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**Citizenship Affirmation**

I am a U.S. Citizen

**Residency Affirmation**

I am a resident of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**Statement of Intent**

I intend to comply with and advance the policy established by this Act.

**Statement of Interest**

When Citizens United came down, I was a young lawyer struggling to start a family with my wife. I had recently finished working for the New York Attorney General's Office prosecuting a pay to play scheme in the \$100 million Common Retirement Fund. I had just seen first hand how bad the corruption already was and now suddenly I realized it was about to get much worse. I had been working on a plan to start a website that would advise people on how to achieve any change they want. Whether it is easy or hard, requires help from the right person or thousands, there is a way to do anything if you know how. So I applied that logic to Citizens United and started researching.

After years of study, Senator Elizabeth Warren is now reviewing a proposed Constitutional Amendment that I wrote to overturn Citizens United with an eye toward proposing it in the Senate. I fully support that path to an amendment. But, the most likely path to victory lies with the Article V Convention route. There has been a great deal of misinformation spread about that process. I have been studying it for nine years. Nobody has read scholarly work on the subject than I have.

I joined Wolf-PAC the day it started, 2 months before my twins were born. I worked with Harvard Law Professor Lawrence Lessig to write our model resolution for a Convention to overturn Citizens United. I have testified on the issue and spoken to legislators nationwide. I now hope to use my experience to help this commission succeed.

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**Political Party Affiliation, if any, over the previous five years** Democratic

**Clty or Town where you reside** ACTON

**Employment Status** Employed

**Occupation** National Counsel (Part time as a consultant, but I also volunteer extra hours)

**Employer** Wolf-PAC

# Samuel Louis Fieldman

## BAR ADMISSIONS

New York (2009), Massachusetts (2009).

## EDUCATION

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, *Juris Doctor*, GPA: 3.31 New York, NY 5/2008

Archibald R. Murray Award, *Summa cum laude*, recipient for public service New York, NY 5/2008

- Awarded for over a thousand hours of litigation experience with the Unemployment Action Center, Securities Arbitration Clinic, King's County District Attorney's Office and New York State Attorney General's Office.

Environmental Law Review, *Symposium Staff* New York, NY 8/2006 – 5/2007

- Helped create a CLE program for attorneys on Civil Rights and Environmental Law.

Unemployment Action Center, *Advocate/Board Member* New York, NY 1/2006 – 5/2007

- Litigated unemployment appeals before Department of Labor Administrative Law Judges. Mentoring.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY, BA *cum laude*, Major: Philosophy, Minor: Physics & Math Ithaca, NY 5/2003

- President/Co-Founder of the Digital Video Club, Hall Council Representative
- Completed Honors Thesis on modifying the dominant theories in the philosophy of time to be compatible with relativity and quantum mechanics.

## WORK EXPERIENCE (AFTER BAR ADMISSION)

Wolf-PAC, *National Counsel* New York, NY, 10/2011 – present

- Work in the top ranks of a national political organization seeking to overturn Citizens United via Constitutional Amendment by Article V Convention.
- Drafted legislation, resolutions, ballot initiatives and lead the research and legal efforts.
- Coordinate the legislative push in New York State, contacting legislators and organizations in an effort to get a Convention Application approved by the State.
- Aided in organizational legal issues including transition of leadership and business structure.
- Lead lobbying efforts in multiple States, advised national leadership and many State leaders.
- Made media appearances, ran the New York State twitter feed, posted blog articles and advised on legislative testimony and other public statements.

The Fieldman Firm, LLP, *Founding Partner* New York, NY 1/2010 – 6/2016

- Founded law firm on the business model of using efficient techniques to deliver high quality legal services for less cost than competitors.
- Lead counsel on contract disputes, fraud, medical malpractice, and commercial transactions.
- Lead counsel for political action committee, founded related 501(c)(4), designed projects to meet organizational goals, advised on various legal and political matters, particularly constitutional law.
- Transactional work including wills, trusts, real estate transactions, and contract negotiation.

Contract Attorney/Independent Counseling NY and MA 6/2009 – 9/2016

- International law including litigation, treaty based tax issues, probate and pensions.
- Successfully recovered funds from the Department of Banks after the claim filing bar date.
- Founded 501(c)(3) organizations, answered audits, and other varied work.
- Discovery and other support on issues including subprime mortgage fraud, international oil company tax fraud, telecommunications conglomeration, and tech IPO patent issues.
- Research assistance in large commercial arbitration; discovery projects and other varied work.

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### WORK EXPERIENCE (PRIOR TO BAR ADMISSION)

*Note: I passed the bar in 2008, but delayed admission for a year because the Legal Aide Program at the New York Attorney General's Office was not available to admitted attorneys.*

#### **New York State Attorney General, Public Integrity Bureau, Legal Aide New York, NY 10/2007 – 6/2009**

- Investigations including placement agents in a major pay to play scheme within former New York State Comptroller Alan Hevesi's administration, Long Island Railroad retirement fraud, State employee unemployment fraud and other public integrity cases.
- Indictments, investigation, witness interviews, research and writing, discovery, subpoenas, case management, and other aspects of cases of consumer fraud and public integrity.
- Work includes major cases with multimillion page discovery, financial analysis, public policy research and advice, and examinations of government spending.
- E-discovery, records retention, subpoenas, database creation and management, design and implementation of methods of tracking multi-million document cases.

#### **Kings County DA's Office, Domestic Violence Bureau, Legal Intern Brooklyn, NY 6/2007 – 8/2007**

- Research and writing on issues of evidence and criminal procedure for ADAs and judges. Presented State side during routine hearings before Criminal Court judges. Interviewed complainants. Prepared cases. Discovery.

#### **City Council, Department of Intergovernmental Affairs, Legal Extern New York, NY 1/2007 – 4/2007**

- Research and writing on a range of issues relating to legislation and resolutions. Attended hearings. Proposed new legislation.

#### **Lincoln Square Legal Services, Securities Arbitration Clinic, Legal Intern New York, NY 1/2007 – 12/2007**

- Worked on all aspects of securities arbitration cases, including discovery, mediation, arbitration, negotiation, research, fact gathering, client interviewing, and brief writing. Students principally manage the cases with supervision and guidance from professors.
- Issues include churning, conversion, fraud and agency, including Respondeat Superior. Successful civil arbitration against a defendants convicted of felony securities fraud as well as their former employer.

#### **Weitz & Luxenberg, P.C., Assistant Manager of Legal Web Marketing New York, NY 10/2004 – 7/2005**

- Learned professional custom document management systems and technology in the legal IT department.
- Research legal issues and content. Supervised interns. Interviewed clients. Managed and implemented web content. Mined data. Organized intake. Improved efficiency.
- Managed documents for thousands of mass tort clients as a paralegal. Improved efficiency in document management and production.

#### **Grassroots Campaigns, Inc., Field Manager**

**New York, NY 6/2004 – 10/2004**

- Trained, managed and lead teams of political fundraisers for the 2004 presidential campaign.

### SKILLS

I am very strong with math, science, and computer science, but by my strongest skill is analytics. I like to understand everything as deeply as possible, which often leads to innovative and successful approaches to seemingly intractable problems. I research well and learn new topics quickly and with enthusiasm. I have a strong knowledge of state legislative procedure, including Massachusetts. I have close ties to many state activist groups.