Headquartered in the nation’s capital, Steptoe’s Government Affairs & Public Policy Group helps clients navigate the challenges posed by the interplay of laws, public policy, regulation, competition, and economic trends across the fields regulated by the federal government, state and local jurisdictions, and the European Union.

With a balanced, bipartisan, and broadly based government affairs practice, we are uniquely qualified to ensure that our clients receive the best substantive and political resources in addressing their public policy concerns. Our professionals have decades of experience working in and with the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government.

The three core hallmarks of our government affairs practice set us apart from any other firm: substantive depth, strong relationships, and an integrated approach.

**Substantive Depth.** In many ways Steptoe approaches legislative advocacy like a trial; we immerse ourselves in the minutiae of the matter at hand, prepare the case, and then argue that case in halls, offices, and committee rooms on Capitol Hill and the executive branch. Our deep experience allows us to enhance our broad understanding of the substantive technical issues pertaining to our clients’ interests with intimate insight into complex legislative and regulatory processes. This methodology makes our firm a strong and effective representative of clients’ interests before all levels of government.

**Strong Relationships.** As long-time participants in the political process, the members of our team have developed deep relationships with individuals at all levels of the legislative and executive branches of the federal government. With long-term client relationships, we also better understand our clients’ business goals. To the benefit of our clients, this familiarity on both sides positions us to foresee potential legislative threats and take advantage of potential legislative opportunities ahead of the crowd. Members of Congress and their staffs identify us as part of our clients’ teams and, when pertinent issues arise, involve us at the outset. Our clients retain us long term because they trust our experience and insight and value our dedication.

**Integrated Approach.** We know well that the primary goal of the client is to achieve desired result wherever and however is the most effective and efficient. To achieve this, our government affairs team leverages the experience and expertise of more than 500 Steptoe lawyers every day – lawyers who are experienced in virtually all matters affecting businesses and trade associations that might come before a legislative or regulatory body. Our team spearheads our clients’ strategic planning, legislative, and communications efforts as an integrated approach designed to achieve their business goals. The varied perspectives and resources at our disposal within the firm ensure that the legal, political, and practical facets of a client’s issues are carefully considered and balanced against one another.

We counsel clients in connection with the full spectrum of legal and public policy matters, including public relations and other strategic campaigns, regulatory efforts, overall legislative affairs management, and advising on specific initiatives, with particular experience in the following areas:
Policymakers hold us in high regard as an effective, ethical, and professional advocacy group. While we work aggressively to accomplish a client's objectives, we also have a strict commitment to ethics in government and to playing by the book. Because we are lawyers as well as policy advocates, our clients know that we fully comprehend the legal and ethical considerations that govern the business of legislative and regulatory advocacy, and that we will adhere to both the letter and the spirit of the law.

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Post-Election Considerations: The Congressional Review Act
January 7, 2021
By: Scott A. Sinder, James D. Barnette, Darryl Nirenberg, Josh Oppenheimer

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Bloomberg Quotes Lisa Zarlenga on Tax Breaks on Forgiven PPP Loans
January 6, 2021

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Law360 Quotes Matt Kulkin on CFTC Policy Agenda in 2021
January 4, 2021

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Tax Notes Covers Steptoe’s Post-Election Recap Tax Webinar
December 16, 2020

PRESS RELEASES

The Hill Names Abel, Burks, Callas to Top Lobbyists List
December 10, 2020

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Carbon Capture Policy Should Be Aligned For Global Adoption
Law360
November 24, 2020
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How Federal, State Plans Could Bring Carbon Capture To US
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EU Climate Goals Are Hard To Reach Without Carbon Capture
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Carbon Capture Tech Offers A Fast Path Toward Climate Goals
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Steptoe Wins Global Competition Review ‘Matter of the Year’ Team Award
November 12, 2020
Events

WEBINARS

Post-Election Recap: Energy
Steptoe Covers the Election and Its Impact on You
January 14, 2021
Speakers: James D. Barnette, Elizabeth Hurley Burks, N. Hunter Johnston, Douglas Kantor, Daniel A. Mullen, Monique Watson

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Post-Election Recap: Tax
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December 10, 2020
Speakers: George Callas, Micah S. Green, Eric Solomon, Lisa M. Zarlenga

WEBINARS

Post-Election Recap: Appropriations and Defense
Steptoe Covers the Election and Its Impact on You
December 2, 2020
Speakers: Leslie A. Belcher, Christopher Caron, Alan Cohn, Joe Corrigan

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Post-Election Recap: Puerto Rico
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November 19, 2020
Speakers: Luis G. Fortuño, Micah S. Green

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Post-Election Recap: International Trade
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Speakers: Eric C. Emerson, Darryl Nirenberg, Jeffrey G. Weiss

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Post-Election Recap: Financial Services
Steptoe Covers the Election and Its Impact on You
November 12, 2020
Speakers: Alan Cohn, John T. Collins, Micah S. Green, Matthew B. Kulkin

WEBINARS

Post-Election Recap: The First 48 Hours
Steptoe Covers the Election and Its Impact on You
November 5, 2020
Speakers: Jason Abel, Leslie A. Belcher, Elizabeth Hurley Burks, Douglas Kantor, Darryl Nirenberg, Scott A. Sinder

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2nd Annual Regulatory Symposium: Elections Matter
Potential Impact of the Presidential Election on US Regulatory Agencies and Industries
October 22, 2020
Speakers: Christopher R. Conte, Micah S. Green, Matthew B. Kulkin, Marc L. Spitzer, Lisa M. Zarlenga
WEBINARS

2nd Annual Regulatory Symposium: Mergers in Regulated Industries
October 8, 2020
Speakers: Peter W. Denton, Damon J. Kalt, Brian Egan, Frederick Day (Brookfield Asset Management), Gregory Camet (Entergy), Hadass Kogan (DISH Network)

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2nd Annual Regulatory Symposium: Infrastructure Streamlining and Funding
What's New and What's Next?
September 24, 2020
Speakers: Cynthia L. Taub, James D. Barnette, Morteza Farajian (Build America Bureau at USDOT), David Fotouhi (EPA), Mary Neumayr (CEQ)
INTERNATIONAL LAW ADVISORY
US to Take Steps to Revoke Hong Kong’s Separate Status, Impose Sanctions, Enhance Export Controls
June 1, 2020
By: Ali Burney, Brian Egan, Eric C. Emerson, Edward J. Krauland, Darryl Nirenberg, Susan Munro, Wendy Wysong, Nicholas Tumer

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Brexit Negotiations in the Midst of the COVID-19 Crisis: is the Challenge Still Feasible?
April 27, 2020
By: Christophe Bondy, David O’Sullivan, Charles Whiddington

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US Financial Regulatory Response to COVID-19
March 24, 2020
By: Matthew B. Kulkin, Micah S. Green, John T. Collins, Scott A. Sinder, James D. Barnette, Luis G. Fortuño, Jason Abel, George Callas, Kate Jensen

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House Agriculture Committee Publishes Bipartisan Discussion Draft to Reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission
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Trump Administration Transition
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Small Business Relief under the CARES Act
Overview of the SBA Paycheck Protection Program

Tax Reform: The Road Ahead
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Privacy & Cybersecurity
Employee Benefits & ERISA
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Financial Services
Internet, Telecom & Media
National Security/CFIUS
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