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Practice Areas

Lobbying & Public Policy

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New Jersey

Languages

French

David serves as the co-leader of the firm's Lobbying & Public Policy practice group. Throughout a nearly two decade-long career as a lawyer and lobbyist, David has represented government affairs clients in Trenton and Washington, D.C., in a diverse cross-section of sectors, including financial and insurance, health and hospital, technology, utilities, development and construction, and public entities. He has led client matters under the administration of every New Jersey governor since 1997 and in the Legislature under both Republican and Democratic control. He has also worked with almost every state department, agency, board, authority, and commission in New Jersey over the span of his career and has particular experience with the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance (NJDOBI), Department of Human Services, Department of Community Affairs, Board of Public Utilities, and Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

For example, David led the effort to obtain approval for the first *de novo* health insurer in New Jersey in over a decade, and he regularly represents insurers in regulatory matters at the NJDOBI. In addition, his proficiency in local and state procurement law has supported companies with business development interests at the municipal, county, state, and federal levels. He also regularly represents gas, electric, cable, water, and wastewater utilities in government affairs matters in New Jersey. In the public policy arena, David played prominent roles in the repeal of the death penalty and the approval of stem cell research in New Jersey. He has extensive experience with matters involving the office of the Chief Counsel, the Governor's Authorities Unit, and Policy Shop.

He has been included on *New Jersey Super Lawyers* and *Best Lawyers* lists, as well as "40 Under 40" lists by both the *New Jersey Law Journal* and *NJBIZ*.

Additionally, David is the Partner-In-Charge of FBT Gibbons' Trenton office.

Other Info About David

Education

Seton Hall University School of Law, J.D.

- Member, Moot Court Board
- Semi Finalist, Eugene Gressman Appellate Moot Court Competition

Fordham University, B.A.

La Sorbonne, Universite de Paris, France, Diplôme Annuelle, June 1989

Clerkships

Law clerk to the Honorable Amos C. Saunders, Presiding Judge Chancery Division, Paterson, New Jersey, 1995-1996

Legal intern to the Honorable Harold A. Margolis, Presiding Judge Chancery Division, and the Honorable Murray G. Simon, Superior Court Judge, Newark, New Jersey, 1995

Courts

United States District Court for the District of New Jersey

Recognition

Included on the *ROI-NJ* "Government & Public Affairs" Influencers Power list, 2026

Included on the Insider NJ 2025 "Top 100 Lobbyist Power List"

Included on the Insider NJ 2025 "Insider 100: Policy Makers Power List" and "Insider 100: Legal Power List"

Included on the *NJBIZ* "Law Power" list, 2025

Recognized by Best Lawyers®, 2027 Edition: Government Relations Practice

Recognized by Best Lawyers®: "Lawyer of the Year," Government Relations Practice in Princeton, NJ (2017, 2021, 2024, 2026 Editions)

Included on the *NJBIZ* "Leaders in Law" list, 2023

Included on the *Insider NJ* "Insider 100: Lobbying Power" list, 2022, 2023, 2024

Included on the *New Jersey Super Lawyers Rising Stars* list, Government Relations lists, 2006-2008

Included on the *ROI-NJ* "Influencers Power List: Government Affairs" lists, 2022, 2023

Professional Affiliations

New Jersey State Bar Association
Public Utility Section
Health and Hospital Section
Insurance Section

Passaic County Bar Association

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