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**JOINT COMMISSION ON PUBLIC ETHICS RELEASES 2017 MID-YEAR  
LOBBYING DATA**

ALBANY (October 18, 2017) -- The Joint Commission on Public Ethics (“JCOPE”) today released data showing that clients of lobbyists spent \$121.2 million on efforts to influence state and local government decision making in New York during the first half of 2017. This represents an increase of about \$1 million – about one percent - from lobbying expenditures during the same time period in 2016.

Among those top lobbying spenders for the first part of the year was Uber Technologies, Inc., which led all organizations with almost \$1.8 million in lobbying expenditures. Among the other top spenders were the Greater New York Hospital Association, Inc. (\$1.45 million), Rent Stabilization Association of New York, Inc. (\$943,280), New York State United Teachers (\$858,846), and AARP (\$790,717), which made the top 10 for the first time since 2014. Also, new to this year’s list was Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (\$787,518).

The data shows that approximately \$107 million of the \$121 million in total lobbying spending for January through June 2017 went to cover the cost of compensation to retained and in-house lobbyists, with about \$5.3 million spent on advertising, nearly \$431,000 on events, and the remainder on other lobbying-related expenses.

Despite total spending being up from mid-year 2016, the top 10 lobbying firms received just shy of \$35.3 million in compensation and reimbursed expenses, about \$200,000 less than the same time period last year. Nine of the top 10 professional lobbying firms on the 2016 mid-year list are still on it this year, with Kasirer LLC leading all lobbying firms through June 2017 with almost

\$5.5 million in total earnings. Jackson Lewis P.C., which significantly expanded its lobbying practice in 2016, entered the top 10, earning \$2.615 million.

Kasirer LLC led all lobbyists with 159 clients through June 2017, followed by Brown & Weinraub, PLLC, which registered to represent 141 clients. Bolton St. Johns, LLC was close behind with 138 clients.

These most recent figures come from data submitted to JCOPE by lobbyists, their clients, and public corporations, covering lobbying activities from January 1 through June 30, 2017. Registered lobbyists and public corporations must file bi-monthly reports that include the amount of compensation and reimbursed expenses for lobbying activities that were received during the previous two months. For clients of lobbyists, filings must be submitted twice a year that detail lobbying expenditures during the previous six months, including how much was spent on advertising.

As of June 30, 2017, there were 5,999 individual lobbyists reported on lobbyist registrations in New York State, representing 3,590 clients.

JCOPE has updated its publicly-available sets of the complete data filed by lobbyists, their clients, and public corporations to include reported information from the first half of 2017; that data can be found [here](#).

The following tables highlight the data for the first half of 2017:

## Top 10 Clients (Total Expenditures)

January through June 2017

(Based on figures reported in 2017 Client Semi-Annual and Lobbyist Bi-Monthly Reports as of September 29, 2017)

CLIENT NAME	COMPENSATION & EXPENSES
UBER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	\$1,784,269
GREATER NEW YORK HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, INC.	\$1,451,020
RENT STABILIZATION ASSOCIATION OF NYC, INC.	\$943,280
UNITED TEACHERS (NYS)	\$858,846
AARP	\$790,717
PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH AND MANUFACTURERS OF AMERICA	\$787,518
HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATION OF NYS	\$713,819
TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (NYS)	\$659,903
UNITED FEDERATION OF TEACHERS	\$657,841
UNITED UNIVERSITY PROFESSIONS	\$641,880

## Top 10 Retained Lobbyists (Total Compensation and Expenses)

January through June 2017

(Based on figures reported in 2017 Lobbyist Bi-Monthly Reports as of September 29, 2017)

LOBBYIST NAME	TOTALS
KASIRER LLC	\$5,497,072
BROWN & WEINRAUB, PLLC	\$5,208,062
BOLTON ST. JOHNS, LLC	\$4,317,081
GREENBERG TRAUIG, LLP	\$3,872,465
PARK STRATEGIES, LLC	\$3,253,765
HINMAN STRAUB ADVISORS, LLC	\$3,124,404
JACKSON LEWIS P.C.	\$2,615,409
OSTROFF ASSOCIATES, INC.	\$2,565,000
MANATT, PHELPS & PHILLIPS, LLP	\$2,446,003
CAPALINO, JAMES F. & ASSOCIATES, INC.	\$2,388,386