



ArentFox Schiff

Subsidiaries: Schiff Hardin LLP, ArentFox Industries: Legal

RISK LEVEL:



Medium Risk

DESCRIPTION:

ArentFox Schiff often yields to political activism in shaping corporate governance, potentially alienating consumers, dividing employees, and harming shareholders. The company implements race and identity-based policies that replace merit, excellence, and integrity with preferential treatment and outcomes. ArentFox Schiff occasionally embraces corporate initiatives that redirect its central focus from business goals to partisan policies and divisive issues at times. This approach fails to safeguard free exercise, free speech, and free enterprise.

Corporate Weaponization

Has canceled customers, suppliers, or vendors due to their political views or religious beliefs OR corporately boycotts, divests, or sanctions regions, people groups, or industries. Lower Risk

ArentFox Schiff has not publicly canceled customers, suppliers, or vendors based on political views or religious beliefs.

Charitable giving (including employee matching programs) policies or practices discriminate against charitable organizations based on views or religious beliefs. N/A

ArentFox Schiff does not publish charitable giving guidelines (1).

Employment policies fail to protect against viewpoint or other discrimination and/or are ideological in nature. High Risk

ArentFox Schiff's HRC 2023-2024 CEI rating indicates the company forces employees to attend multiple, controversial trainings on gender identity, sexual orientation, transgender issues, and divisive racial ideology. The company provides gender transition guidelines for its employees and a specific benefits guide with a comprehensive explanation of transgender services funded by the company (1)(2). ArentFox Schiff does not provide viewpoint protections for its employees (3). The company is Mansfield Certified, indicating its support of DEI in its recruitment, hiring, promotions, and leadership composition (4)(5). ArentFox Schiff is a member of The Diversity and Flexibility Alliance, indicating its support of DEI in its recruitment, retention, promotions, and leadership composition (6)(7).

Corporate Governance and Public Policy

Uses corporate reputation to support causes, organizations, or policies hostile to freedom of expression. High Risk

ArentFox Schiff's HRC 2023-2024 CEI rating indicates the company agrees to allow a controversial stakeholder group focused on sexual identity issues to dictate marketing or advertising strategy (1)(2). By doing so, the company risks dividing employees, alienating customers and harming shareholders. ArentFox Schiff supports abortion, stating that hospitals who viewed a human embryo as a legal person is a high-risk institution (3). The company signed an open letter in support of the Equality Act, a controversial bill (4). ArentFox Schiff supports ESG within its business practices (5). The company's CEO Anthony Lupo signed the CEO Action for Diversity & Inclusion pledge, which includes a commitment to promote DEI through bias education training in the workplace (6)(7).

Uses corporate funds to advance ideological causes, organizations, or policies hostile to freedom of expression. High Risk

ArentFox Schiff's HRC 2023-2024 CEI rating indicates the company covers transgender related costs for its employees and their children, including paid short-term leave, puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, chest surgeries, genital surgeries, medical visits and lab monitoring, travel and lodging. Additionally, the company has pledged philanthropic support of at least one organization or event that promotes sex and gender ideology (1)(2). By allowing a political stakeholder group to dictate operations, the company increases health care costs and risks dividing employees, alienating customers and harming shareholders. The firm is a member of the MCCA, indicating its focus on recruiting, retaining, and promoting employees based on race (3)(4).

Uses corporate political actions and/or financial contributions for ideological, non-business purposes. High Risk

ArentFox Schiff's HRC 2023-2024 CEI rating indicates the company publicly advocated for controversial sex and gender ideology through local, state or federal legislation or initiatives (1)(2). By allowing a political stakeholder group to dictate operations, the company risks dividing employees, alienating customers and harming shareholders. ArentFox Schiff is a partner of the Center for Reproductive Rights, building case law, advocating before policy makers, and engaging in litigation to challenge bans and restrictions on access to abortion (3). The company is a part of the Law Firm Antiracism Alliance, committed to work on initiatives that fight "systemic racism" (4)(5). ArentFox Schiff has not used its PAC donations for ideological causes and has not reported on its lobbying (6)(7)(8).

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