GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND LEGISLATION

With a practice that spans across the Midwest and nationally, we advocate for our clients and provide sophisticated solutions for their business needs.

Since 1988, Calfee’s Government Relations and Legislation practice has been respected for its political savvy and effectiveness, legal expertise, honesty, and relationships with all levels of local, state and federal government on both sides of the political aisle.

Calfee’s Government Relations and Legislation team spans across the Midwest and nationally, including Washington, D.C. We are continuously building and strengthening relationships with key decision makers, from legislative aides to top lawmakers and officials, to advocate for our clients and work with them to provide sophisticated solutions for their business needs.

Many of our lawyers and lobbyists have formerly served in governmental positions, including capacities such as the mayor of a major city, director of a state cabinet-level agency, and member of the U.S. Congress. Our collective knowledge and experiences allow us to analyze the law and political climate, anticipate how it may affect businesses, and execute a plan that will help clients communicate and work effectively with all levels of government.

As one of the top law firms in Ohio, Calfee lobbyists also have the legal background and immediate resources of lawyers in offices across the state and in Washington, D.C. who provide a variety of specialized services. We are able to analyze the law for our clients, anticipate how it may impact their business, and strategize and execute a plan of action.

Our Government Relations team frequently works in conjunction with our wholly owned subsidiary, Calfee Strategic Solutions, a government relations and public affairs firm that helps clients achieve their business objectives through strong relationships with key decision makers in Ohio, Kentucky, and Washington, D.C.
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NOTEWORTHY

Calfee was selected for inclusion in the 2020 "Best Law Firms" rankings by *U.S.News –Best Lawyers in America* for Government Relations practice (Metropolitan Tier 1 Columbus).

EXPERIENCE

Calfee is proud to lobby for clients such as:

- Alliance for Automotive Innovation
- Case Western Reserve University
- Diageo
- FirstEnergy Corp.
- Gilead Sciences
- JACK Entertainment
- KeyBank
- Ohio Apartment Association
- RPM International Inc.

We act as zealous advocates for all clients across various industries, including:

- Associations
- Banking, financial services and insurance
- Energy
- Environmental and natural resources
- Gaming and hospitality
- Health care
- Higher education
- Manufacturing
- Real estate
- Retail organizations
- Technology
SERVICES

Calfee partners with our clients to deliver superior services that result in success, including:

Legislative Lobbying
- Develop legislative strategy
- Draft legislation
- Prepare testimony
- Build legislative support
- Testify before legislative committees
- Foster legislative relationships with clients
- Monitor legislative activity

Executive Agency Lobbying
- Develop lobbying strategy
- Prepare supporting materials and briefings
- Foster executive agency relationships with clients

Public Policy Advocacy
- Analyze policy and political perspectives
- Develop grass-roots support
- Create coalitions among stakeholders
- Coordinate and analyze media and public relations

Government Contract / Executive Agency Procurement
- Monitor procurement opportunities
- Develop business relationships
- Support State Term Schedule applications
- Counsel on competitive bid requirements
- Assist with public records requests
- Truth-In-Negotiations Act issues
- Buy American / Buy Ohio
- Specification requirements
Agency Regulatory Matters

- Analyze regulations
- Prepare legal and political arguments
- Attend hearings on behalf of clients
- Ensure Executive Order compliance
- Assist with permit and licensing regulations and applications
- Develop compatible required legislation

Administrative Rule-Making Process

- Monitor administrative agencies
- Draft administrative rules
- Impact rule-making process
- Represent clients in public and administrative hearings

Political Action Committees (PACs)

- Review laws and regulations
- Develop strategies for PAC contributions
- Facilitate legal formation
- Handle regulatory functions
- Monitor campaign finance limitations

WEBINARS

7.20.2020 – Webinar With U.S. Congressman Troy Balderson

U.S. Congressman Troy Balderson (R-OH, 12th District) joined Christine Hesse (Lead Principal, Calfee Strategic Solutions Federal Government Relations and Policy), for a conversation about federal economic recovery and stimulus legislation, including the CARES Act, the Paycheck Protection Program and other small business-related relief, and transportation and infrastructure initiatives. Leah Pappas Porner, (Chair, Calfee’s Government Relations & Legislation practice) provided introductory remarks.
6.23.2020 – Webinar With U.S. Congressman Dave Joyce

U.S. Congressman Dave Joyce (R-OH, 14th District) joined John Mino (Partner, Calfee Corporate and Capital Markets) and Christine Hesse (Lead Principal, Calfee Strategic Solutions Federal Government Relations and Policy), to discuss the federal government's ongoing actions to address the COVID pandemic and give an update from the Appropriations Committee.

6.17.2020 – Webinar With J.P. Nauseef, President & Chief Executive Officer of JobsOhio

J.P. Nauseef, President and Chief Executive Officer of JobsOhio, joined Tim Day, Principal, Calfee Strategic Solutions, and Leah Pappas Porner, Chair, Calfee's Government Relations & Legislation practice, to discuss the JobsOhio plan to get Ohioans back to work following the COVID-19 pandemic and the JobsOhio investment in innovation districts across the state.

