

**HANS A. von SPAKOVSKY**



**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Heritage Foundation**

*Senior Legal Fellow; Manager, Election Law Reform Initiative*

Washington, D.C.  
October 2008 to present

- Senior Legal Fellow in the Center for Legal and Judicial Studies and Manager of the Election Law Reform Initiative, concentrating on constitutional, legislative and regulatory issues in the area of civil rights, voting, elections, campaign finance, immigration, and government and civil justice reform.
- Publish articles on a frequent basis in *National Review Online*, *Fox News*, and other media sources including the *Washington Times* and the *Wall Street Journal* and have appeared on numerous radio and television news shows.
- Coauthor with John Fund of *Who's Counting? How Fraudsters and Bureaucrats Put Your Vote at Risk* (2012) and *Obama's Enforcer – Eric Holder's Justice Department* (2014).
- Winner of the 2016 Drs. W. Glenn and Rita Ricardo Campbell Award from Heritage.

**Consultant**

Washington, D.C.  
January 2008 to September 2008

- Worked as a free lance writer, publishing articles in publications like the *Wall Street Journal* and *National Review Online*; provided advice and expertise as a consultant to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights for projects on discrimination in the mortgage industry, religious practices in prisons, and science and math teaching in secondary schools.

**Federal Election Commission**

*Commissioner*

Washington, D.C.  
January 2006 to December 2007

- One of six commissioners appointed by the President who managed a federal agency with 375 employees and a budget of \$60 million.
- Responsible for the civil enforcement of the Federal Election Campaign Act and the administration of the presidential campaign public funding program.

**United States Department of Justice**

*Counsel to Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights*

Washington, D.C.  
December 2002 to December 2005

- Oversaw the Voting Section and provided legal analysis and policy recommendations on civil rights issues as they related to elections, redistricting, and voting.
- Supervised and coordinated the Division's responsibilities for implementation of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 and acted as in-house expert on election reform and voting technology issues.
- Made extensive public presentations and acted as liaison for organizations such as the

National Association of Secretaries of State, the National Association of State Election Directors, and the National Conference of State Legislators.

- Member, Board of Advisors of U.S. Election Assistance Commission; member, Election and Voter Services Technical Committee of Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards; member, Voting Standards Coordinating Committee of Institute of Electrical & Electronics Engineers.

*Trial Attorney, Voting Reform Initiative*

December 2001 to December 2002

- Provided legal analysis and policy recommendations for special projects on voting and election reform.
- Advised Division leadership on the Help America Vote Act and other voting legislation.
- Monitored election reform efforts by state and local governments, as well as Congress.

**Self Employed**

Atlanta, Georgia

June 1999 to November 2001

- Provided representation on legislative and regulatory issues for clients such as AT&T before local and state agencies, county commissions, city councils, and the Georgia General Assembly.
- *Executive Director* of the *Voting Integrity Project Legislative Alliance*, a 501(c)(4) organization. Provided representation in state legislatures and in Congress, prepared model legislation, and handled media relations.
- *General Counsel* for the *Strollo Group*, a lobbying and public relations firm.
- Provided advice on software licensing and technology and business services agreements.
- *Director* of the Georgia Public Policy Foundation's *Center for Technology and E-Commerce*.

**Joe Tanner & Associates**

Atlanta, Georgia

*Government Affairs Consultant*

November 1998 to April 1999

- Consultant with Joe Tanner, former Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Natural Resources.
- Provided representation on legislative and regulatory issues before state agencies and the Georgia General Assembly for a variety of private and public clients with diversified interests.

**Confederation Life Insurance Company (U.S.) in Rehabilitation**

Atlanta, Georgia

*Assistant Vice President, Counsel and Secretary*

1995 to July 1998

- As head of the Legal Department, assisted in the liquidation of a six billion dollar life and health insurance company.
- Successfully negotiated the resolution of hundreds of cases and recovered millions of dollars of assets and debts owed to the estate.
- Prepared contracts for business services, software licenses, and office leases.

