

## Political Law Alert

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### **Lobbying Disclosure Act Amended to Require Disclosure of Certain Lobbyist Criminal Convictions**

On January 3, 2019, President Trump signed Senate Bill 2896, the Justice Against Corruption on K Street Act of 2018. Effective immediately, the act amends the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to require filers of LD-1 registrations and LD-2 quarterly reports to disclose details of certain convictions of listed lobbyists in federal or state court. This is purely a disclosure requirement, as there is no restriction on people who have been convicted as such from serving as lobbyists.

Convictions requiring disclosure include offenses involving bribery, extortion, embezzlement, an illegal kickback, tax evasion, fraud, a conflict of interest, making a false statement, perjury or money laundering. The disclosure must include the date of the conviction and a description of the offense, however, the filing forms have not yet been amended to capture this information.

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