

# Anita Dunn

**Anita B. Dunn** (born January 8, 1958) is an American political strategist who served as Acting White House Communications Director from April through November 2009. She is a senior partner at SKDKnickerbocker, a strategic communications firm in Washington, D.C..

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## Life and career

Dunn was raised in Bethesda, Maryland, the daughter of Albert E. Babbitt and Carol Hutto Babbitt. Her father's brother was the modernist composer, Milton Babbitt. She began her career in the Carter White House,<sup>[1]</sup> first as an intern for White House Communications Director Gerald Rafshoon and then worked for chief of staff Hamilton Jordan.

She worked on the campaign of Senator John Glenn (D-OH) in 1984,<sup>[1]</sup> and on Capitol Hill before joining the firm founded by Bob Squier and William Knapp in 1993. She has been the adviser to Senator Bill Bradley (D-NJ),<sup>[2]</sup> including serving as the chief strategist for his presidential campaign, Senator Evan Bayh (D-IN), former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle (D-SD). In 2004, Anita produced the media for Congressman Lloyd Doggett (D-TX).<sup>[3]</sup> She was hired by then-Senator Barack Obama in 2006 to direct communications and strategy for his political action committee, The Hopefund. This move signaled to many that Obama was planning to run for the presidency. While advising Hopefund and Obama in 2006, she was instrumental in the preparations for the launch of Obama for America, and brought many key staffers to the Obama campaign with whom she had worked in Bayh's and Daschle's offices.

## Obama campaign

Anita Dunn
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White House Director of Communications
<span><b>Acting</b></span>
<span><b>In office</b></span>
April 21, 2009 <span> </span> – <span> </span> November 30, 2009
President
Barack Obama
Preceded by
Ellen Moran
Succeeded by
Dan Pfeiffer
Personal details
Born
January 8, 1958
Political party
Democratic
Spouse(s)
Bob Bauer
Children
1 son
Education
University of Maryland, College Park (BA)

In April 2008, it was announced that Dunn, who had joined the Obama campaign in February, would be the director of communications, policy and research operations for Obama for America, where she held the title Senior Adviser and was one of the major decision makers of the Obama campaign. She was featured as one of four top advisers (along with David Axelrod, David Plouffe, and Robert Gibbs) in a 60 Minutes interview held after then President-elect Obama's November 4, 2008 victory speech at Grant Park, Chicago, Illinois. She was described, in the 60 Minutes interview, as, "a relative newcomer who handled communications, research and policy."<sup>[4]</sup> During the presidential transition of 2008-09, Dunn trained White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs.

## White House Communications Director

Dunn served as interim White House Communications Director. She took the lead in the Obama administration's criticism of the Fox News Channel.<sup>[5]</sup>

On Sunday, October 11, 2009, she appeared on CNN's *Reliable Sources* and was asked to discuss a statement she made to Time magazine regarding Fox News, "it's opinion journalism masquerading as news."<sup>[6]</sup> She responded by saying, "if you were a Fox News viewer in the fall election, what you would have seen would have been that the biggest stories and biggest threats facing America were a guy named Bill Ayers and something called ACORN. The reality of it is that Fox News often operates almost as either the research arm or the communications arm of the Republican Party."<sup>[7]</sup> She added, "And it's not ideological. Obviously, there are many commentators who have conservative, liberal, centrist, and everybody understands that. But I think what is fair to say about FOX and certainly the way we view it is that it really is more a wing of the Republican Party."<sup>[8]</sup>

Dunn left her interim post at the end of November 2009 and was replaced by her deputy Dan Pfeiffer.<sup>[9]</sup>

After leaving the White House, Dunn rejoined SKDK. She has maintained strong connections with the administration and White House records show that she has visited there over 100 times since 2009. The firm added many Obama administration insiders. Criticism has been raised about some of the clients represented by the firm. In particular, SKDKnickerbocker corporate clients include such controversial companies as the for-profit Kaplan University and TransCanada Corp., the developer of the Keystone XL pipeline.<sup>[10]</sup> The progressive social change organization CredoAction mounted a petition calling on Ms. Dunn to stop working on behalf of TransCanada calling it a "betrayal of the commitments that so many of us worked so hard for, and that Dunn herself played a huge role in shaping."<sup>[11]</sup>