- Managed government relations with state insurance departments.
- Defended discrimination complaints and provided advice regarding labor and employment law.
- Prepared and maintained corporate records and documents.
- Dissolved subsidiaries and withdrew all state corporate licenses.

*Associate Counsel* for **Confederation Life Insurance Company** 1988 to 1995  
*Assistant Counsel* 1985 to 1988

- Chief litigator in the U.S. and Puerto Rico for over 200 cases with potential liability of \$50 million.
- Advised officers of company and various subsidiaries on regulatory, legislative, and general business issues.
- Areas of practice included group and individual health, life, and disability insurance and annuities as well as ERISA-qualified employee benefit plans.
- Prepared contracts, leases, and software/hardware licensing agreements.
- Received company achievement award for excellence.

**Weill, Weems & Kennedy** Chattanooga, Tennessee  
*Associate* 1984 to 1985

- Worked in a law firm of ten attorneys engaged in general practice, including litigation, bankruptcy, family law, and insurance defense.

## EDUCATION

**Vanderbilt University School of Law** J.D. 1984  
 Vice Justice of Phi Alpha Delta; member of International Law Society.

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology** B.S. (Political Science) 1981  
 Recipient of PPG Industries National Merit Scholarship.

## LICENSES AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

District of Columbia, 2009; Georgia, 1985; Tennessee, 1984. Winner of Section of the Year Award as Chairman of International Transactions Section, 1989-1990, Atlanta Bar Association. Chairman, Elections Committee, 1989-1991, State Bar of Georgia. American Bar Association, Federalist Society, and Republican National Lawyers Association (winner, Edwin Meese Award, 2009).

## CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Member, Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity (2017-2018)
- Board of Trustees, Public Interest Legal Foundation (2015-present).

- Vice Chairman, Fairfax County, Virginia, Electoral Board (Feb. 2010-Feb. 2013).
- Board of Trustees, Global Centurion (2012-2013).
- Virginia State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (2009-2010).
- Fulton County, Georgia, Board of Registration and Elections, Vice Chairman (2001) and member (1996-2001).
- Spalding Elementary School Parent-Teacher Advisory Board (2000-2001).
- Voting Integrity Project, National Advisory Board (1998-2001).
- Georgia Election Officials Association (1996-2001).
- Fulton County Republican Party, Chairman (1999-2001).
- Good Government for Georgia Committee, General Counsel (1999-2001).
- Sandy Springs Civic Roundtable, President (1996-1997) and Asst. Treasurer and Board of Trustees (1998-2001).
- Sandy Springs Historic Community Foundations, Board of Directors (1998-2001) and Sandy Springs Revitalization, Inc., Board of Advisors (2000-2001).
- Georgia Public Policy Foundation, Board of Advisors (1998-2001).
- Fulton County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (1997-1999) and Fulton County Public-Private Housing Initiative Board (2001).

### **Awards and Honors**

- Drs. W. Glenn and Rita Ricardo Campbell Award (2016), The Heritage Foundation.
- Edwin Meese III Award (2009), Republican National Lawyers Association.
- U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Meritorious Service Award (2003, 2004, and 2005)
- PJ Media 2011 Pulitzer submission for article series “Every Single One.”
- Selected for Coverdell Leadership Institute (1996-1997).
- Section of the Year Award (1990), Atlanta Bar Association.
- PPG Industries Foundation Community Merit Scholarship (1977).

### **Books**

- “Unilateral Actions of President Obama in Voting and Elections,” Chapter 24 in *Liberty’s Nemesis – The Unchecked Expansion of the State*, Dean Reuter and John Yoo, Editors, Encounter Books (2016).
- *Obama’s Enforcer – Eric Holder’s Justice Department*, w/John Fund, HarperCollins (Broadside Books) (2014).
- *Who’s Counting? How Fraudsters and Bureaucrats Put Your Vote at Risk*, w/John Fund, Encounter Books (2012).
- “The National Voter Registration Act,” Chapter 14, *America Votes! A Guide to Modern Election Law and Voting Rights* (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.), Benjamin E. Griffith, Editor, American Bar Association (2012).