

Rosemary E. Fei

Senior Counsel



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 has been representing nonprofit and tax-exempt organizations for nearly three and a half decades with A&C. Her practice spans the range of legal issues arising from nonprofit or tax-exempt status, with emphasis on political and lobbying activities, nonprofit corporate governance and internal disputes, and religious organizations. She is a member of the Exempt Organizations Committee, Tax Law Section, American Bar Association; she recently served as its Chair (2021-2023), and previously as a Vice Chair (2017-2021), and as co-Chair of its Subcommittee on Political and Lobbying Organizations and Activities (2009-2017). She currently sits on the board of Possibility Labs (a national incubator for racial and economic justice projects). She has chaired the board of Redefining Progress (a sustainability think tank), and served as a director of CalNonprofits (California's trade association for charities), 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. In addition to being a practitioner, Ms. Fei writes and teaches, and has been an expert news commentator in print and broadcast media.

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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.