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RECENT LOBBYING, ETHICS & CAMPAIGN FINANCE UPDATES

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Campaign Finance & Lobbying Compliance

Federal agents executed a search warrant on Rudy Giuliani's home and office, reportedly as part of an investigation into whether Giuliani worked on behalf of foreign interests without registering under the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA). (Sonam Sheth, *Insider*)

Jamie Schwartz, former campaign manager for U.S. Representative Steve Chabot, was charged with wire fraud and falsifying records related to embezzling more than \$1.4 million from the campaign's account. (Scott Wartman, *Cincinnati Enquirer*)

Kansas: An Overland Park city councilman, Scot Hamblin, now faces thousands of dollars in fines from the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission because he ignored notices and hearings related to misuse of campaign funds in the amount of \$87.57. (Katie Bernard & Sarah Ritter, *The Kansas City Star*)

New York: After two years without a permanent agency head, the Joint Commission on Public Ethics (JCOPE) hired former state trial judge Sanford Berland to be the agency's fourth Executive Director. (Chris Bragg, *Times Union*)

Government Ethics & Transparency

New York: A number of individuals working in high-level positions for Governor Cuomo as “volunteers” have resigned after the legislature repealed an executive order that had allowed them to hold the positions without filing state financial disclosure forms and being subject to revolving-door lobbying rules. (Bernadette Hogan, *New York Post*)

Redistricting

Following the 2020 Census, the U.S. House of Representatives has been reapportioned with the following states gaining seats: Oregon, Montana, Colorado, North Carolina, Florida and Texas (2). California, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and New York each lost a seat. (Alayna Treene, *Axios*)