

Appendix H

Glossary

Act – The *Federal Election Campaign Act* of 1971, as amended (52 U.S.C. §§30101-30146). 100.18. Prior to September 1, 2014, the Act appeared in Title 2 of the U.S. Code. A conversion table is available on FEC.gov.

Advisory Opinion (AO) – A formal response from the Commission regarding the legality of a specific activity proposed in an advisory opinion request (AOR). Part 112. For information on requesting an AO, see page ii.

Affiliated Committees – Committees and organizations that are considered one committee for purposes of the contribution limits. 110.3(a)(1). Affiliated committees include (1) All committees established or authorized by a candidate as part of his or her campaign for federal or nonfederal office; (2) All committees established, financed, maintained or controlled by the same person, group or organization. 100.5(g)(1) and (2); 110.3(a)(1).

Agent – An agent of a federal candidate or officeholder is any person who has actual authority, either express or implied, to engage in any of the following activities on behalf of the candidate or officeholder:

- To request or suggest that a communication be created, produced or distributed;
- To make or authorize a communication that meets one or more of the “content standards” for coordination. See Appendix D, Section 2;
- To request or suggest that any other person create, produce, or distribute any communication;
- To be materially involved in decisions regarding the content, intended audience, means, media outlet, timing, frequency, size, prominence or duration of a communication;
- To provide material or information to assist another person in the creation, production or distribution of any communication;

- To make or direct a communication that is created, produced or distributed with the use of material or information derived from a substantial discussion about the communication with a different candidate; or
- To solicit, receive, direct, transfer or spend funds in connection with any election.

109.3(b) and 300.2(b)(3).

Authorized Committee – Any political committee, including the principal campaign committee, authorized in writing by a federal candidate to receive contributions and make expenditures on his or her behalf. 100.5(f)(1). Authorized committees are often called “candidate committees” or “campaign committees.”

Bank – A state bank; a federally chartered depository institution (including a national bank); or a depository institution insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the National Credit Union Administration. 103.2.

BCRA – The *Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002*, which amended the FECA.

Bundled Contribution – A contribution forwarded to a reporting committee by a lobbyist/registrant or lobbyist/registrant PAC, or received by a reporting committee and credited to a lobbyist/registrant or lobbyist/registrant PAC. See 104.22(a)(6). See also Appendix F.

Campaign – A candidate for a federal office, his or her authorized agents, principal campaign committee and any other authorized committees.

Campaign Committee – Popular term for an authorized committee.

Candidate – An individual seeking nomination for election, or election, to federal office becomes a candidate when he or she (or agents acting on his or her behalf) raise contributions that exceed \$5,000 or make expenditures that exceed \$5,000. 100.3(a).

Candidate Committee – Popular term for an authorized committee.



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