

Alaska Campaign Finance and the US Constitution

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Moderator: Bud Carpeneti, retired Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court.

Featured speaker: Jeff Clements, President of American Promise and author of *Corporations Are Not People: Reclaiming Democracy From Big Money & Global Corporations*.

Discussants:

- **Jon Katchen**, former Alaska Assistant AG and currently in private practice in Anchorage with Holland and Hart, responding to criticisms of Citizens United and critiquing the proposed 28th amendment. Presentation slides.
- **Jim Whitaker**, former Mayor of Fairbanks North Star Borough and former Representative to the Alaska Legislature, talking about the history of Alaska's campaign finance law and the dangers of buying elections.
- **Scott Hawkins**, Chair of Alaska Wins and President of Advanced Supply Chain International, LLC, talking about why the business community makes independent expenditures and providing a comparative perspective.

- **Sharman Haley**, retired Professor of Economics and Public Policy at UAA and activist with Anchorage Move to Amend, talking about the Alaska campaign for a 28th amendment, the We the People Amendment and the need for statutory law to implement it. Presentation Slides.
- **Nancy Heselton**, organizer for the Massachusetts ballot initiative creating a Citizen Commission to study the effects of excess money in state politics, talking about her experiences working with citizens in the campaign.

This event will be livestreamed at this link.