



Newsletter October 14, 2019

Hello, section members!

As promised, we have started our monthly e-news where we will provide an update on a topic of interest. This month, section Vice-Chair Royce Poinsett is sharing information about recent changes to lobbying registration law under FARA. See below for that along with upcoming event dates where we hope to see you soon!



Elizabeth Ross Hadley, Chair

New Texas Lobby Registration Requirement for “Foreign Agents” by Royce Poinsett

Effective September 1, 2019, the Texas Ethics Commission (“TEC”) rules now require a Texas-registered lobbyist who is also registered with the U.S. Department of Justice as a “foreign agent” under the federal Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 (“FARA”) to indicate this in a memo on their Texas Lobby Registration Form with the TEC.

As background, FARA requires an agent of a foreign principal to register with the federal government, including disclosure of income from the foreign principal and the scope of activities as an agent. A FARA registrant is assigned a registration number. The new TEC rule requires a person who registers with the TEC as a lobbyist to disclose their FARA registration number on their lobbyist registration. You can visit this site for more information.

Upcoming Events*

Join us For a Happy Hour and Networking

Where:

Intercontinental Stephen F. Austin Hotel
Stephen F's Bar (second floor)
701 Congress Ave

When:

Wednesday, October 23, 2020, 5 - 7 p.m.



*This event is for section members, so if you know anyone who isn't a section member and should be, please invite them to join!

2019 PAAT Institute

Co-sponsored by the Legislative and Campaign Law Section

Where:

AT&T Conference Center, 1900 University Ave., Austin

When: November 14, 2020

Legislative and Campaign Law members can take advantage of a special 'Introduction to PAAT' rate.

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Save The Date

Legislative and Campaign Law Annual CLE

Where:

Texas Law Center, 1414 Colorado St., Austin, TX

When: Tuesday, December 3, 2020

