



Jerry H. Goldfeder Special Counsel

Jerry Goldfeder's forty-year election law and voting rights practice has included representing a variety of high-profile candidates and elected officials – including Mayor, Governor and President of the United States. He also has represented members of the United States Congress, the New York State legislature, New York's City Council, members of the judiciary, as well as unions, not-for-profits, and a variety of groups on local, state and federal campaign finance law, lobbying compliance and governmental procedures.

Goldfeder is currently Special Counsel at Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP. Previously, he served as Special Counsel for Public Integrity to then-Attorney General Andrew M. Cuomo.

Since 2003, he has taught Election Law at Fordham Law School, where he was voted Adjunct Professor of the Year in 2015 and 2019, and from 2009 through 2019 at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He is the author of the treatise *Goldfeder's Modern Election Law* (NY Legal Pub. Corp., 6th Ed., Mar. 2022), and is the author of the *New York Law Journal's* regular column, *Government and Election Law*. He is a prolific writer of legal and political commentary, having published in the *New York Times*, the *L.A. Times*, the *N.Y. Daily News*, *USA Today*, and various other publications. He is also author of *Could Terrorists Derail a Presidential Election*, in 32 Ford. Urb. L. J. 523 (2005), *Election Law and the Presidency*, in 85 Fordham L. Rev. 965 (2016), and *Excessive Judicialization, Extralegal Interventions, and Violent Insurrection: A Snapshot of our 59th Presidential Election*, in 90 Fordham L. Rev. 335 (2021).

Goldfeder served as a writing consultant for CNN's mini-series, *Race for the White House*, and has a podcast on public radio WFUV, *Election Connection*.

Goldfeder currently is Chair of the NY State Bar Association's Voting Rights and Democracy Task Force, and was Chair of the NY State Bar Association's 2020 Presidential Task Force, which advised attorneys, journalists and the public on legal issues involved in the recent presidential race. He is also a Special Advisor to the American Bar Association's Election Law Committee.

Previously, he was Chair of the New York City Bar Association's Committee on Election Law and the Committee on New York City Municipal Affairs. He currently serves on the New York City Bar Association's Rule of Law Task Force.

Among several awards and recognitions, Goldfeder is the recipient of the *New York Law Journal's* Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Burton Award for Legal Writing.

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Education

J.D., Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University, 1979; *Cardozo Law Review*

M.A., University of California, Los Angeles, 1972; Political Science

B.A., Brooklyn College, 1968

He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Bella Abzug Leadership Institute, and since 2014 as a trustee of the Museum of the City of New York, as appointed by the Manhattan Borough President.

He was in the first class of the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law of Yeshiva University, where he served on its *Law Review*.

Prior to enrolling in law school, Goldfeder was a graduate student in Political Science at UCLA, where he earned a Master's degree and was a Teaching Assistant; during his tenure there he organized and was president of a local union of teaching and research assistants. He then taught American Politics as an Adjunct at Brooklyn College.

Before getting his graduate degree, he taught fifth grade in Bedford-Stuyvesant in Brooklyn, NYC, where he established and taught the school's first African American social studies class.

Honors & Awards

Mr. Goldfeder has been honored by numerous organizations for his accomplishments and community service. In 2019, Mr. Goldfeder was named to an exclusive list of Lifetime Achievement Award winners by the *New York Law Journal*. He was also the recipient of Tzedek Award for his work as an advocate for New Yorkers in need by the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty and received the Judge Harold R. Tyler, Jr. Award for his civic work by Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation.

In addition, Mr. Goldfeder was honored by *City & State* with its Corporate Social Responsibility Award in Labor & Law for promoting respect for human rights, good governance and transparency, combating exploitative working conditions and pro bono services and community giving. In 2020, Mr. Goldfeder was recognized by *City & State* as one of their "Law Power 100," which recognizes New York's most politically powerful lawyers. *City & State* also honored him as part of its inaugural 50 Over Fifty list, a tribute to some of the most distinguished public servants who have made New York City a better place. He was also named to the publication's Law Power 50 list, which recognizes the most powerful leaders in New York's legal community. Most recently, Jerry was named *Best Lawyers in America* for 2021.

In 2015 and 2019, Mr. Goldfeder was selected as Adjunct Professor of the Year by Fordham Law School.

