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PROFILE

Tom Spulak is the chair of the Government Advocacy and Public Policy Practice Group. Mr. Spulak assists clients in the development and execution of legislative and executive branch strategies for a wide array of issues that include tax, health, energy, aerospace and appropriations.

Throughout his career, Mr. Spulak has been involved in numerous legislative initiatives of national significance. His clients include Embraer S.A., The Coalition to Advance Renewable Energy through Bulk Storage (CAREBS), Bacardi U.S.A., Inc., Cooper Industries, R.J. Reynolds, Astellas Pharma, Inc., Sibley Hospital and Albany Medical Center.

Mr. Spulak also assists clients in complying with federal and state laws that regulate and require the reporting of, the activities of lobbyists, including the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995. He advises and represents clients, with respect to federal and state election laws, including assisting corporations in the establishment and administration of federal and state political action committees.

Most recently, Mr. Spulak served as Outside Counsel to the Democratic members of the U.S. House of Representatives Select Committee to Investigate the Voting Irregularities of August 7, 2007.

Prior to entering private practice, Mr. Spulak served as Democratic Staff Director and General Counsel of the House Committee on Rules, as well as General Counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives. Before joining King & Spalding, he spent twelve years as a partner at Shaw Pittman LLP, also in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Spulak attended the School of Politics and Public Affairs at the University of Miami where he graduated in 1977. He received his Juris Doctor in 1982 from Florida State University College of Law.

Mr. Spulak devotes a considerable amount of time in the service of non-profit entities. He serves as Chairman of the Hospice Foundation of America, as well as Chairman of the Pepper Foundation, a public charity that seeks to address problems faced by older Americans. Mr. Spulak also is a Board member of the Ethics Resource Center.

Memberships

- Pepper Foundation, Chairman
- Hospice Foundation of America, Chairman
- Ethics Resource Center, Board Member
- The George Washington University Center for Latin American Issues, Advisory Board Member

PRACTICES

- Congressional Investigations
- Crisis Management
- Crisis Management: Congressional Investigations
- Political Law
- Financial Institutions: Government Advocacy & Public Policy
- Latin America Practice
- Government Advocacy & Public Policy
- Health Government Advocacy
- Healthcare Industry
- Pharma Government Advocacy & Public Policy
- Energy & Natural Resources

EDUCATION

- J.D., Florida State University
- B.A., University of Miami

ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- Florida

NEWS & INSIGHTS

NEWS

- 13 Jun 2014 King & Spalding Earns 34 Practice Rankings and 125 Individual Rankings in Chambers USA 2014 Guide
- 28 May 2013 King & Spalding Earns 35 Practice and 119 Lawyer Rankings in 2013 Chambers USA Guide
- 18 Mar 2013 King & Spalding Health Law And Policy Forum Examines Healthcare Reform, Enforcement Priorities, Life Sciences Developments
- 14 Feb 2013 King & Spalding e-Learn Webcast Explores Congressional Updates for 2013
- 23 Aug 2012 King & Spalding Lawyers Earn 232 Listings in 2013 Best Lawyers in America Guide
- 20 Aug 2012 King & Spalding Selected as One of the Top 50 Lobbying Practices
- 07 Jun 2012 Chambers Again Counts King & Spalding as One of the Top U.S. Law Firms
- 13 Jun 2011 King & Spalding Earns 36 Practice Rankings and 114 Individual Lawyer Recognitions in 2011 Chambers USA Guide
- 25 Apr 2011 King & Spalding's Government Insiders to Discuss Congress' Influence on Rulemaking at Upcoming e-Learn Seminar
- 19 Nov 2010 King & Spalding Hosts Seminars on EPA's New Greenhouse Gas Guidelines
- 27 Oct 2010 King & Spalding Government Insiders Provide Post-Election Analysis at Upcoming e-Learn
- 11 Mar 2010 e-Learn with King & Spalding's Spulak and Hrvatin Brings Lobbyists Up-to-Date on New Rules, Regulations
- 20 Jul 2009 King & Spalding's July e-Learn Discusses Waxman-Markey Bill Contents and Potential Business Impact of 2010 EPA Emissions...
- 18 Mar 2009 King & Spalding's e-Learn Explores Political Law and Key Legislative Developments
- 10 Nov 2008 King & Spalding Sponsors Post-Election Analysis Seminar
- 16 Jun 2008 King & Spalding's June e-Learn Reviews Semi-Annual Reporting and Certification Requirements of the Lobbying Disclosure Act
- 08 Nov 2007 King & Spalding's November eLearn Sheds Light on Recent Changes to Lobbying Disclosure Rules
- 19 Feb 2007 King & Spalding's February E-Learn Seminar Brings the Firm's Washington Heavyweights Together to Discuss Congress' New Look
- 02 Feb 2006 King & Spalding February E-Learn Seminar Examines Lobbying and Political Contributions
- 11 Mar 2005 Former U.S. Senators Connie Mack and Dan Coats to Lead King & Spalding's Expanded Government Relations Practice

