

'Dos and don'ts' of congressional inquiries

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Is Congress knocking at your door, demanding answers and asking tough questions? Then a free web-based seminar, "[When Congress Comes Calling: The Unique Rights and Wrongs of Responding to Congressional Committee Investigations](#)," offered Wednesday by the [Washington Legal Foundation](#), may be for you.

It just so happens Alaska's senior-most member of Congress may know a thing or two about the experts running the show, as the featured speakers hail from [Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, LLP](#) - the same firm Young has paid more than \$1 million to since Dec. 2007, according to quarterly reports filed with the Federal Elections Commission.

During that time Young has faced [congressional scrutiny over a 2005 transportation earmark](#) known as "coconut road," and he has been linked to a [long-running fbi investigation of Alaska politicians](#).

"Meetings with Senate or House committee investigators and formal committee hearings differ dramatically from the prosecutorial or regulatory actions most companies routinely face, and they come with their own set of 'dos and don'ts,' which can make or break one's ability to effectively manage such interactions with Congress," notes the Washington Legal Foundation in a description about the seminar.

According to the [WLF](#), with an increasingly aggressive congress back in session, Akin Gump's duo "will highlight the challenges faced by targets of congressional inquiries as well as offer illustrative commentary on the investigational process and how to survive it."

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