Publications

Mr. Goldfeder is the author or co-author of numerous articles. A complete list of previously published articles are available upon request. Selected publications include:

- Author, "New York: More Like Alabama Than San Francisco?," *New York Law Journal*, June 23, 2022
- Co-Author, "New York Election Chaos and the 'Purcell' Principle," *New York Law Journal*, May 10, 2022

- Quoted, "Panelists Urge Attorneys To Fight Election Interference" *New York State Bar Association*, April 29, 2022
- Author, "Hop On, Hop Off? Not So Fast!" *New York Law Journal*, April 21, 2022
- Author, "Preparing for the Next January 6th," *New York Law Journal*, February 24, 2022
- "A Window Into a Unique Public Official," *New York Law Journal*, February 4, 2022
- "Fight for NYC's right to rule itself, Eric," *New York Daily News*, December 30, 2021
- "Ballot Access and Voter Choice: Alternatives Required," *New York Law Journal*, December 17, 2021
- "'Indispensable' to Preserving Our Constitutional Democracy," *New York Law Journal*, October 21, 2021
- "Excessive Judicialization, Extralegal Interventions, and Violent Insurrection: A Snapshot of Our 59th Presidential Election," *Fordham Law Review*, September 17, 2021
- "Impeachment: The New York Version," *New York Law Journal*, August 26, 2021
- "A Power No Governor Should Have," *New York Daily News*, August 24, 2021
- "We warned in March 2019 of a coup attempt if Trump lost the 2020 election. We were right.", *USA Today*, August 2, 2021
- "What does it mean to be a socialist in 2021?", *Queens Daily Eagle*, July 22, 2021
- "Our Miserable Board of Elections," *New York Daily News*, July 1, 2021
- "Are Certain Candidates Beyond Redemption?," *New York Law Journal*, June 24, 2021
- "The ranked-choice difference: What New Yorkers should look for when they vote in this month's primary," *New York Daily News*, June 2, 2021
- "Corporations Must Do More to Support Voting Rights," *New York Daily News*, May 14, 2021
- "New York Still Needs More Reform," *New York Law Journal*, April 23, 2021
- "Protecting the Right To Vote," *New York Law Journal*, February 26, 2021
- "Party switchers welcome; invaders not," *New York Daily News*, February 8, 2021
- "What Pence Should Do," *The New York Times*, January 6, 2021
- "Trump can be the Greatest Loser," *New York Daily News*, November 26, 2020
- "2020 Election Sidebar: No Winner in a State? What Then?" *New York Law Journal*, October 26, 2020
- "Please don't tell Kamala I'm with her. I wouldn't want to jinx the race," *Los Angeles Times*, October 22, 2020

- "Demand Respect for Results," *Albany Times Union*, October 5, 2020
- "Protecting the Right to Vote: The Assault on the Franchise Continues," *New York Law Journal*, September 1, 2020
- "Trump's Tweets Are Hollow, but Frank Underwood-Style Voter Suppression Is a Real Election Day Threat," *Queens Daily Eagle*, August 11, 2020
- "Before John Lewis, Was the Bold Life and Unjust Death of Maceo Snipes," *USA Today*, July 31, 2020
- "Still No Plan for a Smooth Election," *New York Law Journal*, July 1, 2020
- "Send Every N.Y. Voter a Ballot," *New York Daily News*, June 29, 2020
- "New York Elections During the Pandemic," *New York Law Journal*, June 17, 2020
- "Binding Electoral Votes: A Bad Idea for New York," *New York Law Journal*, June 17, 2020
- "2020 Election Sidebar: No Voters Need Apply?," *New York Law Journal*, May 26, 2020
- "2020 Election Sidebar: Can the Election Be Postponed?," *New York Law Journal*, April 28, 2020
- "Tornadoes, Coronavirus and the 2020 Elections," *New York Law Journal*, March 10, 2020
- "Impeachment Sidebar: The Senate Trial," *New York Law Journal*, January 24, 2020
- "Partisan Gerrymandering — A Continuing Threat," *New York Law Journal*, December 27, 2019
- "Impeachment Sidebar: High Crimes and Misdemeanors," *New York Law Journal*, December 20, 2019
- "Impeachment Sidebar: Bribery," *New York Law Journal*, December 3, 2019
- "Impeachment Sidebar: Historical Context," *New York Law Journal*, November 12, 2019
- "Reform Our Elections and Save the Republic," *New York Law Journal*, October 31, 2019
- "Summer 2019 Election Law Round-Up," *New York Law Journal*, August 28, 2019
- "New York's Arcane Election Laws Continue to Suppress Voters," *Albany Times Union*, August 27, 2019
- "Albany's Still-To-Do Election Reforms," *New York Law Journal*, May 9, 2019
- "A Donald Trump Coup If He Loses in 2020? With All the Norms He's Busted, Don't Rule It Out," *USA Today*, March 14, 2019
- "If We Get Beyond the Horse Trading, Fusion Voting Has a Role," *Albany Times Union*, March 8, 2019
- "New York Election Reform Needs Improvement," *New York Law Journal*, February 13, 2019