## 2012 Obama campaign

During the 2012 Obama campaign, Dunn helped Obama prepare for the debates.<sup>[12]</sup>

## Personal life

Dunn is married to Robert Bauer, former partner at Perkins Coie and former personal counsel to President Obama and the White House Counsel.<sup>[13]</sup> Bauer has also been the general counsel of Obama for America since January 2007.<sup>[14][15]</sup>

In 2008, Newsweek named Dunn and Bauer the new "power couple" in Washington, D.C.<sup>[16]</sup>

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# *Clinton Campaign and Democratic Party Helped Pay for Russia Trump Dossier*

By **Kenneth P. Vogel**

Oct. 24, 2017

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Marc Elias outside the Supreme Court in Washington last year.  
J. Scott Applewhite/Associated Press

At the time that Democrats began paying for the research, Mr. Trump was in the process of clinching the Republican presidential nomination, and Ms. Clinton's allies were scrambling to figure out how to run against a candidate who had already weathered attacks from Republican rivals about his shifting policy positions, his character and his business record.

Fusion GPS hired Christopher Steele, a respected former British spy with extensive experience in Russia, to conduct research into any possible connections between Mr. Trump, his businesses, campaign team and Russia.

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With all of the spinning that this shows "collusion" between the Clinton campaign and the Russian government or is somehow nefarious, all I can say is thank God for the appointment of Robert Mueller. He's not a partisan prosecutor and he's certainly not

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The contents of the memos circulated in Washington in late 2016, and were briefed to Mr. Trump by senior American intelligence officials during the presidential transition. The memos, which became known as the “Steele Dossier,” were made public by BuzzFeed — sparking an ongoing debate about their accuracy and about who funded the research.

Fusion GPS was started by three former Wall Street Journal employees. The firm worked directly with Perkins Coie and its lead election lawyer, Marc Elias, according to the law firm spokesperson, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive information about confidential business relationships. The law firm’s payments to Fusion GPS for the Russia research ended just before Election Day, the spokesperson said.

The spokesperson said that neither the Clinton campaign, nor the D.N.C., was aware that Fusion GPS had been hired to conduct the research.

Earlier this year, Mr. Elias had denied that he had possessed the dossier before the election.

Anita Dunn, a veteran Democratic operative working with Perkins Coie, said on Tuesday that Mr. Elias “was certainly familiar with some of, but not all, of the information” in the dossier. But, she said “he didn’t have and hadn’t seen the full document, nor was he involved in pitching it to reporters.” And Mr. Elias “was not at liberty to confirm Perkins Coie as the client at that point,” Ms. Dunn said.

Hillary Clinton with Brian Fallon, her campaign's national press secretary, last year. On Tuesday, Mr. Fallon said he did not know that the author of a dossier on Mr. Trump was working on behalf of Mrs. Clinton's campaign.

Brendan Smialowski/Agence France-Presse — Getty Images

Brian Fallon, who served as a spokesman for the Clinton campaign, on Tuesday wrote on Twitter that he did not know that Mr. Steele had been working on behalf of the Clinton campaign before the election.

"If I had, I would have volunteered to go to Europe and try to help him," Mr. Fallon wrote.

A lawyer and spokeswoman for Fusion GPS did not respond to requests for comment.

A spokeswoman for the D.N.C. sought to distance the national party from the work, noting that the party's chairman, Tom Perez, was elected only after last year's election. He and his leadership team "were not involved in any decision-making regarding Fusion GPS, nor were they aware that Perkins Coie was working with the organization," said Xochitl Hinojosa, the D.N.C. spokeswoman.

The work by Fusion GPS on the dossier has come under scrutiny from congressional investigators, who have questioned one of its founders and subpoenaed its banking records to try to determine who funded the research.

Fusion GPS is fighting the subpoena in federal court, and Mr. Gehringer's letter was produced in connection with that legal case.

