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As head of Bryan Cave's Election Law and Government Ethics practice, Michael Toner is a widely respected election law expert and author on campaign finance matters.

He joined the firm in 2007 after serving as chairman of the Federal Election Commission in 2006. Toner served as an FEC Commissioner from 2002-2007.

A seasoned political veteran, Toner served as Chief Counsel of the Republican National Committee (RNC) in 2001-2002, as well as General Counsel of the Bush-Cheney transition team in Washington, D.C. and the Bush-Cheney 2000 presidential campaign in Austin, Texas. Prior to his tenure on the Bush-Cheney campaign, Toner was Deputy Counsel at the RNC from 1997-1999. He also was counsel to the Dole-Kemp presidential campaign in 1996.

Toner has written widely on campaign finance matters. Toner is a contributing author of three critically acclaimed books, including *The Year of Obama*, *The Sixth Year Itch*, and *Divided States of America: The Slash and Burn Politics of the 2004 Presidential Election*. Toner's articles have also been published in *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *The Boston Globe*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *The Washington Times*, *The Hill*, and *Roll Call*.

Toner has appeared as a guest commentator on Fox News Channel, ABC News, CBS Evening news, Bloomberg News, Fox Business Network, C-SPAN and National Public Radio.

Education

J.D., *cum laude*, Cornell University, 1992
M.A., Johns Hopkins University, 1989
B.A., with distinction, University of Virginia, 1986

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia
Virginia
United States Supreme Court
United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
United States District Courts for the District of Columbia and the Eastern District of Virginia

Professional Affiliations

Adjunct Law Professor, William and Mary Law School
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