- “Albany’s Progress on Voting: Two Cheers for Now,” *The New York Times*, January 24, 2019
- “National Popular Vote, With All Its Flaws, Is Worth Serious Look,” *New York Law Journal*, January 7, 2019
- “How New York Suppresses the Vote,” *New York Law Journal*, December 26, 2018
- “A Call to the Bar: Fight for The National Popular Vote Initiative,” *New York Law Journal*, December 12, 2018
- “What if Trump loses but refuses to leave the White House?” *New York Daily News*, December 3, 2018
- “Attorneys Should Turn Attention to State Legislative Races,” *New York Law Journal*, November 8, 2018
- “Defy the violence, go vote,” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, November 1, 2018
- “The Bar Should Support Voting Reforms,” *New York Law Journal*, October 26, 2018
- “An Agenda for New York City’s Public Advocate,” *The New York Times*, September 30, 2018
- “New York Fusion Laws and the Joe Crowley Imbroglio,” *New York Law Journal*, August 13, 2018
- “Easing Voter Registration,” *New York Law Journal*, May 16, 2018
- “Voters, not lawmakers, should pick interim officeholders,” *Albany Times Union*, May 14, 2018
- “New York City should expand voting rights as part of charter revision,” *City & State*, May 14, 2018
- “Shouldn’t It Be Up to the Voters?” *New York Law Journal*, March 15, 2018
- “2018: A Big Year for Voting Rights Restoration?” *New York Law Journal*, December 29, 2017
- “Don’t Let Candidates Know Their Donors,” *New York Times*, November 21, 2017
- “Ban Candidates From Soliciting Campaign Dough,” *New York Law Journal*, November 15, 2017
- “Con-con wasn’t the last chance for reform,” *Albany Times Union*, November 9, 2017
- “Take the Long View and Remain Optimistic,” *New York Law Journal*, October 31, 2017
- “Fixing Government from the Ground Up: Say No to a Constitutional Convention and Focus on Local Reform,” *New York Daily News*, October 20, 2017
- “New York Inches Its Way Toward Easier Ballot Access,” *New York Law Journal*, October 10, 2017
- “A Tale of (at Least) Two Gerrymanders,” *New York Law Journal*, June 23, 2017
- “City Bar’s Support of Constitutional Convention Is Flawed,” *New York Law Journal*, June 14, 2017
- “Remove the President? Read this First!” *New York Law Journal*, May 18, 2017

- “President Trump and the 25th Amendment,” *New York Journal*, May 1, 2017
- “Real Solutions for Real Problems,” *New York Law Journal*, February 23, 2017
- “Election Law and the Presidency: An Introduction and Overview,” *Fordham Law Review*, December 2016
- “Cross Your Fingers For an Uneventful Election Day,” *City & State*, November 4, 2016
- “Write-in for President?” *Law.com*, November 1, 2016
- “Court Victories Don’t Mean Voters Are in the Clear,” *New York Law Journal*, October 6, 2016
- “Re-Enfranchising People With Prior Convictions,” *New York Law Journal*, June 22, 2016
- “Electing The President: Rules And Laws,” *New York Law Journal*, April 18, 2016
- “Scrapping the Iowa-New Hampshire Obsession,” *Texas Lawyer*, February 8, 2016
- “Voting Reform Prominent in Two Executive Addresses,” *New York Law Journal*, February 5, 2016
- “Time To Scrap The Iowa-New Hampshire Obsession,” *Law.com*, January 29, 2016
- “Year-End Roundup: Significant State and Federal Developments,” *New York Law Journal*, December 17, 2015
- “Beware the Poo-Bahs,” *City & State*, December 18, 2015
- “Making Sense of the Bronx ‘Switcheroo,’” *New York Law Journal*, October 7, 2015
- “Imagine If Presidential Elections Were Like a TV Comedy; An absurd-but possible-outcome when the electoral college vote is tied,” *The National Law Journal*, August 10, 2015
- “State Legislatures Adjourning, But Voting Rights Still Center Stage,” *New York Law Journal*, August 5, 2015
- “Donald Trump? How About President Selina?” *Law.com*, July 14, 2015
- “Alabama and Albany Minority Voters Get Wins,” *New York Law Journal*, April 10, 2015

