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Experience

Fix the Court

Executive Director

New York, N.Y.

2014–present

Created and run **only national nonpartisan organization** that advocates for greater openness and accountability in the federal judiciary, including the Supreme Court, via expanded broadcast access, stronger ethics and disclosure rules and an end to SCOTUS life tenure.

- **Go-to judicial transparency advocate**; quoted regularly in the press around nominations and when ethics issues and conflicts arise; speak frequently at law schools, nonprofit forums (ACS, CAP, Amer. Acad. of Arts & Sciences) and on Capitol Hill.
- **Produce original research** uncovering misconduct, from missed recusals to favorable loans to lavish travel, lodging and gifts.
- Took age-old 18-year SCOTUS term limits idea, translated it into leg. language and **found sponsors to introduce it** in the House.
- Lead **broad bipartisan coalitions** of former federal judges, state judges and legal/media groups in advocating for reform.
- Write **op-eds** (*N.Y. Times*, *USA TODAY*, *L.A. Times*) and appear on **TV** (MSNBC, PBS, C-SPAN); see TinyURL.com/FTCRoth.
- **Testify before Congress**, identify/cultivate transparency champions in both parties and speak at bill-drop press conferences.
- Conduct **quantitative and qualitative research** to learn what Americans think about “fixes,” how best to convey urgency.
- **Coax views on “fixes” from justices** – likely behind the scenes any time a justice is asked publicly about term limits, ethics, etc.
- Manage staff and consultants who deliver research, writing, digital ads and web content in accordance with strategic direction.
- Regularly activate >200,000 followers on social media and e-mail, who send **thousands of letters to Congress** annually.
- **2020 victories include**: introduction of first-ever statutory proposal to end SCOTUS life tenure; every federal appeals court, including SCOTUS, now livestreams; first-ever bill requiring SCOTUS ethics code, recusal explanations and online disclosures introduced; took on federal judges lobbying against “free PACER” bill in the House and won, as bill passed House unanimously.

SKDKnickerbocker

Vice President

Washington, D.C.

2012 – 2014

Provided strategic communications counsel to advocacy organizations, associations, non-profits and elected officials, including:

- Coordinated messaging for **leading national LGBT groups** ahead of SCOTUS cases on DOMA, Calif.’s same-sex marriage ban.
- Managed policy, media initiatives for leading group of Democratic Latino fundraisers (**Futuro Fund**) and its two offshoots, the **Latino Victory Project**, to unseat anti-immigrant incumbents, and **TheDream.US**, a \$50 million scholarship fund for Dreamers.

Rubenstein Associates

Associate Vice President

New York, N.Y.

2011 – 2012

Served as primary contact on public affairs accounts for education, health care, energy, scientific research and legal clients, including:

- **Mikhail Khodorkovsky**, Russia’s longest-serving political prisoner: wrote messaging and op-eds for Khodorkovsky, his son and allies.
- **AT&T**: Planned outreach events and initiatives with community stakeholders as part of company’s expanded investment in New York.

New York State government

Press Officer, NYS Executive Chamber; Deputy Director of Communication, NYS Department of State

New York, N.Y.

2009 – 2010

- Acted as **on-the-record spokesman**; wrote speeches, op-eds and press releases; executed press events promoting wide range of department programs – e.g., economic development, local government efficiency, environmental protection and census participation.
- **Managed governor’s press events** on education, environment, economic development, small business and housing policy.

The Glover Park Group

Senior Associate

Washington, D.C.

2007 – 2009

Coordinated public affairs accounts in the in the financial services, environmental, civil rights and technology sectors, including:

- **General Motors restructuring**: Served as spokesman for GM’s unsecured creditors, who held half of GM’s \$28 billion debt.
- Vice President Al Gore’s “**Repower America**” campaign: Coordinated media strategy for two-million-strong grassroots effort.

First Coast News (WTLV NBC-12 / WJXX ABC-25)

Producer

Jacksonville, Fla.

2006 – 2007

- **Produced live local evening newscast** for market’s top-rated station, managing anchors, reporters, photographers and editors.

Education

Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University: Master of Science in Journalism, 2006

Washington University in St. Louis: Bachelor of Arts, with honors, 2004