

## **CHARLES R. SPIES**

Charlie Spies leads the Political Law practice at Dickinson Wright PLLC and has been providing strategic political law counsel at the highest levels in Washington D.C. and globally for over two decades. Throughout his career, he has counseled a broad range of corporations, organizations, candidates, officeholders, and individuals through a variety of challenges arising when politics, the government, law, and public policy meet.

Before moving to global law firms, Charles spent almost a decade working within national political organizations and campaigns, ranging from serving as election law counsel to the Republican National Committee, General Counsel and Chief Financial Officer for the Republican Governors Association, and then working with Mitt Romney's 2008 campaign for president as Chief Financial Officer and Counsel, where he developed and managed the national campaign's budget and systems for legal compliance with the Federal Election Commission, IRS, and various state regulations. Using his experience in the political sphere, Charles co-founded and served as counsel to Restore Our Future, the largest conservative super PAC in history, and then Right to Rise USA in the 2016 election cycle.

Charles can be seen speaking on political and election law issues on a number of networks including Fox News, CNN, Fox Business Network, and various national and local television and radio programs. He's also published numerous articles and commentaries on various legal issues in national journals and newspapers. He was a Fellow at the Georgetown University School of Politics and Public Service; has lectured at the U.S. Law Institute, Georgetown University Law Center, and the Benjamin Cardozo School of Law; spoken at Yale and the University of Chicago Institute of Politics; been featured on an ABA Administrative Law Division panel; testified before the FEC and state boards of election; and participated in working groups for the OAS Unit for the Promotion of Democracy.

### **EDUCATION**

- Georgetown University Law Center (J.D., 1998)
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