

## J.B. Van Hollen

**Senior Advisor  
Michael Best Strategies LLC**

### Overview

J.B. leads Strategies' national Attorneys General Practice, offering clients unmatched knowledge and insight into the Department of Justice, state and local government, and law enforcement. Working with Strategies' offices nationwide, he provides guidance to clients across all industries who may be impacted by the activities of attorneys general.

J.B. has a long history of working cooperatively with a multitude of agencies at the federal, state, county, and local levels, which has contributed to his successful career. He was elected Wisconsin's 43rd attorney general in 2006 and served two terms, choosing not to seek reelection for a third term in 2014. While serving as attorney general, he notably oversaw the complete elimination of Wisconsin's backlog of DNA evidence. J.B. was elected by his peers nationwide to the office of president of the bipartisan National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) in 2013.

Prior to becoming attorney general for the State of Wisconsin, J.B. was appointed U.S. attorney for Wisconsin's Western District in 2002, where he served until 2005. He also served as a district attorney in both Ashland and Bayfield Counties, subsequent to serving as both an assistant state public defender and an assistant U.S. attorney.

Before joining Strategies, J.B. formed Van Hollen Consulting, LLC to help clients navigate the complexities of government agencies to improve communications, strategies, and client presentation, as well as to consult and advise on threatened and actual litigation by government agencies.

### Honors & Recognitions

- Honorary 33 Degree Mason

### Professional Activities

- President, Board of Directors, SimpliflDe, Inc.
- Member, Republican Party of Wisconsin



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### Practices

Government Relations, Political Law  
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Michael Best Strategies LLC



## **Education**

- University of Wisconsin Law School, Juris Doctor (J.D.), 1990
- St. Olaf College, Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), 1988; Economics and Political Science

## **Admissions**

- Wisconsin

## **Community Involvement**

- Board Member, Cal Ripkin Sr. Foundation
- Member, Scottish Rite
- Member, Order of the Eastern Star
- Member, York Rite
- Former Grand Master, Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin
- Former Commander in Chief, Eau Claire Scottish Rite
- Past Board Member, George Washington National Memorial

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