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Related Practice Areas

- Election Law
- Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA)
- Government Ethics Compliance
- Lobbying and Grassroots Advocacy
- Non-Profit and Tax-Exempt Organizations
- Political Law

Nicole Kelly
Senior Associate

Nicole Kelly is a Senior Associate with Holtzman Vogel. Her comprehensive legal practice is focused on advising clients on election and political law compliance under federal, state, and local campaign finance, lobbying, government ethics, and tax-exempt organization laws. She also routinely represents clients on all aspects of the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA). Her advice is tailored for clients who want efficient answers with a clear path to effectively pursue their policy and political goals. In her decade of experience in politics, she has worked in almost every type of political role,

Nicole regularly advises PACs, super PACs, political party committees, and other entities on navigating compliance, enforcement, and advisory matters with the Federal Election Commission and state campaign finance regulators. Nicole's extensive political law experience includes serving as deputy general counsel to a major presidential campaign, and she frequently represents politically engaged, high-net-worth individuals.

In the era of increased FARA enforcement, Nicole's approach to her FARA practice is to simplify complex legal topics in a client-friendly and politically strategic way. She has represented international corporations, consulting groups, think tanks, trade associations, advocacy organizations, and individuals, and has handled numerous Department of Justice inquiries and audits. She advises clients not only on the practical legal advice needed to comply with the black letter law, but provides the veteran political perspective necessary for those engaging in the sensitive and high-profile advocacy space.

Prior to joining the firm, she was the lead political compliance attorney for the National Association of REALTORS®, where she successfully oversaw the legal compliance for multi-million-dollar PAC and advocacy programs.

A native of Las Vegas, Nicole is a key legal expert in the battleground state of Nevada. For the 2022 and 2024 election cycles, she also served as the Republican National Lawyer Association's Political Director in Nevada, leading the recruitment, deployment, and election law training for the volunteer attorney team. As a law student, Nicole worked as a law clerk for the Republican National Committee, and as a policy associate and consultant for multiple federal agencies and government affairs firms.

Education

- The George Washington University Law School, J.D.
 - Academic Merit Scholarship
 - Shapiro Public Service Fellowship
 - Gold President's Volunteer Service Award

- University of Nevada, Las Vegas, B.A., *cum laude*, Economics

Bar & Court Admissions

- Nevada State Bar
- District of Columbia Bar
- New York State Bar

Clerkship/Government Experience

- Republican National Lawyers Association, Political Director (Nevada)
- Republican National Committee, Law Clerk
- U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Legal Honors Intern
- U.S. Dept of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration, Legal Intern

Representative Matters

- Served as Deputy General Counsel to Vivek Ramaswamy's 2024 Presidential Campaign
- Counseled domestic and international clients on FARA compliance, including registration, reporting, informational materials disclaimers/submission, and inquiries from the Department of Justice
- Represented the country's largest trade association in front of local, state, and federal campaign finance regulators
- Counseled hundreds of state and local independent expenditure campaigns on all aspects of political law compliance, including reporting, disclosures, and disclaimer requirements arising from various paid communications
- Advised corporate clients on compliance with the Federal Election Campaign Act (FECA) and related federal campaign finance regulations
- Assisted organizational and contract lobbyists with disclosure and transparency requirements under the Lobbying Disclosure Act (LDA)

News & Insights

- Nicole Kelly Speaks on How States Can Secure Their Elections
- Nicole Kelly to Present Election Day Operations CLE for Nevada RNLA
- Nicole Kelly Quoted in New York POLITICO Playbook on FARA Investigation
- Could Joe Biden Be Replaced on Nevada's Ballot?
- National Party Convention: To Do or Not To Do? That Is the Question
- In Compliance: Holtzman Vogel's May 2024 Round-Up
- Democrats Wanted an Early Debate So They'd Have Plenty of Time to Dump Biden
- The State of AI Regulation in 2024
- Raffensperger-Backed Legislation Likely to Impact Foreign Georgia Businesses Seeking to Influence Policy, if Signed into Law
- FARA Went Down to Georgia: State Seeks to Regulate Foreign Agents
- Election year opportunities — and pitfalls — for emerging energy companies

Community Involvement

- Republican National Lawyers Association, Member
- Federalist Society, Member
- UNLV Alumni Association, Member