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## **Jan Baran Joins Holtzman Vogel Josefiak Torchinsky, PLLC**

WASHINGTON, D.C. January 14, 2021 – Holtzman Vogel Josefiak Torchinsky, PLLC (HVJT) – a leading law firm that serves a diverse client base of prominent companies, non-profits, individuals, and campaigns – announced today that Jan W. Baran has joined the firm as Partner.

“Jan is a longtime dominant force in political law – he brings to the firm an unparalleled combination of experience, expertise, and professionalism to all facets of government, ethics, investigations, litigation and election law,” said Jill Holtzman Vogel, HVJT founder and Managing Partner.

As Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell noted recently in honoring Jan, “From *McConnell v. FEC* to *Citizens United* and beyond, Jan was in the middle of these important battles. Through these episodes and many more, I personally have witnessed and appreciated Jan’s candor, sharp legal mind, and strategic thinking.”

“I welcome the opportunity to join the team at HVJT and add to their ability to provide solutions to the complex legal challenges that are part of our political system,” Mr. Baran said. “I’ve known and worked with HVJT lawyers for decades and have seen both the quality of their people and their counsel in some of the most high-stakes regulatory, policy, and political matters.”

For over forty years, Jan has specialized in the laws that regulate political activity and lobbying including the Federal Election Campaign Act, the Lobbying Disclosure Act, the Ethics in Government Act, as well as related federal, state and local laws. He represents clients before federal and state courts, the Federal Election Commission (FEC), congressional ethics committees and comparable state agencies. He has appeared in numerous First Amendment cases before the Supreme Court of the United States and is a frequent legal commentator on television, radio, cable, and in the print press. His commentaries have been published in law journals as well as the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and *USA Today*. He served as a legal analyst for ABC News during the 2000 Florida presidential election recount. Jan is the author of *The Election Law Primer for Corporations*, now in its Sixth Edition, published by the American Bar Association.

Chambers USA has called Jan “the dean of campaign finance.” He has received the top national ranking from Chambers USA every year since the original publication.

Jan has worked with many of the lawyers at HVJT, including former FEC Commissioners Tom Josefiak and Matthew Petersen. Alex Vogel first met Jan 25 years

ago. Vogel recalled, "When I was newly out of law school, I remember lingering outside Jan's office hoping for more opportunities to work for him. I am thrilled to work with Jan again."

HVJT's clients select the firm for its wide range of services and counsel on all manner of government engagements and areas of legal focus, including compliance, governance, First Amendment, congressional and other government investigations, redistricting, and charity and voter registration. Today's announcement further cements HVJT, with its concentration of preeminent talent, as having the nation's leading ethics and political law practice.

### **More About Jan Baran**

Jan began his distinguished legal career as an Executive Assistant to the Chair of the Federal Election Commission. He later served as General Counsel to the presidential campaign of George H.W. Bush, and as General Counsel to the Republican National Committee. He was a member of The President's Commission on Federal Ethics Law Reform, U.S. Ambassador to the World Administrative Radio Conference, Special Recount Counsel to the Virginia Attorney General, and a member of the Virginia Governor's Commission on Government Finance Reform. Jan served as a member of international observer delegations to elections in the Philippines, Nicaragua, Hungary, and Pakistan.

Jan received his Juris Doctor degree from Vanderbilt University Law School, where he was a Patrick Wilson Scholar, and his Bachelor of Arts degree from Ohio Wesleyan University, where he currently serves as a Trustee on the Board of Trustees.

### **About HVJT**

Founded in 2001, HVJT is acknowledged as having one of the top political law practices in the country by Chambers and Partners, and its lawyers have been recognized as the top in their field by Washingtonian, Politico, and Campaigns & Elections. The firm's growth and expansion reflect its success to date and its desire to continue to deliver innovative solutions across a range of legal services and clients.

The firm is dedicated to helping clients achieve their goals by providing strategic counsel, compliance advice, and litigation services to people and organizations engaged in political, policy and other public matters. Clients range from officeholders, candidates, PACs, and party committees, to non-profit organizations, corporations, trade associations, and individuals engaged at the federal, state, and local levels. Services include a particular focus on compliance with the Federal Election Campaign Act, the Ethics in Government Act, the Lobbying Disclosure Act, the Foreign Agents Registration Act, and the Internal Revenue Code, as well as analogous state law and Congressional rules.

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