

## Harry C. McPherson, Jr.

Member of the Firm

### Area of Practice Legislative and Federal Affairs

Since joining the firm in 1969, Harry McPherson has represented and counseled businesses, non-profit organizations, foreign governments, and individuals on a wide range of matters before the Executive Branch, the Congress, regulatory agencies, and other public bodies.

### Significant Accomplishments

- Managed and achieved passage of legislation that will, for the first time, privatize a major government-sponsored enterprise.
- Represented the interests of more than 2500 Czech-Americans in obtaining compensation for the seizure of their assets by the Communist government of Czechoslovakia. The final settlement was for over eighty cents on the dollar.
- ✦ Represented oil and gas wildcatters and developers from Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and Louisiana, in tax legislative battles.
- Obtained government approval for the merger of two international airlines.
- Represented one of the major television networks in the successful struggle to repeal the "financial interest and syndication" rule -- the so-called "fin-syn" rule.
- Helped one of the nation's largest foundations work out a plan for the orderly distribution of its assets and earnings, avoiding major IRS penalties.
- Represents the principal mutual fund association.
- ✦ Counsels the Government of Puerto Rico in Washington, D.C. with other firm attorneys and consultants.



### Education

University of Texas Law School  
LL.B., 1956

University of the South, Sewanee  
B.A., 1949

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## Other Professional Experience

**Mr.** McPherson served **as** Counsel, then Special Counsel, to President Lyndon B. Johnson from **1965** to **1969**. Previously he had served **as** Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs; and Deputy Under Secretary of the Army for International Affairs. He was Counsel to the U.S. Senate Democratic Party Committee, the key legislative policy organ on the Senate side for the Democratic Party.

## Board Memberships and Affiliations

Served **as** general counsel to the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing *Arts* in **1976** to **1991**, having previously been Vice Chairman of the Center

Served **as** president of the Federal City Council, a civic organization of business, professional, and cultural leaders in Washington, D.C. from **1983** through **1988**

Currently President of the Economic Club of Washington

Appointed by President Reagan, to serve **as** vice chairman of the United States Cultural and Trade Center Commission, which planned a **600,000** sq.ft. facility in the Federal Triangle

Appointed by Presidents Bush and Clinton, **as** a member **of** the **1993** U.S. Base Closure and Realignment Commission

Served **as** a member of the Board of Trustees of the Woodrow Wilson

International Center, Smithsonian Institution from **1969** to **1974**

Member **of** the Board of Directors of the Council on Foreign Relations from **1974** to **1977**

Chairman of the Democratic Advisory Council of Elected Officials Task Force on Democratic Policy from **1974** to **1976**

Commissioner of The President's Commission on the Accident at Three Mile Island in **1979**

Served **as** a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of Foreign Affairs and the Publications Committee of The Public Interest

## Publications

Author of "A Political Education", first published by Atlantic-Little Brown in **1972**, republished by Houghton Mifflin in **1988**, and published again in **1995** by the University of Texas Press. He has written many articles on foreign policy and political issues for the New York Times, Washington Post, and other journals.