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Fred Dombo serves as Chair of Nossaman's Government Relations & Regulation Group. He combines experience as an aide to Members of the U.S. House of Representatives Committees on Appropriations and Energy & Commerce with over 20 years of private practice to provide clients with cost effective advice on the legal and political implications of their government relations activities.

Fred advises clients on local, state, and federal pay to play, campaign and lobby laws, gift rules, ethics compliance, and investigations. His practice includes counsel to nonprofit advocacy organizations with respect to their general operations, as well as their compliance requirements with Internal Revenue Service regulations and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. Fred also serves as a lobbyist for private and public sector clients on authorization and appropriations issues. He speaks widely on ethics and election law reform issues.

Fred's practice includes creation and implementation of strategic communication plans regarding the public policy aspects of clients' advocacy campaigns or government/legal dilemmas. He has been active in many presidential nominating conventions and political campaigns, and has supported candidates for state and national offices. He speaks widely on ethics, lobbying and campaign finance at the local, state and federal levels.

Fred serves on Nossaman's Diversity and Inclusion Committee, and chairs the Nossaman LLP Political Action Committee.

## EXPERIENCE

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### GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

- Protected contract American furniture company holds with the United States Government.
- Represented the U.S. Park Police Fraternal Order of Police on retirement and criminal justice matters; as well as Congressional inquiries regarding force operations and equipment.
- Led campaign that secured multi-million dollar appropriation for a citrus growers association to combat citrus canker disease.
- Devised and implemented strategy for town government in New York to retain an oceanfront parcel of land threatened with federal reversion.
- Obtained several million dollars of appropriations for construction of an environmental cap over highway expansion project as part of team working to preserve continuity of an urban village.

- Represented pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors on an array of Medicare reimbursement issues and on drug safety and importation issues.

## **ETHICS & ELECTION LAW COMPLIANCE**

- Established state and federal pay to play compliance programs for companies in the financial services, retail, and other industries and remains involved in all compliance aspects of their administration and operation.
- Defended Fortune 50 financial services company during Congressional committee investigations and investigations conducted by the Office of Congressional Ethics.
- Created Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) compliance training and program applicable to vendors in India working for a US coalition of healthcare organizations.
- Established federal, state and local political action committees (PACs) and ballot issue/question committees for corporations and trade associations, and remains involved in all aspects of operation and growth.

## **STRATEGIC PUBLIC POLICY COMMUNICATIONS**

- Planned and executed with Archdiocese of Washington a comprehensive public affairs campaign to educate policy makers, parishioners, and the media about the historic effectiveness of the child protection program of the Church in Washington D.C. and Maryland.
- Secured, with the 9/11 legacy volunteer organization myGoodDeed.org, the first Presidential proclamation and Congressional resolution acknowledging 9/11 as a day of volunteerism. Similarly, secured commitments from the Obama, McCain, Romney, Clinton, Trump and Biden campaigns to abstain from critical campaign advertisements on 9/11.

## **INSIGHTS**

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### **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

Speaker, "Ensuring LDA Compliance," Miller Wenhold Capitol Strategies Webinar, 10.23.2020

Speaker, "Ensuring LDA Compliance," National Institute for Lobbying & Ethics Webinar, 04.03.2020

Moderator, "Earmarks in the 116th Congress," National Institute for Lobbying & Ethics Discussion Panel, Arlington, VA, 02.11.2019

Speaker, "Federal Political Law Update: Lessons Learned from 2016 and What Might Happen Next," California Political Attorneys Association 2017 Annual Retreat, Costa Mesa, CA, 09.16.2017

Speaker, "LDA Compliance, GAO Audits, and You," The Lobbying Institute, Washington, DC, 05.01.2017

Moderator, "Earmarks: the Good, the Bad and the Ugly," National Institute for Lobbying & Ethics Roundtable, American Trucking Association, Washington, DC, 01.09.2017

Speaker, "Ask the Experts," SEIA Finance and Tax Seminar Winter 2016, New York, NY, 02.18.2016

Speaker, "Lobbying, Ethics and Election Law Compliance Briefing for Alliance Development," Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, Washington, DC, 07.23.2015

Speaker, "PAC Executive Training & Ethics Overview," AREVA Inc., Washington, DC, 01.28.2015

Speaker, "Guidelines for State Government Affairs Personnel Interfacing with Public Officials," TIAA-CREF, Washington, DC, 09.08.2014

Speaker, "Guidelines for Interfacing with Federal Elected & Appointed Officials," BP, Washington, DC, 08.22.2014

Speaker, "State PAC Compliance Issues," American Dental Association 2014 State PAC Best Practices Conference State, Scottsdale, AZ, 01.10.2014

Speaker, "Federal Compliance: Lobbying Registration, Disclosure and Ethics Requirements," 2013 Professional Women in Advocacy Conference, Washington, DC, 12.10.2013

Speaker, "State Lobbying, Compliance, Disclosure, and Ethics," 2013 Professional Women in Advocacy Conference, Washington, DC, 12.09.2013

Speaker, "State Public Policy Law Compliance," American Dental Association State PAC Best Practices Conference, San Antonio, TX, 11.06.2011

Speaker, "Segregating Campaign and Official Activity; Avoiding Common Errors on Annual Financial Disclosure Statements," Nossaman Ethics Briefing for Senior Congressional Staff, Washington DC, 04.18.2011

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Co-Author, "Virtual Conventions Yield to Real Campaign Law Enforcement: What Your Organization Needs to Remember," *Nossaman eAlert*, 08.27.2020