In the letter, Mr. Gehringer praised Fusion GPS for its "efforts to fulfill your obligation to maintain client confidentiality. In the circumstances, however, we believe it is appropriate to release Fusion GPS from this obligation as it relates to the identity of Perkins Coie."

Mr. Gehringer added that, "given the interest in this issue, we believe it would be appropriate for all parties who hired Fusion GPS in connection with the 2016 presidential campaign to release Fusion GPS from this obligation as well."

**Correction:** October 28, 2017

*Because of an editing error, an earlier version of this article misstated the position of Matthew J. Gehringer at the law firm Perkins Coie. He is the general counsel, not a managing partner.*

Maggie Haberman contributed reporting.

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To: adunn@barackobama.com

CC: john.podesta@gmail.com

Date: 2008-09-01 17:57

Subject: RE:

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That's great. We're meeting from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. tomorrow We had scheduled Jim towards the beginning of the meeting. But we can work around your schedule. We're meeting at Perkins Coie. What time could you be there? Looping in John.

From: Anita Dunn

Sent: Monday, September 01, 2008 3:55 PM

To: Chris Lu

Subject: RE:

I'm doing the strategy meeting by conference call from here in DC since Stephen is starting school - so I could do this. What time are you thinking of since we have orientation from 9:30 to 11:30? And where would the meeting take place?

Also Dan and I want to move ahead with a recommendation for you and Podesta to speak with Bradley Tusk and obviously Olivia.

Bradley Tusk: 347-302-3149 [bradley.tusk@gmail.com](mailto:bradley.tusk@gmail.com)

From: Chris Lu

Sent: Monday, September 01, 2008 2:29 PM

To: Anita Dunn

Subject:

Just checking on whether you're in D.C. or Chicago tomorrow. We're having a transition meeting at Perkins Coie, and Podesta wanted Margolis

to talk about campaign themes and message. But now he has to be in Chicago for a meeting. Don't know if you're in the same meeting as well, but I thought I'd check to see if you could do a quick half-hour presentation for us.

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In Bob's 30 years of practice, he has provided counseling and representation on matters involving regulation of political activity before the courts and administrative agencies of national party committees, candidates, political committees, individuals, federal officeholders, corporations and trade associations, and tax-exempt groups.

Bob is the author of several books — *United States Federal Election Law* (1982, 1984), *Soft Money Hard Law: A Guide to the New Campaign Finance Law* (2002) and *More Soft Money Hard Law: The Second Edition of the Guide to the New Campaign Finance Law* (2004) — and numerous articles. He also serves on the National Advisory Board of *Journal of Law and Politics*. In 2000, he received the prestigious "Burton Award for Legal Achievement" for his legal writing. Bob is a 1976 graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law, where he was named Hardy Dillard Fellow in legal writing.

Bob returned to the firm after a period of service to President Barack Obama as his White House counsel from December of 2009 until June of 2011. He is now General Counsel to the President's re-election committee, to Obama for America and General Counsel to the Democratic National Committee. He has also served as co-counsel to the New Hampshire State Senate in the trial of The Hon. Chief Justice David A. Brock (2000); general counsel to the Bill Bradley for President Committee (1999 - 2000); and counsel to the Democratic Leader in the trial of President William Jefferson Clinton (1999). He has co-authored numerous bipartisan reports, including "Report of Counsel to the Senate Rules and Administration Committee in the Matter of the United States Senate Seat From Louisiana" in the 105th Congress of the United States (March 27, 1997); "Campaign Finance Reform," A Report to the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the United States Senate (March 6, 1990); and "The Presidential Election Process in the Philippines" (1986), a bipartisan report prepared at the request of the Chairman and Ranking Member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### Professional Recognition

- Listed as one of the "100 Most Influential Attorneys" by *National Law Journal*, 2006
- Listed in *Chambers USA*, "America's Leading Political Law Lawyers," 2006 - 2009, 2012
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*
- Received the Burton Award for Legal Achievement, 2000
- Peer Review Rated AV in *Martindale-Hubbell*

