

POLITICAL LAW

Engaging in politics and elections today requires an in-depth knowledge of the many complex state and federal laws that govern your activity. Shutts helps clients navigate these laws to achieve their goals. We regularly provide counsel relating to:

- Political Party Committees, Campaigns, and Political Committees
- Corporate and Tax-Exempt Entity Political Activity
- Election-Related Litigation in State and Federal Courts
- Federal Election Commission, Florida Elections Commission, and Florida Commission on Ethics Complaints and Advisory Opinions
- Public Official and Lobbyist Ethics and Financial Disclosure Compliance

We have extensive experience representing clients in federal and state election-related litigation and matters before the Federal Election Commission, the Florida Elections Commission, and the Florida Commission on Ethics.

Our attorneys' experience in federal and state election and campaign finance law is unrivaled in Florida having served as principal counsel to a state political party for more than a decade. We have also represented national and state party committees in both state and federal election-related litigation. Shutts has also served as counsel to campaigns for President of the United States, U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress, and Governor as well as numerous political committees.

As one of the largest statewide firms in Florida with more than eight offices across the state, Shutts leverages its firmwide resources to represent campaigns and political parties in expedited litigation and on the ground representation each election cycle.

Since 2000, Florida's statewide elections tend to come down to the smallest margin of votes. Shutts attorneys have experience representing candidates and political parties in rapid-response litigation, machine and manual recounts, in front of county canvassing boards, and in election contests. In 2018, for the first time ever, Florida experienced three statewide recounts and more than 60 Shutts attorneys were called on to represent political party committees and campaigns in the recount proceedings and related litigation.

Our unique understanding of political law is enhanced by the experience and relationships of Shutts' attorneys who have served as legal counsel at the highest levels of state government—including roles such as general counsel to the governor, deputy general counsel to the governor, general counsel to the governor's transition team, general counsel to the secretary of state, and general counsel to the Florida House of Representatives.

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