

## Kasowitz Benson Torres

Locations: New York (HQ)

Industries: Legal

RISK LEVEL:



Medium Risk

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## DESCRIPTION:

Kasowitz Benson Torres 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. Kasowitz Benson Torres 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**

*Kasowitz Benson Torres has not publicly canceled customers, suppliers, or vendors based on political views or religious beliefs (1).*

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

*Kasowitz Benson Torres does not appear to discriminate against charitable organizations based on views or beliefs (1).*

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

*Kasowitz Benson Torres is a signatory of the Statement of Diversity Principles of the New York City Bar Association, agreeing to conduct bi-annual diversity training (1)(2). The firm does not provide viewpoint protections for its employees (3).*

## Corporate Governance and Public Policy

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

*Kasowitz Benson Torres supports DEI within its business practices, hosting a D&I Committee. The firm is a signatory of the New York City Bar's Statement of Diversity Principles (1)(2)(3). Otherwise, it has not supported ideological causes or policies (4).*

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

*Kasowitz Benson Torres has not used corporate funds to advance ideological causes, organizations, or policies (1).*

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

*Kasowitz Benson Torres 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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