PUBLICATIONS

- 22 Dec 2014 Washington Insight – December 22, 2014
- 12 Dec 2014 The Corporate Lobbyist's Toolkit – December 2014
- 23 Jul 2014 Washington Insight – July 23, 2014
- 15 Jul 2014 House invokes historic principle: Opposing view | *USA Today*
- 08 May 2014 Washington Insight – May 8, 2014
- 29 Apr 2014 Obama's Trade Dilemma | *The Hill*
- 25 Apr 2014 2015 Appropriations Bills: Are More Policy Riders Inevitable? | *The Hill*
- 06 Mar 2014 Washington Insight – March 6, 2014
- 12 Feb 2014 Expect Trade Promotion Authority Bill To Pass | *Law360*
- 30 Jan 2014 Washington Insight Special Report: The President's State of the Union Address
- 21 Jan 2014 Washington Insight – January 21, 2014
- 19 Nov 2013 Lobbying, Campaign Finance and Ethics – What Are the New Risks and Pitfalls for Corporations?
- 20 Aug 2013 Bring back the legislative veto | *The Hill*
- 12 Aug 2013 Washington Insight – August 12, 2013
- 26 Jun 2013 Washington Insight – June 26, 2013
- 22 May 2013 The IRS: Too eager to please? | *The Hill*

15 May 2013 Washington Insight – May 15, 2013

12 Apr 2013 Washington Insight – April 12, 2013

03 Apr 2013 Lobbyist de-registration: Be careful what you wish for | *The Hill*

07 Mar 2013 Washington Insight – March 7, 2013

15 Feb 2013 President Obama Issues Executive Order on Cybersecurity

14 Feb 2013 Congress Solicits Climate Change Recommendations From Over 300 Businesses and Organizations

25 Jan 2013 Washington Insight – January 23, 2013

25 Jan 2013 Washington Insight: Corporate Lobbyist's Toolkit – January 2013

10 Jan 2013 Energy Newsletter - January 2013

07 Jan 2013 Cybersecurity Provisions Enacted under 2013 National Defense Authorization Act

04 Jan 2013 Wind Power and Biofuel Production Tax Credits Survive Fiscal Cliff

03 Jan 2013 Washington Insight - January 3, 2013

08 Nov 2012 Predicting the Impact of the 2012 Elections

05 Oct 2012 Washington Insight - October 5, 2012

20 Sep 2012 Fortune 500 CEOs Receive Request Letter on Cybersecurity From Senator Rockefeller

19 Sep 2012 Greater Scrutiny of Corporate Lobbying and Political Activity Underway

11 Sep 2012 Washington Insight - September 11, 2012

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17 Jul 2012 Corporations Have A Right To Be Represented in Washington | *The Hill*

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02 Jul 2012 SCOTUS Ruling on the Affordable Care Act: Individual Mandate Upheld as a Tax, Limits Imposed on Medicaid Expansion

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11 May 2012 Congress Watching Trans-Pacific Partnership Negotiations for Impact on Buy American Procurement Policies

08 May 2012 Washington Insight - May 8, 2012

24 Apr 2012 Washington Insight - April 24, 2012

16 Apr 2012 Federal Court Requires Greater Disclosure of Corporations that Fund Electioneering Communications. Donors Beware.

10 Apr 2012 Government Contractors Aren't The Problem They're Made Out To Be | *The Hill*

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01 Mar 2012 Energy Newsletter - March 2012

23 Feb 2012 Corporate Political Activities | *Bloomberg Law Report*

13 Jan 2012 Energy Issues At Play In End-Of-Year Brinkmanship | *Law360*

01 Jan 2012 Energy Newsletter - January 2012

12 Dec 2011 ViewPoints - Issue 12 - Challenges In Board Leadership | *Lead Director Network*

29 Nov 2011 Abramoff Still Doesn't Have a Clue | *The Hill*

01 Nov 2011 Energy Newsletter - November 2011

11 Oct 2011 Requirements Within The Lobbying Disclosure Act | *The Hill*

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21 Sep 2011 Congressional Investigation of Solyndra, Inc. and Department of Energy Loan Programs Office

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10 Aug 2011 Lobbying Disclosure Act in need of more thorough review | *The Hill*