#### Professional Leadership

- American Bar Association, Advisory Commission on Election Law
- University of Virginia, *Journal of Law and Politics*, National Advisory Board
- *Election Law Journal*, Editorial Board

#### Education

- University of Virginia School of Law, J.D., 1976
- Harvard University, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1973

#### Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia



# Bob Bauer Leaving Perkins Coie After More than 35 Years

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## Political Law Expert to Devote More Time to Teaching and Writing

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (May 15, 2018)** – Perkins Coie announced today that Bob Bauer, partner and former White House Counsel to President Obama, will be leaving Perkins Coie after more than 35 years with the firm to devote more time to his teaching at New York University School of Law and his writing and speaking on contemporary topics in constitutional law, legal ethics and political reform. Bauer will maintain his representation of a number of key clients in an individual, solo capacity and will co-counsel with Perkins Coie on a number of those representations.

Since 2011, Bauer has been on the faculty of NYU Law, where he is Professor of Practice and Distinguished Scholar in Residence, and Co-Director of the Legislative and Regulatory Practice Clinic.

Bauer began his career in the wake of Watergate and, in 1980, founded Perkins Coie's Political Law practice, which he chaired for 28 years as it became the dominant practice in the field. Perkins Coie now has the largest political law practice in the country, with more than 40 lawyers and other professionals.

"When I came out of law school in 1976, the country was just beginning to regulate the political process in a way that hadn't been true before," said Bauer. "At Perkins Coie, we built a practice and defined the field in a way that you just do not find at other law firms. I'm proud of the work we have accomplished, the team we have built and the clients we continue to serve. I am grateful to Perkins Coie for all the opportunities the firm has afforded me and I am pleased I will have occasion to work with my former colleagues for clients we have served together over the years."

Bauer has practiced at Perkins Coie since 1980, with the exception of his service as White House Counsel to President Obama in 2010 through July 2011, and his service as Counsel to the Senate Minority Leader during the impeachment trial of President Clinton in 1999. In 2013, President Obama named Bauer as the Co-Chair of the Presidential Commission on Election Administration, which produced unanimous bi-partisan recommendations to improve the American voting experience, focusing on structural and legal reforms, and identifying best administrative practice.

In addition to teaching and practicing law, Bauer is the author of several books and articles for legal periodicals. He is a Contributing Editor for *Lawfare*, a regular contributor to *Just Security*, and a periodic contributor of opinion pieces to other publications, such as the *Washington Post* and the *New York Times*.

He also appears regularly to speak on contemporary legal topics on MSNBC, CNN, and other media outlets.

“Bob has been an extraordinary colleague in his 35 years with us,” said Perkins Coie’s Managing Partner, John Devaney. “Through his dedication to his clients, his talents as a lawyer, and his unwavering support for his colleagues, Bob has been a role model for so many of us. His part in shaping who we are as a firm, including as the founder of our Political Law practice and the former Chair of our Executive Committee, will be felt for years to come. We are grateful to Bob for his many contributions, and we are pleased that we will continue to have the opportunity to work with him to serve our political law clients.”

“We at NYU Law are tremendously proud to call Bob Bauer our colleague,” said Trevor Morrison, Dean of New York University School of Law. “His decades-long career in practice is a source of great wisdom and insight for both his teaching and his research. He is the model Professor of Practice, and we are thrilled that he will be spending even more time at NYU Law going forward.”

Bauer’s continuing private practice will include select clients, including The Obama Foundation, The Biden Foundation, and he is a personal counsel to former President Barack Obama. Bauer also will work on a number of ongoing representations with Perkins Coie as co-counsel. He will divide his time between New York and Washington, D.C.

### **Bauer Career Highlights:**

Bauer was General Counsel to Obama for America, the former president’s campaign organization, in 2008 and 2012, and served as General Counsel to the Democratic National Committee. Bob has also served as co-counsel to the New Hampshire State Senate in the trial of Chief Justice David A. Brock (2000); general counsel to the Bill Bradley for President Committee (1999-2000); and counsel to the Democratic Leader in the trial of President William Jefferson Clinton (1999).

