

Biographical Summary
Ellen L. Weintraub
Commissioner, Federal Election Commission

Ellen L. Weintraub has served as a commissioner on the U.S. Federal Election Commission since 2002 and has served as Chair three times.

Prior to her appointment, Ms. Weintraub was Of Counsel to Perkins Coie LLP and a member of its Political Law Group. There, she counseled clients on federal and state campaign finance and election laws, political ethics, nonprofit law, and lobbying regulation. Before joining Perkins Coie, Ms. Weintraub was Counsel to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct for the U.S. House of Representatives (the House Ethics Committee). There, Ms. Weintraub focused on implementing the Ethics Reform Act of 1989 and subsequent changes to the House Code of Official Conduct. She also served as editor in chief of the House Ethics Manual and as a principal contributor to the Senate Ethics Manual. Before her service to the House Ethics Committee, Ms. Weintraub practiced as a litigator with the New York firm of Cahill Gordon & Reindel.

Ms. Weintraub received her B.A., cum laude, from Yale College and her J.D. from Harvard Law School. A native New Yorker, she is a member of the New York and District of Columbia bars and the Supreme Court bar.