Co-Author, "Individuals Behind LLC Political Contributions to be Disclosed in California Elections," *Nossaman eAlert*, 07.07.2020

Co-Author, "Will Your Business Be Impacted by Massive Tariffs? What Can You Do About It?," *Nossaman eAlert*, 07.02.2020

Co-Author, "Natural Disasters During a Global Pandemic – Are You Prepared?," *Nossaman eAlert*, 06.17.2020

Co-Author, "New IRS Rule Allows Many Nonprofits to Withhold Donor Information From the IRS," *Nossaman eAlert*, 05.28.2020

Co-Author, "Lobbying in the Era of COVID-19: What to Expect," *Nossaman eAlert*, 05.04.2020

Co-Author, "CA Governor Newsom's COVID-19 Transition Plan: 'New Normal' To Be Determined by Your Local Government," *Nossaman eAlert*, 04.16.2020

Co-Author, "California's April 1 Deadline to File Statements of Economic Interests Retroactively Extended to June 1, 2020," *Nossaman eAlert*, 04.03.2020

Co-Author, "Increased Scrutiny Ahead as GAO's LDA Audit Highlights Noncompliance," *Nossaman eAlert*, 04.02.2020

Co-Author, "PAC Operations in the Wake of COVID-19," *Nossaman eAlert*, 03.18.2020

Co-Author, "Happy New Year: Tips for Federal PAC & Lobbying Compliance in the 2020 Election Year," *Nossaman eAlert*, 01.14.2020

Co-Author, "Federal Court Sets Aside Form 990 Schedule B Donor Disclosure Rule: How Will the IRS Respond?," *Nossaman eAlert*, 08.06.2019

Author, "Federal Contribution Limits Increased," *Nossaman eAlert*, 02.20.2019

Co-Author, "As IRS Eases Reporting, States Target Dark Money Reforms," *Law360*, 08.17.2018

Author, "Clean Politics Act of 2018: Bill Would Cut Fundraising by Lobbyists & Reveal More Lobbying Activity," *Nossaman eAlert*, 07.30.2018

Co-Author, "As IRS Eases Reporting Burden, States Including Montana & Maine Focus on "Dark Money" Reforms," *Nossaman eAlert*, 07.19.2018

Author, "Do You Need to Include Local Lobbying on Your Upcoming Federal Lobbying Disclosure?," *Nossaman eAlert*, 03.09.2018

Co-Author, "California State Campaign Ads to Require Greater Disclosure of Funding; Cities & Counties Could Go Deeper," *Nossaman eAlert*, 10.12.2017

Author, "GAO Finds Decline in Compliance with Reporting Lobbying Dollars; Enforcement on the Rise," *Nossaman eAlert*, 04.05.2017

Co-Author, "Tax Filing Gets Easier for Small Nonprofits," *Nossaman eAlert*, 02.09.2017

Author, "Planning for the 115th Congress & the Trump Administration," *Nossaman eAlert*, 01.05.2017

Co-Author, "California's Campaign Finance Agency—the Fair Political Practices Commission—Announces 2017/2018 Gift & Contribution Limits," *Nossaman eAlert*, 12.13.2016

Co-Author, "New Limit & Requirement on 501(c)(4) "Social Welfare" Organizations," *Nossaman eAlert*, 03.14.2016

Co-Author, "New Presumptions of Coordination in California Political Communications/Independent Expenditures," *Nossaman eAlert*, 10.22.2015

Co-Author, "California Major Donor Notification & Multilayer Reporting Obligations Apply to Federal & State PACs," *Nossaman eAlert*, 10.19.2015

Co-Author, "New 2015 Fundraising Restrictions on California Lobbyists & Limits on California Lobbying Firms," *Nossaman eAlert*, 02.12.2015

Co-Author, "New Non-profit Donor Disclosure Takes Effect July 1, 2014 for California Elections," *Nossaman eAlert*, 06.12.2014

Co-Author, "Companies & Committees Making Independent Expenditures in California Subject to Increased Disclosure & Penalties in 2013," *Nossaman eAlert*, 01.15.2013

Author, "Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act of 2012: The STOCK Act," *Nossaman eAlert*, 02.08.2012

Co-Author, "New Orange County, CA Lobbyist Registration Ordinance," *Nossaman eAlert*, 02.10.2011

Co-Author, "Supreme Court's Skilling Decision: How It Affects Lobbyists and Their Employers," *Nossaman eAlert*, 07.16.2010

Co-Author, "New Public Disclosure of Bundled Contributions," *Nossaman eAlert*, 03.16.2009

Co-Author, "Donations to the Presidential Inaugural Committee," *Nossaman eAlert*, 01.06.2009

## HONORS & RECOGNITIONS

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Individual recognition for Government, Political Law – Nationwide, *Chambers USA*, 2018-2019

SABRE Certificate of Excellence, Congress Passes Resolution to Designate 9/11 as National Day of Service, 2004

## COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL

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National Association of Corporate Directors, Member

MyGoodDeed.org, Advisory Board Member

Federalist Society, Member

The John Carroll Society, Archdiocese of Washington, Member

California Political Attorneys Association, Member

## PRACTICES

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Government Relations & Regulation

Federal Advocacy

Campaign Finance, Election Law & Ethics

Lobbyist Registration & Reporting

Foreign Corrupt Practices Act

White Collar Defense

COVID-19 & CARES Act

## INDUSTRIES

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Government & Public Sector

## EDUCATION

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Widener University School of Law, J.D., 1992

Drew University, B.A., 1989

## ADMISSIONS

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District of Columbia

New York