

Rosemary E. Fei

Principal



Ms. Fei's practice spans the full range of nonprofit and tax-exempt organization legal issues, with emphasis on legislative lobbying and advocacy issues, candidate-related political activities, nonprofit corporate governance (including membership issues), and religious entities.

EDUCATION

- J.D., *cum laude*, Harvard Law School, 1986
- B.S., *summa cum laude*, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, 1980

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Ms. Fei is a member of the Exempt Organizations Committee, Tax Law Section, American Bar Association, and currently serves as the Committee's Vice Chair. From 2009 to 2017, she was Co-Chair of the Committee's Subcommittee on Political and Lobbying Organizations and Activities, and from 2017 to 2019, served as the Committee's Chair of Legislative Developments. She is a former director and Chair of the Board of Redefining Progress, and a former director of CalNonprofits (the statewide trade association for charities in California), The Conservation Campaign (the 501(c)(4) affiliate of The Trust for Public Land), Center for Lobbying in the Public Interest, CompassPoint Nonprofit Services, and The Marine Mammal Center. Ms. Fei writes and teaches extensively, and has been an expert commentator in numerous published news stories, including broadcast interviews.

SPEAKING & TEACHING

Ms. Fei has guest lectured or taught courses at both the Institute for Nonprofit Organization Management and the Law School of the University of San Francisco, Stanford Law School, and the University of California, Berkeley.

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BAR ADMISSIONS

Ms. Fei is admitted to the bar in the state of California and the District of Columbia (inactive).

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- › Nonprofit Governance & Ethics
- › Nonprofit Structures, Relationships & Affiliations
- › Tax Treatment of Lobbying & Political Activities
- › Religious Institutions
- › Unions, Associations, Clubs & Other Tax-Exempt Organizations

PRIOR EXPERIENCE

Before joining Adler & Colvin, Ms. Fei was a general business lawyer at Shartsis, Friese & Ginsberg, San Francisco; a Federal election law compliance officer and budget director for the Dukakis Presidential campaign; and an attorney in the U.S. Department of State.