

Joe Hayden Quoted in Star-Ledger Editorial Board Opinion on Need to Revise Bribery Laws

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Joseph A. Hayden, Jr., Co-Chair of the Criminal Defense and Governmental and Internal Investigations practice at Pashman Stein Walder Hayden, was quoted in the Star-Ledger Editorial Board Opinion, “Got Graft? Hudson County does, and the law permits it.” The Opinion discusses the dismissal of the indictment against a Bayonne mayoral candidate who was accused of taking money. The Opinion further discusses the need for the legislature to revise a bribery statute which only applies to public servants and party officials, but not candidates for public office. Hayden was interviewed regarding the scope of the state’s bribery statute:

The stellar defense attorney, Joe Hayden of Pashman Stein, explained it this way: “Someone running for office is not a public official; therefore, they cannot effectuate any governmental action. And the controlling principle is that criminal statute says they are to be ‘strictly construed’ in favor of the accused.”

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