6.15.2020 – An Analysis of Ohio’s COVID-19 Immunity Legislation With Senator John Eklund

Calfee attorneys Michael VanBuren (Partner, Health Care Regulation), Matthew Mendoza (Partner, Litigation) and moderator Raymond Tarasuck (Senior Counsel, Government Relations & Legislation) were joined by Senator John Eklund, Chair of the Ohio Senate’s Judiciary Committee for a discussion and analysis of Ohio’s COVID-19 Immunity Legislation.

6.11.2020 – Webinar With Ohio Treasurer Robert Sprague

Leah Pappas Porner (Chair, Government Relations and Legislation) and Blake Beachler (Practice Leader, Public Finance) were joined by Ohio Treasurer Robert Sprague where they discussed the impact of COVID-19 on the state of financial systems, the fiscal health of the State of Ohio and local governments, and the initiatives the Treasurer is working on to help individuals, businesses and government entities weather this crisis.
6.09.2020 – Roundtable Discussion With Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley and Former Mayor Charlie Luken

Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley was joined by former Cincinnati Mayor Charlie Luken (Senior Counsel, Calfee Government Relations & Legislation) for a discussion regarding leading through unrest on the heels of a pandemic.

6.02.2020 – Roundtable Discussion With Cuyahoga County Executive Armond Budish

Cuyahoga County Executive Armond Budish joined Ray Tarasuck and Michael Bowen, attorneys with Calfee's Government Relations and Legislation practice group for a discussion regarding Cuyahoga County's response to COVID-19.

5.21.2020 – Roundtable Discussion With U.S. Congressman Anthony Gonzalez

U.S. Congressman Anthony Gonzalez (R-Rocky River) joined John Mino and Brent Pietrafese (Partners, Calfee Corporate and Capital Markets) and Christine Hesse (Lead Principal, Calfee Strategic Solutions Federal Government Relations and Policy), to discuss the early challenges of the CARES Act, including PPP loan eligibility and forgiveness issues, and Anthony's vision to restart the economy.

5.06.2020 – Roundtable Discussion With Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson

Brent Ballard, Calfee Managing Partner, and Ray Tarasuck and Michael Bowen, attorneys with Calfee's Government Relations and Legislation practice group, hosted a webinar roundtable discussion with Cleveland Mayor Frank G. Jackson where the Mayor discussed the city's strategic COVID-19 Recovery Plan.
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4.29.2020 – Webinar With Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers and Neil Bradley of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Tim Day, Principal, Federal Government Relations and Policy with Calfee Strategic Solutions, hosted a webinar discussion with U.S. Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA) and Neil Bradley, Executive Vice President and Chief Policy Officer of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce where they discussed COVID-19 funding and the role technology is playing in our economy.

4.24.2020 – Webinar With Ohio State Senator Matt Huffman

Leah Pappas Porner, Chair, and Josh Sanders, Vice Chair of Calfee’s Government Relations and Legislation practice group, hosted a roundtable discussion webinar with Ohio State Senator Matt Huffman in which he discussed the Senate’s efforts to help Ohio through the COVID-19 crisis, including steps the Chamber has already taken and efforts they are currently pursuing for future legislative action.

NEWS

Seventy-five Calfee Attorneys Selected for Inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2021 and Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch Lists; Three Calfee Lawyers Named to Best Lawyers "Lawyer of the Year"

The Best Lawyers in America©, 08.24.2020

Cincinnati’s Progress Can Be a Model for 2020 Police Reform

Law360, 08.17.2020

Charlie Luken Opinion: I Was the Mayor of Cincinnati When We Reformed Our Police Department Following Racial Unrest – and Crime Has Since Tumbled

MarketWatch, 07.09.2020

Calfee’s Charlie Luken and Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley Roundtable Discussion Featured in News Outlets

06.10.2020
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Michael Bowen Named to The National Black Lawyers Top 40 Under 40 List
_The National Black Lawyers_, 05.05.2020

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**PUBLICATIONS**

Mayor John Cranley Delivers State of the City and Describes the “Cincinnati Miracle”
10.24.2019

Mayor Frank G. Jackson Delivers His State of the City Highlighting Cleveland's Economic Accomplishments
10.11.2019

Legislature Passes Budgets and Hemp Decriminalization Bill; Governor Issues 25 Vetoes
07.18.2019

Governor DeWine Brings State of the State to Columbus
03.05.2019

Ohio Governor Appointments House and Senate Leadership Teams
01.01.2019

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**ALERTS**

Ohio Governor Revises Re-Opening Plan on Face Coverings
04.28.2020

Ohio Governor Announces Phased Re-Opening Plan
04.27.2020

Commission Created to Settle Disputes Over What Constitutes an Essential Business
04.13.2020

Ohio Governor Extends and Strengthens Stay-at-Home Order
04.02.2020
Ohio General Assembly Passes Emergency Pandemic Response Measure
03.25.2020

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