Separate Contribution Limits
- Google to Require Disclaimer on Political Ads with AI-Generated Content: Move Follows Proposed Legislation and Efforts to Prompt FEC Action
- Regulating Robocalls: New FCC Rules Take Effect July 20
- FEC Releases Increased Contribution Limits for the 2023-2024 Cycle
- FEC Approves New Internet Disclaimer Rules: New Rule Applies to Paid Advertising on Websites, Digital Devices, Applications, and Advertising Platforms
- Top Ten Questions from Corporate and Trade Association Clients Approaching Midterms 2022

Community Involvement

- Republican National Lawyers Association, Member

Publications

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- Co-author, "A Lobbyist's Guide to Campaign Finance" in *The Lobbying Compliance Handbook: A Practitioner's Guide in the Age of HLOGA*