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The Return of Party Soft Money?

Author: [Ronald M. Jacobs](#)

One of the key aspects of the McCain-Feingold law was the elimination of soft money to the national party committees (that is, the DNC, RNC, and each party's congressional and senatorial committees). Reformers (and some corporations that resented being hit up by the parties for donations) praised this aspect of the law and others bemoaned the loss of influence of the parties.

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The FEC Increases the Lobbyist Bundling Threshold and Coordinated Party Expenditure Limits

Author: [Craig Ready](#)

Last month the Federal Election Commission increased the reporting threshold for contributions bundled by lobbyists to \$17,300 (up from \$17,100). Candidates, leadership PACs, and federal party committee must file lobbyist bundling reports if during a six-month reporting period they receive two or more bundled contributions exceeding the \$17,300 threshold. We have written [here](#) about the reporting and fundraising issues that can arise with bundling.

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Upcoming Events

Legal Quick Hit: "Election-Year Activities for Your Nonprofit: Avoiding the Legal Pitfalls and Understanding the Evolving Landscape" for the Association of Corporate Counsel's Nonprofit Organizations Committee

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

With another election year upon us, it is time to think about how your nonprofit can be involved in the process without running afoul of the limits on advocacy activity. This Legal Quick Hit will review the limits on 501(c)(3) political activities, provide tips on what you can do, and explore ways to maximize the use of affiliated entities that have more leeway in their permissible political activities. We also will discuss the controversy surrounding the IRS's proposed rules for 501(c)(4) organizations and how those could actually provide more leeway for 501(c)(3)s in this area.

This event is open to ACC members only. Please visit [ACC's website](#) if interested in membership.

Election-Year Advocacy: Maintaining Your Nonprofit's Clear Message in Cloudy Legal Seas

Tuesday, April 29, 2014

With another election year upon us, it is time to think about how your nonprofit organization can maximize

its efforts to affect the political process. But, with the IRS considering new rules, and states imposing new disclosure requirements—sometimes retroactively—nonprofits need to understand how to play by the rules, even as they are changing.

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