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The contents of the memos circulated in Washington in late 2016, and were briefed to Mr. Trump by senior American intelligence officials during the presidential transition. The memos, which became known as the “Steele Dossier,” were made public by BuzzFeed — sparking an ongoing debate about their accuracy and about who funded the research.

Fusion GPS was started by three former Wall Street Journal employees. The firm worked directly with Perkins Coie and its lead election lawyer, Marc Elias, according to the law firm spokesperson, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive information about confidential business relationships. The law firm’s payments to Fusion GPS for the Russia research ended just before Election Day, the spokesperson said.

The spokesperson said that neither the Clinton campaign, nor the D.N.C., was aware that Fusion GPS had been hired to conduct the research.

Earlier this year, Mr. Elias had denied that he had possessed the dossier before the election.

Anita Dunn, a veteran Democratic operative working with Perkins Coie, said on Tuesday that Mr. Elias “was certainly familiar with some of, but not all, of the information” in the dossier. But, she said “he didn’t have and hadn’t seen the full document, nor was he involved in pitching it to reporters.” And Mr. Elias “was not at liberty to confirm Perkins Coie as the client at that point,” Ms. Dunn said.

Hillary Clinton with Brian Fallon, her campaign's national press secretary, last year. On Tuesday, Mr. Fallon said he did not know that the author of a dossier on Mr. Trump was working on behalf of Mrs. Clinton's campaign.

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Brian Fallon, who served as a spokesman for the Clinton campaign, on Tuesday wrote on Twitter that he did not know that Mr. Steele had been working on behalf of the Clinton campaign before the election.

"If I had, I would have volunteered to go to Europe and try to help him," Mr. Fallon wrote.

A lawyer and spokeswoman for Fusion GPS did not respond to requests for comment.

A spokeswoman for the D.N.C. sought to distance the national party from the work, noting that the party's chairman, Tom Perez, was elected only after last year's election. He and his leadership team "were not involved in any decision-making regarding Fusion GPS, nor were they aware that Perkins Coie was working with the organization," said Xochitl Hinojosa, the D.N.C. spokeswoman.

The work by Fusion GPS on the dossier has come under scrutiny from congressional investigators, who have questioned one of its founders and subpoenaed its banking records to try to determine who funded the research.

Fusion GPS is fighting the subpoena in federal court, and Mr. Gehringer's letter was produced in connection with that legal case.

In the letter, Mr. Gehringer praised Fusion GPS for its "efforts to fulfill your obligation to maintain client confidentiality. In the circumstances, however, we believe it is appropriate to release Fusion GPS from this obligation as it relates to the identity of Perkins Coie."

Mr. Gehringer added that, "given the interest in this issue, we believe it would be appropriate for all parties who hired Fusion GPS in connection with the 2016 presidential campaign to release Fusion GPS from this obligation as well."

**Correction:** October 28, 2017

*Because of an editing error, an earlier version of this article misstated the position of Matthew J. Gehringer at the law firm Perkins Coie. He is the general counsel, not a managing partner.*

Maggie Haberman contributed reporting.

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To: adunn@barackobama.com

CC: john.podesta@gmail.com

Date: 2008-09-01 17:57

Subject: RE:

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That's great. We're meeting from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. tomorrow We had scheduled Jim towards the beginning of the meeting. But we can work around your schedule. We're meeting at Perkins Coie. What time could you be there? Looping in John.

From: Anita Dunn

Sent: Monday, September 01, 2008 3:55 PM

To: Chris Lu

Subject: RE:

I'm doing the strategy meeting by conference call from here in DC since Stephen is starting school - so I could do this. What time are you thinking of since we have orientation from 9:30 to 11:30? And where would the meeting take place?

Also Dan and I want to move ahead with a recommendation for you and Podesta to speak with Bradley Tusk and obviously Olivia.

