

PRACTICE AREA

## Government Relations, Lobbying & Regulatory

Strategic advocacy and trusted counsel guiding clients through complex legislative, regulatory, and administrative matters.

For more than 50 years, Friday, Eldredge & Clark has helped clients build strong relationships with policymakers, navigate government processes, and shape legislation and regulation in Arkansas. Our attorneys provide legislative and regulatory advocacy, represent clients before administrative agencies, and assist with business licensing, permitting, and compliance.

We have written major legislation, drafted constitutional amendments, and successfully represented clients before state agencies, commissions, and the Arkansas Legislature. From drafting strategy and action plans to testifying before committees and guiding clients through administrative hearings, we deliver experienced, informed representation at every level of government.

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#### SUMMARY

- **Comprehensive Government Advocacy:** Representing clients before the Arkansas Legislature, state agencies, and commissions to advance policy and regulatory goals.
- **Proven Legislative Experience:** Drafting and influencing key Arkansas legislation, including every usury amendment since Amendment 60.-  
**Administrative & Regulatory Representation:** Advocating for clients before the Arkansas Public Service Commission, Department of Environmental Quality, and other state agencies.
- **Trusted by Industry Leaders:** Serving Arkansas's top companies—including Fortune 500 corporations, banks, utilities, and rail carriers—in critical regulatory and compliance matters.
- **Decades of Experience in Public Policy:** Providing over half a century of insight and relationships to help clients manage government interactions, ethics compliance, and constitutional challenges.

#### Related Practice Areas

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[Commercial Litigation & Regulatory](#)

[Health Law](#)

### Areas of Focus

#### Legislative and Regulatory Advocacy

For over five decades, we've represented clients before the Arkansas Legislature, executive branch agencies, and regulatory commissions. Our lawyers are frequently called upon to draft and analyze proposed legislation, testify before committees, and meet with government officials to advance our clients' business and policy goals.

#### Administrative and Agency Representation

We represent clients in hearings and proceedings before key state and federal agencies, including the Arkansas Public Service Commission, Department of Environmental Quality, Oil & Gas Commission, and Highway & Transportation Department. Our experience extends to both administrative and judicial appeals of governmental decisions impacting our clients' interests.

#### Licensing, Permitting, and Compliance

From business licenses to complex regulatory permits, we guide clients through each step of the approval and compliance process. Our attorneys ensure clients maintain good standing with relevant agencies while anticipating and mitigating regulatory risks.

### **Initiative and Referendum Counsel**

Our firm advises clients on constitutional and statutory initiatives, ballot measures, and referendum issues. We have extensive experience representing both sponsors and opponents in the drafting, advocacy, and defense of initiatives, helping clients navigate this highly technical area of election and constitutional law.

## **Meet the Team**

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