

# NY Lawyers Preparing for Prominent Role in State, National Elections

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Jerry Goldfeder was quoted in a *New York Law Journal* article discussing his and the firm's role in assisting the State Democracy Defenders Fund to research state laws to support litigation by Democrats and Republicans to expand the vote and ensure valid ballots are counted. According to Jerry, "the watershed moment" for lawyers' involvement in presidential campaigns occurred in the 2000 post-election contest between George W. Bush and Al Gore. "But litigation really ramped up in 2016 and afterward," he added. "This year, there are more cases that have been brought by both partisans and nonpartisan organizations than ever before."

Jerry also discussed a recent symposium he moderated at Fordham Law School. "We talked about security issues—cases that are going on—in particular, the cases in Pennsylvania, Mississippi, and Virginia, as well as national security concerns as to whether or not we're ready in case there are physical attacks on polling places or meetings of the electoral college," said Jerry. "The general takeaway [from the symposium] was, although there are litigation issues and procedural worries relating to the election, as well as nervousness about sporadic violence as we saw with the firebombing of ballot drop boxes, as a general proposition, the panelists thought that at the end of the day, the election would go relatively smoothly, and there were enough controls in place to thwart any case or any person who tried to upend the election."

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