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In Bob Bauer's 30 years of practice, he has provided counseling and representation on matters involving regulation of political activity before the courts and administrative agencies of national party committees, candidates, political committees, individuals, federal officeholders, corporations and trade associations, and tax-exempt groups. Bauer has authored several books on election and campaign finance law, and is also the author of the blog *More Soft Money Hard Law*, on which he writes about campaign finance and other issues of interest to the political community. In 2013, the President named Bauer to be Co-Chair of the Presidential Commission on Election Administration. Bauer also served as White House Counsel to President Obama, was General Counsel to Obama for America, and is General Counsel to the Democratic National Committee. Bauer earned his B.A. at Harvard University, and his J.D. at the University of Virginia.

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Richard Briffault specializes in state and local government law and election law, has served in various positions in the administrations of New York City Mayor Ed Koch and New York State Governor Mario Cuomo, and was executive director of the Special Commission on Campaign Finance Reform of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. He has published in a variety of journals, including the *Columbia Law Review*, *the University of Chicago Law Review*, and the *Stanford Law Review*. Briffault earned his B.A. at Columbia University, and his J.D. at Harvard University.

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Prior to joining Wilmer Hale, Jonathan Cedarbaum spent two years in the leadership of the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel, where he ultimately served as Acting Assistant Attorney General, which provides authoritative legal advice to the White House, the Attorney General, and all executive branch departments and agencies. During his time at OLC, Cedarbaum was deeply involved in the development and early implementation of the Dodd-Frank and Affordable Care Acts. As a member of the Justice Department's senior leadership and as a legal counselor to senior officials across the government, he was also involved in numerous other statutory and regulatory initiatives, including in the areas of cybersecurity and data privacy, economic sanctions, patent reform, procurement reform and energy development. Cedarbaum earned his B.A. at Harvard University, and his M.Phil. and J.D. at Yale University.

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Tom Davis, former U.S. Congressman from Virginia and Chairman of the House Government Reform Committee, currently serves as the Director of Federal Government Affairs for Deloitte & Touche LLP, where he continues his commitment to effective, common-sense solutions to government. Davis served seven terms in Congress representing Virginia's 11th congressional district. During his tenure in the House, he served as Chairman of the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee, as well as the Chair of the subcommittee on Technology and Procurement Policy. Under his leadership, the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee investigated matters related to the effective administration of government programs of great public interest. These programs included government contracting in support of the war in Iraq, the Agriculture Department's handling of the discovery of Mad Cow Disease in the United States, the flu vaccine shortage, the role of the National Guard in national security and homeland defense, and management of the Department of Homeland Security. Davis received his B.A. from Amherst College, and his J.D. from the University of Virginia.

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David Fontana is the author and co-author of papers on constitutional or comparative constitutional law that have been or will be published by leading scholarly journals in law, including the *Harvard Law Review*, *Yale Law Journal*, and *Columbia Law Review*, among others. Professor Fontana also writes about constitutional issues for a number of general interest publications, including most frequently *The New Republic*, and has consulted with Congress, presidential campaigns, and foreign constitution-drafters on issues of constitutional law. Fontana received his B.A. at the University of Virginia, and his J.D. at Yale University.

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Heather Gerken specializes in election law and constitutional law, and has published in a variety of journals, including the *Harvard Law Review*, the *Yale Law Journal*, the *Stanford Law Review*,

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Rebecca Green

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Rebecca Green is Professor of the Practice of Law and Co-Director of the Election Law Program, a joint project of the Law School and the National Center for State Courts. In that role, Green has undertaken a variety of projects supervising its annual symposia and speaker series; designing and implementing Election War Games at state judicial conferences in Virginia, Colorado, and Wisconsin; and overseeing students on a variety of election-related projects. Professor Green is the faculty advisor to William & Mary’s student-run State of Elections blog (www.stateofelections.com). Green's research interests focus on the intersection of privacy law and elections. Green earned her B.A. at Connecticut College, and her J.D. from Harvard University.

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Wade Henderson is well known for his expertise on a wide range of civil rights, civil liberties, and human rights issues, and is the author of numerous articles on civil rights and public policy issues. Since taking the helm of The Leadership Conference in June 1996, Henderson has worked diligently to address emerging policy issues of concern to the civil and human rights community and to strengthen the effectiveness of the coalition. Under his stewardship, The Leadership Conference has become one of the nation's most effective advocates for civil and human rights. Prior to his role with The Leadership Conference, Henderson was the Washington Bureau director of the NAACP. In that capacity, he directed the government affairs and national legislative program of the NAACP. Henderson was previously the associate director of the Washington national office of the ACLU, where he began his career as a legislative counsel and advocate on a wide range of civil rights and civil liberties issues. Henderson also served as executive director of the Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO). Henderson is a graduate of Howard University and the Rutgers University School of Law.

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Jeffrey Rosen heads the National Constitution Center, the first and only nonprofit, nonpartisan institution devoted to the U.S. Constitution. He is a professor at The George Washington University Law School, where he has taught since 1997, and is the legal affairs editor of *The New Republic*. He is a nonresident senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, where he explores issues involving the future of technology and the Constitution. Rosen is a highly regarded journalist and author who has published several books on the American legal system, and whose essays and commentaries have appeared in the *New York Times Magazine*, *The Atlantic Monthly*, on National Public Radio, and in *The New Yorker*, where he has been a staff writer. He received the 2012 Golden Pen Award from the Legal Writing Institute for his “extraordinary contribution to the cause of better legal writing.” Since 2000, he has served as a moderator at The Aspen Institute. Rosen is a graduate of Harvard College; Oxford University, where he was a Marshall Scholar; and Yale Law School.

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David Schleicher's research examines issues in election law and local government law. His election law research looks at how laws affect political party competition, particularly in the context of low salience local and state elections. Schleicher has been recognized as an innovator in integrating local government law with modern economic work on cities and agglomeration economics. Schleicher earned his B.A. at Dartmouth College, his M.Sc. at the London School of Economics, and his J.D. at Harvard University.

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