

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS & PUBLIC POLICY LAW



OVERVIEW

The influence of government and government-related activities on businesses and organization is growing. For businesses to be successful, a number of public policy planning steps are required. Some of these include a thorough evaluation of business issues, an understanding of the impact of local, state and federal laws and regulations on these issues, carefully constructed strategies and tactics to achieve the business objectives, and effective, timely advocacy. Foulston Siefkin's government affairs and public policy law team helps clients through this process to achieve their public policy goals.

Foulston Siefkin is the largest Kansas-based law firm, with offices in Topeka, Kansas City, and Wichita, with broad resources in interpreting Kansas law and understanding and navigating local government bodies, Kansas courts, and the state's regulatory commissions. Foulston's government affairs and public policy team helps clients understand the ramifications of state laws and regulations on businesses. Our attorneys are able to give legal interpretation and analysis to identify legal hurdles and help develop comprehensive plans for direct advocacy with government decision makers. Foulston Siefkin is well-positioned to assist clients on a plethora of issues requiring engagement with government actors at the municipal, county, state, and national levels. For complex issues, the team draws on the experience of the firm's other attorneys to address issues related to business, energy, environmental, employment and labor, healthcare, intellectual property, real estate, and tax. If needed, our team can recommend outside professionals best suited to the issue and coordinate the assembled professional team on behalf of our clients to achieve the desired outcome.

An additional resource for our clients is Foulston's membership in State Law Resources. State Law Resources, Inc. is an international network of independent law firms that helps businesses, trade associations, and public policy coalitions navigate the complex and time-consuming process of managing both legal issues and state government relations. In the U.S., State Law Resources has one firm from each state and the District of Columbia. Every firm has a state capital presence. Firms are selected for their experience in government relations and administrative and regulatory law at the state and national

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level. As the State Law Resources member firm for the state of Kansas, Foulston can help you coordinate your legal and government relations strategy regionally or nationally, reduce your administrative burden in finding and coordinating representation, and take action to handle your issue.

AREAS OF REPRESENTATION

- Assessment of how our clients need to interact with government leaders to advance various corporate goals and objectives
- Development of comprehensive strategies to achieve our clients' legislative, political, and government affairs goals
- Formation and coordination of professional teams including, for example, media, lobbyists, and/or other consultants
- Interpretation of law and proposed legislation and presenting analysis to an agency or court
- Researching, drafting, and monitoring state and federal legislative proposals
- Legislative and oversight investigation
- Public policy planning and communication
- Election law, ethics rules, and political compliance counseling
- Legislative witness hearing preparation
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Eminent domain
- Annexation and boundary disputes

RELATED LINKS

- [State Law Resources](#)
- [Legislative Directory](#)

EXPERIENCE

Foulston Siefkin has the combined experience of approximately 50 years in all aspects of government relations including, legislative “heavy lifting” projects, monitoring, negotiations with administrative and law enforcement agencies, as well as bill drafting and public policy research and writing.

PUBLICATIONS

[Kansas Legislative Insights Newsletter](#)

ISSUE ALERTS

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IRS Again Warns Charities About Political Campaign Activity

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Kansas Lobbying Section

-LawForChange, Lex Mundi

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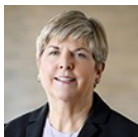


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