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# PROCEEDINGS

## Introduction

As part of its Symposium on Campaign Finance Reform, the Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly presented a panel discussion entitled "Money in Politics" on April 15, 1983.\* The discussion was moderated by James Fay, Professor of Political Science at California State University at Hayward and Adjunct Professor of Law at Hastings College of the Law. Members of the panel, in alphabetical order, were:

—Dr. Herbert E. Alexander

Professor of Political Science at the University of Southern California, Dr. Alexander is also Director of the Citizens Research Foundation in Los Angeles and the author of numerous articles and books in the area of campaign finance.

—Mr. Peter A. Bagatelos

Mr. Bagatelos is a partner in the San Francisco law firm of Bagatelos & Fadem and specializes in political law which encompasses the areas of election, campaign, lobbying and conflict of interest law.

—Professor Edwin Epstein

Professor of Business Administration at the University of California at Berkeley, Professor Epstein is chairman of the Business and Public Policy Group and is a leading authority on political action committees.

—Professor Ray Forrester

Formerly Dean and Professor at Vanderbilt, Tulane and Cornell law schools, Professor Forrester has taught constitutional law at Hastings College of the Law since 1976 and is a member of the Sixty-Five Club there.

—Sen. William Lockyer (D-Alameda)

Senator Lockyer is Chairman of the Senate Elections and Reapportionment Committee of the California legislature and a student at McGeorge Law School

—Mr. Ted Prim

Mr. Prim works for the State Fair Political Practices Commission, the agency charged with enforcing the Political Reform Act enacted in California in 1974. He joined the Commission in 1975 and became its Executive Director in 1979

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—Mr. Robert Stern

Mr. Stern is General Counsel to the State Fair Political Practices Commission and has been with that agency since it was founded in 1975. He is also the past chairman of the Council of Governmental Ethics Laws, a national clearinghouse for the state commissions dealing with political reform.

—Ms. Natalie West

Ms. West is City Attorney for Berkeley, California. Formerly on the staff of the Fair Political Practices Commission, she has litigated several cases stemming from attempts to regulate the influence of money in politics, most notably *Citizens Against Rent Control v. Berkeley* 454 U.S. 290 (1981).

Each of the panelists presented their views on a particular area of campaign finance reform and were then given an opportunity to answer questions from the moderator and the audience. What follows is a slightly edited transcript of the discussion.