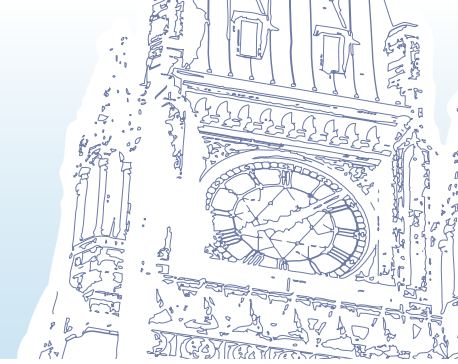




# Lobbying Act Implementation Notice #6



## Members of Boards of Directors and Members of Organizations

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### Background

The role of a chairperson or a member of a board of directors is generally to oversee the operations of a company or a non-profit organization. These duties, however, can sometimes involve communications with federal public office holders. If the chairperson or member of the board is not an employee of the company or non-profit organization in an employee-employer relationship and receives remuneration beyond reimbursement of expenses, the requirement for registration as a consultant lobbyist applies to their lobbying activities.

Consultant lobbyists are also required to disclose whether they are lobbying on behalf of a corporation of which they are a member of the board of directors or whether they are lobbying on behalf of an organization of which they are either a member of the organization or a member of its board of directors. Disclosing this information in the Registry of Lobbyists provides a more accurate representation of an individual's lobbying activities.

### Implementation

Since July 2, 2008, pursuant to the *Lobbyists Registration Regulations*, individuals who are members of the board of directors of an entity or are members of an organization, but are not employees, are required to indicate this status in their registration as a consultant lobbyist.

Reports generated by a search of the Registry of Lobbyists will indicate clearly in the search results that the individual is registered as a consultant lobbyist by virtue of their role as a member of the board of directors or a member of the organization, who is receiving payment for lobbying.

### Related Documents

*Guide to Registration (2008) – Consultant Lobbyists*

Interpretation Bulletin - *Boards of Directors:*

*Application of the Act to Outside Chairpersons and Members*