Memberships

- Chair, New York State Bar Association Task Force on Voting Rights and Democracy (2021-present)
- Member, NYC Bar Association Rule of Law Task Force (2021-present)
- Chair, New York State Bar Association Task Force on the 2020 Election (2020)
- Member, Rules Committee of Democratic National Convention (2020)
- Special Advisor, Election Law Committee, American Bar Association (2019-present)
- Board of Advisors, Let America Vote (2017-2020)

- Board of Trustees, Museum of the City of New York (2014-present)
- Board of Directors, Latino Leadership Institute (2015-2017)
- Board of Directors, Bella Abzug Leadership Institute (2005-present)
- Board of Directors, Judges and Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert (2006-2014)
- Chair, New York City Bar Association, Task Force on Charter Reform (2019-present)
- Chair, New York City Bar Association, New York City Municipal Affairs Committee (2015-2018)
- Chair, New York City Bar Association, Committee on Election Law (2007-2010)

Speeches & Events

Mr. Goldfeder is a frequent speaker and has participated in many legal symposiums and seminars. His most recent engagements include:

- Moderator, "NYSBA Election Integrity Panel," April 28, 2022
- Speaker, "Voting Rights & Elections: Safeguarding Constitutional Democracy," Fordham Law's Voting Rights and Democracy Project, Friday, April 8, 2022
- Guest Speaker, "Renowned Election Law Attorney," Two Lawyers Walk Into a Bar," January 27, 2022
- Speaker, "The Supreme Court, Justice Breyer, and the Electoral Count Act," The Bulwark, January 27, 2022
- Moderator, "Protecting Our Constitutional Democracy," NYC Bar Association, December 15, 2021
- Discussion with Prof. Wilfred Codrington III, "The People's Constitution," NY State Bar Association, November 19, 2021
- Speaker, "Protecting the Ballot: Election Law and Voter Access," Hunter College, October 20, 2021
- Interviewer, "A Conversation with Congressman Jamie Raskin on Litigating Impeachment," Fordham University, April 12, 2021
- Interviewer, "A Conversation with Delegate Stacey Plaskett on Litigating An Impeachment Trial of a U.S. President," NYS Bar Association, April 8, 2021
- Speaker, "Ranked Choice Voting: How it Works and What it Means," Hunter College, March 1, 2021
- Moderator, "Toward Our 60th Presidential Election," *Fordham Law Review Symposium*, February 26, 2021
- Speaker, "Making Sense of Ranked-Choice Voting: Everything You Will Need to Know to Cast Your Ballot in NYC," *The New York Board of Rabbis*, February 24, 2021
- Speaker, "Election Law Reform After the 2020 Election," Federalist Society of Philadelphia, December 16, 2020.

- Speaker, "Reforming the Electoral College," New York Democratic Lawyers Council, December 9, 2020
- Speaker, "Beyond the Election: What We Can Expect," Bergstein Flynn Knowlton Webinar Series, November 2, 2020
- Speaker, "2020 Electoral Activism Training Academy," Columbia School of Social Work, September 26, 2020
- Speaker, "Changes to the Electoral College," West Side Democrats, May 27, 2020
- Speaker, "Challenges to Voting This Year," Staten Island Democratic Association, May 18, 2020
- Speaker, "Is the November Election in Jeopardy?" Markers for Democracy, May 14, 2020.
- Panelist, "2020 Anderson Series: Voting in the 2020 Election," Albany Law School, April 20, 2020
- Presenter, "Preparing for the 2020 Election," Federal Bar Council, February 10, 2020
- Lecturer, "Election Law Judicial Proceedings," New York Judicial Institute, January 23, 2020
- Speaker, "Pathways to Politics, Columbia University," January 11, 2020
- Speaker, "Running for Office — Access to the Ballot," Latino Leadership Institute, October 19, 2019
- Panelist, "The New York City Campaign Finance Law" and "The New York State Law on Campaign Finance," New York Campaign Finance Law: Promises and Reality CLE 2019, New York Law School, New York, NY, April 11, 2019
- Panelist, "Mandating Presidential Candidates to Disclose Tax Returns," American Civil Liberties Union, New York, NY, April 8, 2019
- Speaker, "Election Reform in New York State," Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, February 28, 2019
- Speaker, "Election Reform in NYC," New Visions Democrats, January 8, 2019
- Speaker, "Post-Kavanaugh Politics and 2020," Southampton Democrats, October 20, 2018
- Speaker, "Partisan Gerrymandering," Fordham Law School, October 17, 2018
- Speaker, "Getting On and Staying On the Ballot," Latino Leadership Institute, October 13, 2018
- Presenter, "Election Law and Election Law Procedures CLE," Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department, July 25, 2018
- Speaker, "The NYC Charter Revision Commission," Brooklyn Voters Alliance General Meeting, June 12, 2018
- Interviewer, "A Conversation with Amy Goldstein, author of *Janesville*," New York Legal Assistance Group, April 17, 2018
- Panelist, "Raising the Bar: Ethical Problems and Possible Solutions in District Attorney Campaign Fundraising," Center for the Advancement of Public Integrity, April 6, 2018

