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## Caleb Burns Weighs In On Lobbyist Who Serves As A Federal Agency Executive Director

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Caleb P. Burns, a partner in Wiley Rein's Election Law & Government Ethics Practice, was quoted in an article published today by *The New York Times* about Jeffrey Farrow, head of the U.S. Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, who also earned \$750,000 as a lobbyist.

According to the article, Mr. Farrow's position at the independent agency was that of a government contractor; however while in that role, he simultaneously had a different job, lobbying for clients including the governments of Puerto Rico and Palau. Observers noted that it is unusual for someone to collect a federal paycheck while lobbying the government.

"Whether or not there is a legal violation here, you do have a mixing of roles that I have certainly never seen before," Mr. Burns said. "Someone burrowed so deeply in the government and yet at the same time engaging in lobbying and representing a foreign government—it is pretty brazen."

To read the article, click here.

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