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Education

J.D., Harvard Law School, 2002
B.A., Grinnell College, 1999

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia
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Matthew Bobys advises Skadden's clients on political law issues relating to government affairs and government procurement at the federal, state and local levels.

Mr. Bobys advises business clients on campaign finance, gifts and entertainment, lobbying, government ethics and conflict of interest laws at the federal, state and local levels. He also advises clients on "pay-to-play" laws that impose special restrictions on the political activity of companies having or seeking government contracts, as well as their covered employees, directors, PACs and affiliates. Mr. Bobys works with clients across numerous industries to ensure compliance with state and local pay-to-play laws, as well as federal pay-to-play laws MSRB Rules G-37/G-38, SEC Rule 206(4)-5, CFTC Rule 23.451 and FINRA Rule 2030.

Mr. Bobys has implemented comprehensive compliance systems covering all corporate government affairs activities, and works with clients on an ongoing basis to develop procedures in reaction to new laws. In addition, he aids in the representation of alleged violators during the enforcement stage.

He has had extensive contact with various state and local ethics and elections commissions around the country. Mr. Bobys also works with federal entities such as the Federal Election Commission, the House and Senate Ethics Committees and the Office of Government Ethics.

Mr. Bobys served on the Steering Committee of the Council on Governmental Ethics Laws (COGEL), an international organization of government agencies that implement and enforce campaign finance, ethics and lobby laws throughout the United States and Canada, and has spoken on corporate compliance at COGEL's annual conferences.

Mr. Bobys repeatedly has been selected for inclusion in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*.

Selected Publications

"2020 Election Year Issues: 501(c)(4) Organizations and Dark Money," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, August 10, 2020

"Reminder: Illinois Pay-to-Play Registration Updates Due Quarterly," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, August 3, 2020

"2020 Election Year Issues: Campaign Fundraising and Events During COVID-19," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, June 30, 2020

"Department of Justice Announces First Known Criminal Prosecution Under the Lobbying Disclosure Act," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, June 29, 2020

"2020 Election Year Issues: Joint Fundraising Committees," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, May 26, 2020

"Notable Lobbying and Contribution Limit Developments in New York State and Maine," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, May 20, 2020

"Recent State and Local Legislation Bans Foreign-Influenced Corporate Spending in U.S. Elections," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, April 30, 2020