

Gregory L. Colvin

Emeritus



Mr. Colvin's practice included political and lobbying activities of nonprofit organizations, fiscal sponsorship, donor advised funds, anonymous giving, grantmaking, and other issues that arise between individual donors and charities, and within large multi-stakeholder membership organizations.

EDUCATION

- J.D., Yale Law School, 1971; *Yale Law Journal*
- A.B., *magna cum laude*, political science, University of Washington, 1968; Phi Beta Kappa

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Mr. Colvin served as Co-Chair of the Subcommittee on Political and Lobbying Organizations and Activities of the Exempt Organizations Committee of the Tax Section of the American Bar Association from 1991-2009.

He served as general nonprofit counsel to Toastmasters International, the worldwide public speaking organization, and to MomsRising, an Internet-based advocacy group.

Currently, Mr. Colvin serves as co-chair of the Drafting Committee of the Bright Lines Project, sponsored by Public Citizen, which aims to develop and promote a clear, workable, objective, and universal definition of political intervention under the Internal Revenue Code. www.brightlinesproject.org


In 2015, Mr. Colvin received the Outstanding Nonprofit Attorney Award from the Business Law Section of the American Bar Association, for his distinguished service as outside counsel to nonprofit organizations, and in 2018, the Vanguard Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions to the field and commitment to serving the legal needs of the sector.

SPEAKING & TEACHING

Mr. Colvin has spoken widely, including numerous seminars, media appearances, and Congressional testimony, on the IRS political and lobbying rules, fiscal sponsorship, and anonymous giving. He is the co-author, with

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BAR ADMISSIONS

Mr. Colvin is an inactive member of the bar in the states of California and Washington.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- › Public Charities
- › Nonprofit Structures, Relationships & Affiliations
- › Tax Treatment of Lobbying & Political Activities
- › Unions, Associations, Clubs & Other Tax-Exempt Organizations

Stephanie Petit of the firm, of *Fiscal Sponsorship: 6 Ways To Do It Right, 3rd Edition (2019)* published by San Francisco Study Center.

PRIOR EXPERIENCE

From 1973 to 1976, Mr. Colvin was an attorney in the Seattle Regional Office of the Federal Trade Commission.