- Panelist, “Representing a Candidate Under New York’s Election Law,” New York Bar Association, February 9, 2018
- Speaker, “How to Run for Office in New York State,” Young Women’s Political Leadership Conference, New York University, January 27, 2018
- Speaker, “How to Get on the Ballot,” Latino Leadership Institute, October 14, 2017
- Speaker, “Should We Have a Constitutional Convention?” Women’s City Club of New York, October 5, 2017
- Speaker, “The New York Constitutional Convention,” Southampton Democratic Club, May 13, 2017; Women’s City Club of New York, May 9, 2017
- Speaker, “How to Run for Office in New York State,” National Women’s Political Caucus, February 25, 2017
- Speaker, “Predictions and Expectations for the Administration of Donald Trump,” Fordham Law School, January 19, 2017
- Panelist, “Analyzing the 2016 Election,” The Latino Leadership Institute Forum, December 20, 2016
- Speaker, “After 2016, Do Our Election Laws Still Work?” Harvard Law School, November 11, 2016
- Speaker, “How the Electoral College System Distorts Presidential Elections,” University of Pennsylvania Law School, November 3, 2016
- Speaker, “The Voting Rights Act: Election Law in a Changing Landscape,” Federal Bar Council, October 5, 2016
- Moderator, *Fordham Law Review’s* Election Law Symposium, September 30, 2016
- Speaker, “The Appearance of Corruption: Following the Money Trail in Federal Elections,” University of Pennsylvania Law School, April 21, 2016
- Moderator, “Home Rule in an Era of Municipal Innovation: Reviving the Right to Self-Government,” Fordham Law School, April 7, 2016
- Speaker, “The Electoral College and the Nominating Process,” Southampton Democratic Club, April 3, 2016
- Panelist, “Getting on the Ballot in NYC,” New York City Bar Association, February 1, 2016
- Speaker, “Money, Politics and Corruption,” New York University, October 21, 2015
- Speaker, “Running for Office and Ballot Access,” Latino Leadership Institute, October 3, 2015
- Speaker, “Judicial Elections After *Citizens United*,” Cardozo Law School, April 20, 2015
- Speaker, “Voting Reforms and Restrictions; Campaign Finance and the US Supreme Court,” Medgar Evers College, April 17, 2015
- Speaker, “Charter Revision in New York City,” Bay Ridge Democratic Club, April 9, 2015
- Speaker, “Enacting Democracy in New York City,” Four Freedoms Democratic Club, March 31, 2015

- Speaker, “Legal Obstacles on the Road to the White House,” Harvard Law School, March 27, 2015
- Speaker, “Campaign Finance: The Current State of Affairs & Where We Go From Here,” NYC Bar Election Law Committee, March 24, 2015
- Speaker, “Political Action Training-Petitioning: First Step in Running for Public Office,” The Murphy Institute, February 7, 2015
- Speaker, “Searching for a Formula: The Right to Vote and Federal Election Regulation,” University of Pennsylvania Law School, February 6, 2015
- Speaker, “Regulating Campaign Finance Compliance: Are We Criminalizing Politics?” University of Pennsylvania Law School, January 24, 2015
- Speaker, “Voting and Civil Rights: A Secular, Labor and Religious Discussion,” the Latino Leadership Institute, December 11, 2014
- Speaker, “Ballot Access: Pitfalls to Avoid,” the Latino Leadership Institute, October 11, 2014

Admitted To Practice

- New York
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court