

## Reforming the FEC: Rulemaking Obligations Must Be Fulfilled

*As Election Day nears, former commissioners of the [Federal Election Commission](#) discuss the biggest issues facing the FEC, which has been without a quorum since July.*

What is the first obligation the Federal Election Commission owes to the public? It is to tell us what the law is.

Ambiguity and uncertainty in the law leave the public guessing whether engaging in contemplated political activity would subject one to criminal or civil sanction. Doubt creates one set of rules for the bold and another for the timid.

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