

2024

# TOP LOBBYIST



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# What is a Top Lobbyist?

We wanted to create a top lobbyist designation that truly represents our profession. Not based on popularity, size, or income, but a list made BY lobbyists FOR lobbyists.

Our annual Top Lobbyist list is comprised of 100 lobbyists, PAC managers, and grassroots professionals nominated by their colleagues, Congressional staff, or clients for their outstanding work in 2024. Nominations are evaluated blindly by fellow lobbyists to ensure receiving the honor of Top Lobbyist is 100% merit-based focused on the following criteria:

- Saw significant legislative success in 2024,
- Were innovative in their field or policy area during 2024,
- Are held in high regard by their clients and peers, and
- Are individuals who give back to their community through charity or pro bono work.

The National Institute for Lobbying & Ethics observes the great things members of our profession achieve every day, through uphill battles and often with limited resources. This is our way of giving our profession the recognition it deserves.

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