Bradley Tusk: 347-302-3149 [bradley.tusk@gmail.com](mailto:bradley.tusk@gmail.com)

From: Chris Lu

Sent: Monday, September 01, 2008 2:29 PM

To: Anita Dunn

Subject:

Just checking on whether you're in D.C. or Chicago tomorrow. We're having a transition meeting at Perkins Coie, and Podesta wanted Margolis

to talk about campaign themes and message. But now he has to be in Chicago for a meeting. Don't know if you're in the same meeting as well, but I thought I'd check to see if you could do a quick half-hour presentation for us.

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Chris Lu

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Joe provides counsel on a number of regulatory issues related to financial services, including the Bank Secrecy Act, FinCEN regulations, Anti-Money Laundering (AML) requirements and state money transmission and financial services laws.

### **Leader in Blockchain Law**

A leader in the blockchain space, Joe represented the State of Washington's first licensed bitcoin company, CoinMe, and first cryptocurrency POS solution for the cannabis industry. He is currently working with a number of cryptocurrency exchanges to obtain their money transmitter licenses and to formalize the requisite internal governance to operate in the United States.

Joe is a key advisor to the Chamber of Digital Commerce, co-chairing its state working group. He also has experience advising the government, having counseled 15 U.S. House Representatives and Senators on ways to integrate blockchain technology into government functions to reduce bureaucracy. He testified before Washington State House and Senate legislative committees considering legislation related to blockchain and cryptocurrency. Joe has also represented clients under threat of enforcement by the Washington State Department of Financial Institutions.

### **Privacy and Data Threats and Regulatory Compliance**

When security threats emerge, Joe manages a rapid response enforcement team to vigorously defend clients, such as Facebook, against illegal spamming, phishing, pretexting and other forms of malicious internet behavior. Actions to prosecute individuals whose behavior interferes with client websites or internet

activity often include extensive internet forensic work, cease-and-desist actions and formal litigation.

Joe advises clients regarding compliance with state and federal privacy and data protection laws, including anti-spamming and anti-phishing statutes, computer intrusion laws, and state data protection and breach notification laws.

Joe provides consumer protection compliance advice to companies regarding their obligations under the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) and fair debt collections practices statutes. This practice focuses primarily on the protection and safeguarding of customer personal data.

### **International Counsel on Data Transfer and EU Privacy Shield**

Joe has extensive experience in international data transfer laws, helping companies that want to transfer data across international boundaries to do so in compliance with transnational regulations. He also advises clients regarding operation of Sarbanes-Oxley Whistleblower programs in the EU, and conducting U.S.-based litigation discovery in the EU. He assists clients in joining the U.S. Department of Commerce's EU Privacy Shield certification program and counsels them with respect to compliance with European Union Directives on privacy, data protection, e-commerce and electronic communications services. He also provides advice to companies regarding compliance with United States sanctions programs (OFAC).

In past years, Joe defended Honeywell International Inc. against asbestos claims related to automotive friction products, managing depositions and pre-trial matters for approximately 20 cases each year. Pro bono work is central to Joe's practice. He focuses on refugee/asylum law, representing asylum-seekers at all levels of the immigration process. He is currently branching out by representing an inmate from the King County Regional Justice Center in a challenge to its medical treatment policies and procedures.

## **Professional Recognition**

- Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI) Excellence Award in Professional Responsibility
- Listed in *Super Lawyers Magazine* as a "Washington Rising Star," 2014 - 2016

## **Professional Leadership**

- Digital Currency & Ledger Defense Coalition, Participating Lawyer
- Federal Bar Association
- J. Reuben Clark Law Society, Curriculum Editorial Board Member
- J. Reuben Clark Law Society, Georgetown University Law Center Chapter, Co-President, 2004 - 2005

## **Community Involvement**

- Help Africa Relief and Development Inc., Vice President 2002 - 2007

## Related Employment

- Georgetown Institute for the Study of International Migration, Washington, D.C., Researcher, 2004 - 2005
- Perkins Coie LLP, Seattle, WA, Summer Associate, 2004
- Human Rights Watch, Africa Division, New York, NY, Klatsky Legal Fellow, 2003

## Areas of Focus

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- Technology Transactions & Privacy Law
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- Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning and Robotics

