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Chris is a lawyer, former political speechwriter and veteran campaign operative. He combines in-depth legal knowledge and sound political judgment to help his clients navigate a complex, multi-layered, and ever-changing maze of federal, state and local laws and regulations governing participation in the political process.

Chris received his undergraduate degree from the University of Richmond in 1996, and is a 2001 graduate, *cum laude*, of the University of Richmond's T.C. Williams School of Law. He studied Political Activity Law in the Masters of Law program at the Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C., and is an Adjunct Professor of Law at Regent University in Virginia Beach, where he teaches a three-credit course in Political Law.

Chris practiced law for seven years at two of America's largest law firms, Troutman Sanders and Hunton & Williams, before joining the fast-growing national firm LeClairRyan as a partner in its political law practice.

During his legal career, Chris has represented Fortune 500 corporations, advised several presidential campaigns, and counseled senatorial and congressional candidates, statewide campaigns and politically-active non-profit organizations. In addition, he has represented elected officials and campaign consultants in high-stakes political investigations, is one of the country's most experienced recount lawyers, and is one of a few attorneys with experience advising so-called I.E.-Only committees following the controversial *Citizens United* and *SpeechNow* court decisions.

Virginia Super Lawyers Magazine identified Chris as a "rising star" in the practice of governmental (2007) and political law (2008). The American Spectator has [reported](#) that he is "one of the best in the country for this kind of thing." Chris lives in Alexandria, Virginia with his wife, Erin, and their Polish Sheepdog, Pepper.