

Devin Watkins

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Summary

Demonstrated unwavering dedication and proven track record of success defending limited government, deregulation and freedom.

Experience

Individually

- Expert on the Executive Committee on Federalism & Separation of Powers Practice Group, Federalist Society.

Attorney

Competitive Enterprise Institute // Oct 2017 - Present

Evaluated regulations and developed strategies to curb overregulation. Created and litigated high-impact legal challenges to federal agency overreach.

- **Authored DOE Dishwasher Regulations Adopted By the Trump Administration.** President Biden attempted to repeal those rules on day one, but, for the reasons in my brief, the Fifth Circuit rejected that repeal.
 - **Successfully Limited the Federal Government's Commerce and Taxing Powers.** A federal court accepted my argument that a 156-year-old federal ban on at-home distilling was beyond the power of the federal government. The Government did not appeal the Commerce Clause win appealing only under the Tax Clause.
 - **Represented the Moores in *Moore v. United States* (2024) before the U.S. Supreme Court.** Defending a citizen's right not to have money they haven't received taxed as income. Argued for a constitutional requirement that all wealth taxes be apportioned, creating significant obstacles for their implementation. Four of the justices agreed that receiving money is required to have income; the others avoided the issue, ruling on other grounds.
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- **Testified Before the U.S. House Financial Services Committee on CFPB Reform.**
 - **Challenged EPA's Authority to Issue Fleetwide Auto-Emission Rules to Prevent the EV Mandate and DOE's Authority to Regulate Water Efficiency of Dishwashers, Clothes Washers, and Other Appliances.**
 - **Supported Critical Constitutional Doctrines with Amicus Briefs in the Supreme Court.** Such as the Major Questions Doctrine, Nondelegation Doctrine, and the Seventh Amendment right to a jury trial in agency adjudication, among others.
 - **Published Op-eds in Prominent Outlets.** An example is an article on the Quorum Clause in the Wall Street Journal.

Legal Associate

Cato Institute // 2015 - Oct 2017

- Wrote on America's national rights foundations at Fed-Soc and National Review, and defended originalism.
- Drafted dozens of briefs before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Senior Software Developer Career

Intel, WebMD, and others // 2002 to 2012

- Developed and implemented complex online software systems.
- Gained deep expertise in technical and scientific subjects.

Education

Juris Doctor with Honors

Scalia Law School // 2012-2016

- Development Editor George Mason Law Review
- President, George Mason Federalist Society

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, New Jersey