## Bar and Court Admissions

- Washington
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington

## Education

- Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., *cum laude*, 2005, Associate Editor, *Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics*
- University of Washington, B.A., Political Science and Philosophy, 2001

# Languages

- Spanish

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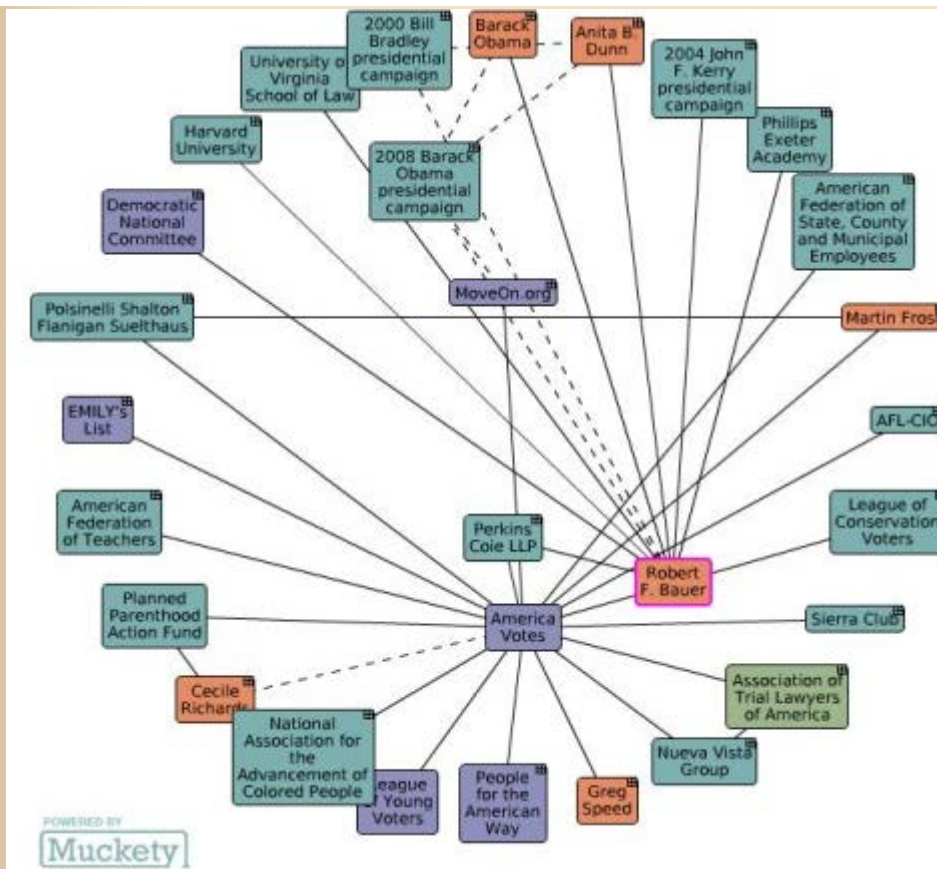
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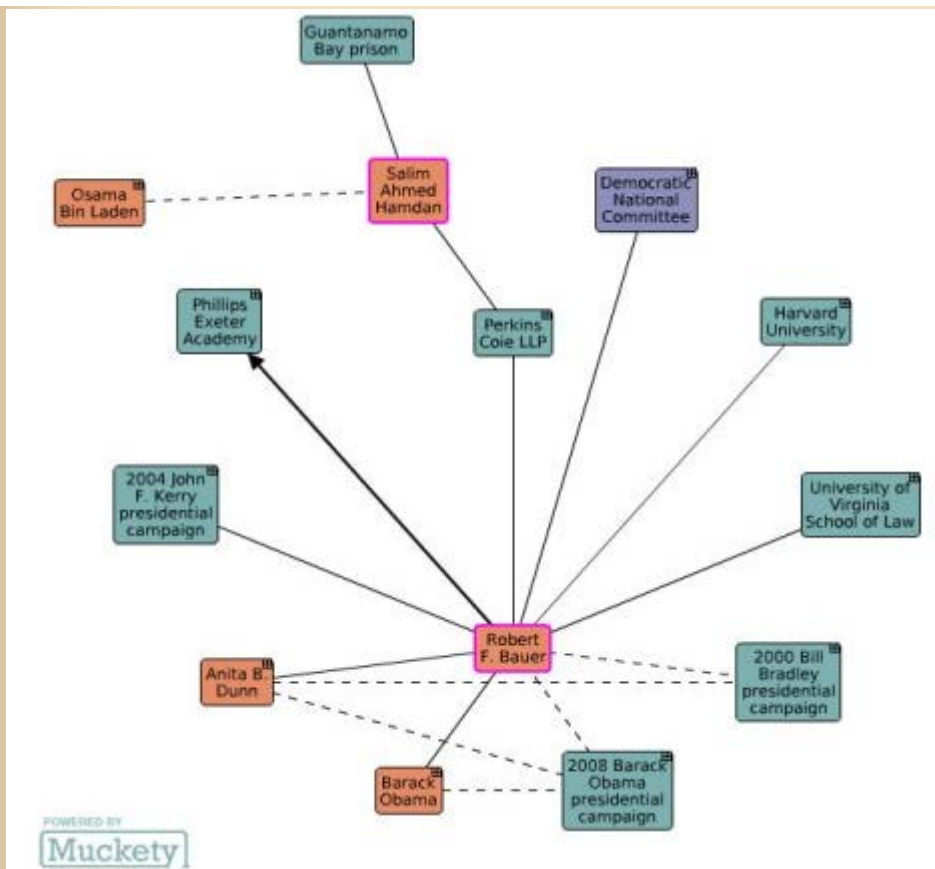
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America Votes is a national coalition of grassroots, get-out-the-vote organizations. Its website claims that the coalition represents “more than 20 million Americans in every state in the country” through its member groups. America Votes is itself a member of the “**Shadow Party**,” identified by DiscoverTheNetworks as a nationwide network of activist groups whose agendas are ideologically Left, and which are engaged in campaigning for the Democrats.

