The Institute of Governmental Advocates is a California nonprofit corporation established to promote and maintain high standards among its State-registered lobbyists-members in the conduct in their profession.

#### **HOW IT BEGAN**

Founding members joined together in 1974 to promote professionalism through adoption of a Code of Professional Conduct and to protect their constitutional rights of free speech, association, and petition.



# **LEGAL ACTIVITIES**

IGA has its own legal counsel who has the

resources of a major law firm available to safeguard common interests of IGA members and their employers/clients. IGA works with the Fair Political Practices Commission so IGA members are well informed regarding pending issues and changes in law and regulations. IGA makes appearances as *amicus curiae* in cases where interests of its members and employers/clients will be affected.

# **ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

IGA sponsors an annual conference with panel discussions in which legislators and regulators inform IGA members regarding matters affecting their profession.

#### **SEMINARS**

IGA holds early morning policy briefings in which legislators and Administration officials participate. And during election years, candidates and consultants brief the membership on hot races.

### WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN?

IGA provides direction through its general counsel and representation before the FPPC and in legal proceedings on issues of general application to lobbyists and their clients/employers. Membership offers lobbyists the opportunity to network with colleagues from all sectors and to meet with policymakers eager to reach out to the top tier of the Third House.

IGA successfully overturned a prohibition on a lobbyist giving advice and recommendations to his or her clients about contributions to political candidates. IGA also removed language from a bill that would have prevented lobbyists from contacting elected officials if a client had a contractual relationship with the official or his or her campaign committee.

#### WHAT DOES IT COST?

One-time initiation fee depends on number of years registered to lobby.

1-5 yrs. \$250 6-10 yrs. \$350 11 yrs.+ \$450

Annual dues: \$200

Any questions, please call Ted Machado at (916) 601-2668.

# **Membership Application**

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