

## *Inductee*

### Jim Davidson



For two decades, Jim Davidson has helped companies and business associations define and achieve their goals in the legislative and regulatory arenas of the federal government. He is founder of Davidson & Company, a public policy advisory firm, which is a subsidiary of Polsinelli Shalton Welte Suelthaus.

Davidson & Company has helped its clients address a broad range of public policy areas including advertising regulation and commercial speech, appropriations, taxation, health care, telecommunications and the Internet. Through his work on behalf of The Advertising Coalition, Mr. Davidson has become widely known as an expert on advertising regulation and specifically on prescription drug advertising. He also was asked by leaders in the advertising and food manufacturing industries to help make Congress and the American public more aware of industry initiatives to introduce new products and promote healthy lifestyles. He writes the “Eye on the Hill” column on prescription drug advertising for *DTC Perspectives Magazine*, and a column on federal government issues for *Electronic Retailer Magazine*.

Mr. Davidson served as Chief Counsel and Staff Director for the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Practice and Procedure. In that capacity, he directed the drafting of omnibus regulatory reform legislation and the Regulatory Flexibility Act. He also was Chief Counsel of the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations where he was a



principal staff author of the federal Privacy Act and major amendments to the Freedom of Information Act.

While serving on the Intergovernmental Relations Subcommittee, Mr. Davidson was singled out for recognition in the book *Unelected Representatives: Congressional Staff and the Future of Representative Government*. Prior to that, he served as Special Assistant and Press Secretary to Missouri Senator Stuart Symington, and as Administrative Assistant to Missouri Secretary of State James C. Kirkpatrick.

Mr. Davidson is a graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia Schools of Journalism and Law, and served as an adjunct Professor of Law at the Washington College of Law at American University. He is a member of the District of Columbia Bar, the Missouri Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. He was a Fellow of the American Council on Germany, and was a Conferee at the Chief Justice Earl Warren Conference on Advocacy.