04 Aug 2011 The Budget Control Act of 2011--A Crisis Avoided

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12 May 2011 Fundraising Is A Tricky Business | *The Hill*

24 Mar 2011 Legislation Enacted in the State of Georgia Makes Key Changes to Lobbying Law

01 Mar 2011 Pass A Disclosure Act, Not The Disclose Act | *The Hill*

22 Feb 2011 Recent Congressional Activity Presents Opportunity for Medical Device Industry

17 Feb 2011 Easing of Restrictions on Travel to Cuba Brings New Opportunities

24 Jan 2011 President Obama Signs Executive Order to Require Rulemaking and Regulatory Review

24 Jan 2011 Health Headlines

12 Nov 2010 The Impact of the November 2 Elections on International Trade

08 Sep 2010 Investment Advisers Subject to New SEC Pay-to-Play Restrictions

18 Aug 2010 Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (H.R. 4173)

29 Jun 2010 Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act

20 May 2010 Senators Kerry and Lieberman Unveil Long-Awaited Climate Bill

13 Apr 2010 Lobbyists Don't Have Power, Their Interests Do | *The Hill*

22 Jan 2010 Supreme Court Decision Creates Opportunities for Increased Political Activities by Corporations

02 Dec 2009 K Street Insiders: Why the OCE is not necessary | *The Hill*

07 Oct 2009 K Street Insiders: What makes a special interest special? | *The Hill*

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10 Jun 2009 K Street Insiders: Campaign contributions, appropriations process don't mix | *The Hill*

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16 Apr 2009 U.S. Cuba Policy—Shifting Emerging Opportunities for American Business

27 Mar 2009 The Corporate Lobbyist's Toolkit

28 Feb 2009 The Corporate Lobbyist's Toolkit

14 Oct 2008 House Financial Crisis Hearings Probe Lehman Brothers and AIG; Signal Legislative Reforms

06 Oct 2008 Financial Crisis Oversight Hearings Scheduled Before House Oversight and Government Reform Committee

24 Sep 2008 Playing the Political Game While Avoiding Prosecution

25 Jun 2008 New Compliance Certification Due July 30 For Companies That Employ Lobbyists

22 Aug 2007 Congress Completes its Work on Ethics Reform

05 Jan 2007 House of Representatives Enacts Broad Changes to Gift and Travel Rules for Lobbyists

EVENTS

12 Feb 2015 Washington Insight: The 114th Congress Kicks Off

12 Nov 2014 Washington Insight: The Lame Duck

05 Nov 2014 **Washington Insight: Recapping the 2014 Midterm Elections**

04 Sep 2014 **Washington Insight – Countdown to Adjournment: What to Expect in the Remainder of the Session, the Mid-Term Elections, and a**

18 Jun 2014 **Washington Insight: Corporate Inversions**

11 Apr 2014 **Washington Insight – A Look at Congress Three Months into 2014: Budget, Taxes, Energy and International Upheaval**

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18 Dec 2013 **Washington Insight: Wrapping Up 2013 and a Peek at 2014**

19 Nov 2013 **Campaign Finance, Lobbying and Ethics – What are the New Risks and Pitfalls for Corporations?**

23 Oct 2013 **Washington Insight Economic Roundtable**

24 Jul 2013 **Washington Insight Congressional Update: Congress Scrambles to Address Unfinished Business With the Recess Fast Approaching**

13 Jun 2013 **Can the Use of Government Information to Make Trading and other Market Decisions be Done Legally and Ethically?**

15 May 2013 **Washington Insight Congressional Update: Will the President and Congress be Successful in Negotiating a Budget Deal?**

20 Mar 2013 **Recent Developments in Political Law**

18 Mar 2013 **22nd Annual Health Law and Policy Forum**

20 Feb 2013 **Washington Insight Congressional Update: New Year, New Congress and a Second Term for President Obama**

14 Nov 2012 **What Comes Next: Healthcare Policy After the 2012 Elections**

07 Nov 2012 **Predicting the Impact of the 2012 Elections**

18 Oct 2012 **West Coast Medical Device Summit**

17 Oct 2012 **West Coast Medical Device Summit**

24 Jan 2012 **The 2012 Elections: What Every Corporate Executive and Counsel Must Know About Corporate Political Activity**

27 Apr 2011 **Congress vs. the Administration**

15 Dec 2010 **Countdown to January 2, 2011: Greenhouse Gas Permitting Begins - Houston**

14 Dec 2010 **Countdown to January 2, 2011: Greenhouse Gas Permitting Begins - Atlanta**

30 Nov 2010 **3rd Annual King & Spalding Pharmaceutical University | Philadelphia, PA**

04 Nov 2010 **2010 Post-Election Analysis: What to Expect**