

Matthew Sanderson Weighs in on Voters Rights in ABA Journal

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In late August, Marc Elias, a prominent lawyer on the left fighting against changes to voting laws, announced he was leaving legal giant Perkins Coie and would bring 10 of the firm's partners and three of its counsel with him.

"It's not a knock on Perkins, but it's a large multinational law firm, with lots of different clients and practices," Elias says. "I wanted to be part of something that was more mission-driven around protecting democracy and expanding voting."

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Matthew Sanderson of Caplin & Drysdale, who is also part of the ABA Standing Committee on Election Law, has previously represented Sen. John McCain and Sen. Mitt Romney. Sanderson says conservative lawyers should speak out against claims that the election was rigged. He traces a line between Trump's claims about election fraud and the laws being passed in Republican-led statehouses.

"I think it's unconscionable that more conservative lawyers haven't come forward. If you don't come forward, it's showing you're unwilling to stand up for democracy and the rule of law," Sanderson says.

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