

Supreme Court Unanimously Overturns Conviction of Carlton Fields Client

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In a unanimous ruling, the U.S. Supreme Court sided with Carlton Fields client Joseph Percoco, overturning his conviction for honest-services fraud for actions taken when he was a private citizen serving as a campaign manager, not a public official. The Supreme Court rejected the theory that all private citizens with mere influence or de facto control over government decisions owe a fiduciary duty to the public. It held that such a rule was too vague, and could encourage arbitrary and discriminatory enforcement. Michael Yaeger and a team of lawyers represented Percoco before the Supreme Court. *Law360* [analyzed the ruling](#) and included Yaeger among its “[Legal Lions of the Week](#).” (Subscription may be required).

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