

Harris Beach's Thomas Garry to Serve as Counsel to Biden's Re-Election Campaign

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President Joe Biden’s re-election campaign has brought back Harris Beach managing partner Thomas Garry for a second stint as its counsel in New York.

Garry is set to be tasked with ensuring that Biden gains ballot access in New York for his November 2024 re-election bid, with the attorney to file petitions on behalf of Biden, hitting all jurisdictions from Long Island to Buffalo.

Garry also served as counsel to the presidential campaign of ex-New York Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in 2016.

“I’ve done this quite a number of years,” Garry told the Law Journal on Thursday, “and basically I work with the campaign, with the governor’s folks and with New York State Democratic Party Chairman Jay Jacobs, to make sure we qualify President Biden for the ballot here in New York, as well as all his delegates in each congressional district.”

As a result of national population shifts, New York has lost a seat in Congress since the last presidential election, down to 26 seats.

Asked if there were any other big changes, Garry said: “The dates change, but the process stays relatively the same. It’s quite onerous. As you can imagine, it takes a lot of work to put this into place throughout the state.”

“It’s a tough time of year to do it,” Garry added. “People need to gather signatures during the winter months, in December and January, and that’s not easy. But it has to be done in order for us to make the primary in April, and for those folks who have the honor of going to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago in August.”

Garry said it is “without question... a great honor for me to represent President Biden, and it was an honor to be one of his (29) electors in 2020 as well.”

Garry is a member of the Harris Beach Management Committee, in addition to his role as managing partner for the firm’s Long Island office, where he supervises daily operations and the work of more than 40 attorneys and professional staff.

Garry’s career in political law includes representing former President Barack Obama in a successful defense of the false claim that alleged Obama wasn’t born in the United States., which would made him ineligible to serve.

Garry has also represented Donald Trump, albeit long before he entered politics in a business matter.

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