

Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz

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Locations: New York (HQ)

Industries: Legal



DESCRIPTION:

Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz (Wachtell Lipton) is High Risk. The company 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. Wachtell Lipton embraces corporate initiatives that redirect its central focus from business goals to partisan policies and divisive issues. 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 Medium Risk corporately boycotts, divests, or sanctions regions, people groups, or industries.

Wachtell Lipton received a score of 25 on the 2025 Corporate Equality Index (CEI) from the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), a political stakeholder group. The company recruits employees based on sexual identity issues. The company discriminates against vendors that do not promote divisive sex and gender policies, indicating it prioritizes sexual issues over merit (1)(2). However, Wachtell Lipton has not canceled customers, suppliers, or vendors based on political views or religious beliefs (3).

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

High Risk

Wachtell Lipton's HRC 2025 CEI rating indicates the company will not donate to non-religious charities unless they embrace controversial sexual identity policies ($\underline{1}$)($\underline{2}$). The company does not publish charitable giving guidelines ($\underline{3}$).

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

High Risk

Wachtell Lipton requires online DEI training (1). The company does not provide viewpoint protections for its employees (2).

Corporate Governance and Public Policy

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

Medium Risk



Wachtell Lipton supports DEI within its business practices, hosting a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. The firm also held a firm-wide workshop on race and distributed books to its employees about "anti-racism" and allyship (1). Otherwise, there are no publicly known cases of Wachtell Lipton using its reputation to advance ideological causes or policies (2).

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

Wachtell Lipton donated \$25,000 to the Center for Reproductive Rights in 2019 (1)(2). The company is also a sponsor of the NYU Center for Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging (3). Otherwise, there are no publicly known cases of Wachtell Lipton using corporate funds to advance ideological causes, organizations, or policies (4).

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

Wachtell Lipton is a part of the Law Firm Antiracism Alliance, committed to work on initiatives that fight "systemic racism" (1)(2). The firm does not operate a PAC or engage in lobbying at this time (3)(4)(5).

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