**Member organizations of the America Votes coalition include, among others, the American Association for Justice; the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN); Campaign for America's Future; Defenders of Wildlife Action Fund; Democracy for America; EMILY's List; the League of Conservation Voters; the League of United Latin American Citizens; MoveOn.org Political Action; the NAACP National Voter Fund; NARAL Pro-Choice America; the Planned Parenthood Action Fund; Progressive Majority; the Service Employees International Union; the Sierra Club; and USAction.**

**The organization was launched on July 15, 2003. According to *Texas Monthly* (August 2003), Shadow Party leaders Harold Ickes Steve Rosenthal, Ellen Malcolm, Andrew Stern, and Jim Jordan decided jointly to start America Votes and appointed Cecile Richards its first President. Richards also served on the Board of America Coming Together (ACT). Turner Foundation and Planned Parenthood, and finally as Deputy Chief of Staff for Democrat minority whip Nancy Pelosi, soon to become minority leader. Richards held that post for eighteen months before joining America Votes. (She held the presidency of America Votes from July 2003 to January 2006, when she was named President of Planned Parenthood.) George Soros' son, Jonathan T. Soros, has donated \$250,000 to America Votes. Many of the organization's top donors, such as Rob McKay, Robert Glaser, and Andrew Rappaport, are associates of Soros. Other major donors to America Votes include The Media Fund; Human Rights Campaign; Planned Parenthood Action Fund; Music for America; SEIU; League of Conservation Voters; MoveOn.org Voter Fund; NARAL Pro-Choice America; AFL-CIO; Moving America Forward; American Federation of Teachers; Sierra Club; America Coming Together; and EMILY's List.**

Richards is the daughter of former Texas governor Anne Richards, whose political career was ended when George W. Bush defeated her in 1994. She harbors a deep antipathy toward the so-called "Christian Right," which she held partly responsible for her mother's defeat, and in 1994 founded the Texas Freedom

Network, a grassroots organization aimed at countering the political influence of conservative Christians, especially on school boards. Richards subsequently moved to Washington, DC, where she served as Organizing Director of the AFL-CIO, then as a pro-abortion activist for the

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