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Keker, Van Nest & Peters Responds to Presidential Memo 'Preventing Abuses of the Legal System and the Federal Court'

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On March 21, the Trump Administration [issued a Presidential Memorandum](#) entitled "Preventing Abuses of the Legal System and the Federal Court." Keker, Van Nest & Peters has issued the following statement in response.

"President Trump's new directive underscores how far removed this President, Attorney General and Administration are from our nation's Constitution and bedrock values. Our liberties depend on lawyers' willingness to represent unpopular people and causes, including in matters adverse to the Federal Government. An attack on lawyers who perform this work is inexcusable and despicable. Our profession owes every client zealous legal representation without fear of retribution, regardless of their political affiliation or ability to pay. We encourage law firm leaders to sign on to an amicus effort in support of Perkins Coie's challenge to the Administration's executive order targeting the firm, and to resist the Administration's erosion of the rule of law."

– John Keker, Robert Van Nest, Elliot Peters, Laurie Carr Mims, and the Keker, Van Nest & Peters Partnership