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Related Practice Areas

- Appellate
- Constitutional Law
- Election Law
- Government, Congressional and Corporate Investigations
- Government Ethics Compliance
- Political Law

Jan Baran

Partner

Jan Baran is a Partner at Holtzman Vogel and has decades of experience as one of the nation's preeminent election law attorneys. He advises clients on all aspects of election and political law including federal, state, and local campaign finance laws, government ethics requirements, and lobbying laws. Jan is also an experienced litigator who has argued numerous cases before the Supreme Court of the United States and U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeals.

Chambers and Partners has described Jan as "the dean of campaign finance."

Education

- Vanderbilt University Law School, J.D., 1973
 - Patrick Wilson Scholar
- Ohio Wesleyan University, B.A., 1970

Bar & Court Admissions

- Tennessee Bar (Inactive)
- District of Columbia Bar
- Supreme Court of the United States

Clerkship/Government Experience

- Special Counsel, Virginia Office of the Attorney General (2005)
- U.S. Ambassador, World Administrative Radio Conference (1990-1992)
- General Counsel, Republican National Committee (1989-1992)
- General Counsel, George H.W. Bush for President (1986-1989)

Representative Matters

- National Republican Senatorial Committee v. Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, 454 U.S. 27 (1981)
- Federal Election Commission v. Colorado Republican Federal Campaign Committee, 533 U.S. 431 (2001)
- McConnell v. Federal Election Commission, 540 U.S. 93 (2003)
- Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, 558 U.S. 310 (2010)
- Federal Election Commission Advisory Opinion 2018-11 (Microsoft Corporation)

News & Insights

- Early Returns Podcast: FEC Commissioner Trey Trainor – Understanding and Respecting the Federal Election Commission
- Early Returns Podcast - AG Jason Miyares: Addressing Virginia's Legal Issues
- Trump picks Bill McGinley to serve as his White House counsel
- In Compliance - Holtzman Vogel's September 2024 Round-Up
- Jan Baran to Speak at Annual PLI Corporate Political Activities Conference

- In Compliance: Holtzman Vogel's August 2024 Round-Up
- In Compliance: Holtzman Vogel's July 2024 Round-Up
- Early Returns Podcast with Jan Baran - Josh Gerstein: SCOTUS, the Presidential Immunity Case Fallout, and the Dobbs Case Leak Investigation
- In Compliance: June 2024 Round-Up
- Holtzman Vogel Recognized by Chambers USA 2024 in Political Law, Environmental Law and Land Use
- In Compliance: Holtzman Vogel's May 2024 Round-Up
- Early Returns Law and Politics with Jan Baran - A Supreme Path: From Latin to Campaign Finance Law, to 38 Oral Arguments
- Early Returns with Jan Baran - Ambassador Jim Gilmore: From the Popular Virginia Car Tax Reimbursements to Current Foreign Affairs
- In Compliance: Holtzman Vogel's April 2024 Round-Up
- In Compliance Newsletter: March 2024 Round-up
- In Compliance: Holtzman Vogel's February 2024 Round-up
- Early Returns Podcast with Jan Baran - Deciphering Election 2024 with Charlie Cook
- In Compliance: Holtzman Vogel's Monthly Round-Up - January 2024
- Early Returns Law and Politics Podcast: Sean Cooksey Shares FEC Menu for 2024
- Jan Baran Co-Chairs and Speaks at PLI's Corporate Political Activities 2023
- Jan Baran Panelist for PLI Program: Basics of the Federal Election Campaign Act 2023
- Early Returns Podcast with Jan Baran - Bradley Smith: Deregulating Political Speech Through Campaign Finance
- Jan Baran Quoted in Bloomberg Government Article "Lawmakers Decamp to Disneyland, Resorts for August Fundraisers"
- Holtzman Vogel Supreme Court Review, October Term 2022
- Ten Holtzman Vogel Attorneys Listed by Super Lawyers 2023
- Early Returns with Jan Baran - Jill Holtzman Vogel: A Trailblazing Woman in Politics and the Law
- Holtzman Vogel Recognized by Chambers USA for Political Law, Environmental Law and Land Use
- Early Returns Podcast with Jan Baran: The Honorable Thomas Griffith – Judiciously Ruling in the Face of Politics
- Early Returns Podcast with Jan Baran - Donald Palmer and the U.S. Elections Assistance Commission's Role in the Integrity of the Voting Process
- Early Returns Podcast with Jan Baran - Wes Bizzell: The Role of Corporate America and Associations in Politics
- Jan Baran Quoted in Roll Call Article - Not couch cushion money: Former members sitting on \$54 million
- Early Returns Podcast: There's a New Chair in Town – Dara Lindenbaum and the FEC Agenda Looking Towards 2024
- Early Returns Podcast: Jessica Furst Johnson and Jason Torchinsky - Political Lawyers Take a Deeper Dive into 2022 Elections and Look Ahead to 2024

- Jan Baran Quoted in IBA Article: Election deniers suffer defeats in midterms but threats to rule of law remain
- Jan Baran Quoted in POLITICO Article on Non-profits and Fundraising for 2024 Potential Presidential Candidates
- Top Ten Questions from Corporate and Trade Association Clients Approaching Midterms 2022
- Early Returns Podcast – Nathan Gonzales: Nationally Respected Nonpartisan Voting Analyst’s Approach to Predicting Prior and Upcoming Mid-Term Elections
- Holtzman Vogel Supreme Court Review, October Term 2021
- Early Returns Podcast – Evan Thomas: Did Watergate Change America or Does History Repeat Itself?
- Early Returns Podcast - Ty Cobb, Former Special Counsel to President Trump: Insights on the Response to the Russia Collusion Investigation, Past and Present
- Early Returns Podcast: Kentucky Secretary of State Michael Adams and Voting Reforms: How to Get Along and Accomplish Reform
- Political Law Senior Statesman, Jan Baran, Produces “Early Returns” Podcast
- Holtzman Vogel Partners Participate at Practising Law Institute’s “Corporate Political Activities 2021”

Community Involvement

- Trustee, Ohio Wesleyan University Board of Trustees (2014-present)
- Member of international observer delegations to numerous elections around the world, including the Philippines, Nicaragua, Hungary, and Pakistan
- Member, American Law Institute
- Member, President’s Commission on Federal Ethics Law Reform (1989)

Awards & Recognition

- Top ranking in Political Law, *Chambers USA*
- *Best Lawyers in America*, 2025
- Lifetime Achievement Acknowledgment by *Washingtonian Magazine*, 2022
- Washington, DC *Super Lawyers*, 2007 - 2024

Publications/Events

- Author, American Bar Association's *The Election Law Primer for Corporations* (six editions)
- Co-chair, Practising Law Institute’s annual Corporate Political Activities conference
- Served as a legal analyst for ABC News during the 2000 Florida recount.
- Published articles in law journals as well as in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and *USA Today*