

Zach Nunn (IA-03) Red Box Backup - Lobbyist

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[Facebook, Kelly Nunn, [12/13/15](#)]

Nunn Said Larson Was His Mentor. “Zach Nunn Age: 36 Fun Fact: Once played elephant polo with an Arab crown prince. Mentor: Chuck Larson, partner with LS2Group” [Business Record, [3/18/16](#)]

Larson’s Firm LS2Group Lobbied For Saudi Arabia’s U.S. Embassy. “A Des Moines public affairs firm brings the Midwest to the Middle East. Larson Shannahan Slifka Group, located on East Locust Street, has signed a one-year, \$1.5 million contract with the embassy of Saudi Arabia in Washington, D.C., this fall. The contract took effect Nov. 1. In a filing with the U.S. Department of Justice, the firm wrote that it will ‘inform the public, government officials and the media about the importance of fostering and promoting strong relations between the United States and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.’ The contract states that the firm, known as LS2Group, cannot publicly disclose its work on behalf of the embassy without the embassy’s permission. Until a year after the agreement ends, LS2Group cannot work with another government ‘whose interests or objectives may be adverse to the interests or objectives of The Embassy.’” [Des Moines Register, [11/18/19](#)]

Larson Helped The Saudis Lobby Against A Bill Allowing 9/11 Victims To Sue Saudi Arabia For Damages. “At least three of them — Larson, Lederman and Summers-Grice — previously worked on Saudi Arabia’s 2016 nationwide campaign to build opposition to the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act (JASTA), which allowed victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks to sue the kingdom. That campaign failed, with 97 senators voting to overturn President Barack Obama’s veto of the law.” [Foreign Lobby Report, [12/14/20](#)]

Larson Registered As An Agent Of Saudi Arabia Against 9/11 Legislation And Warned Of “Unintended Consequences.”

1. Name Charles W. Larson Jr.	2. Registration No. 5488
3. Residence Address(es) 4119 Oakwood Lane West Des Moines, IA 50265	4. Business Address(es) 510 E. Locust St. #200 Des Moines, IA 50309
5. Year of Birth 1969 Nationality U.S.A. Present Citizenship U.S.A.	6. If present citizenship was not acquired by birth, indicate when, and how acquired.
7. Occupation Consultant	
8. What is the name and address of the primary registrant? Name: MSLGROUP Americas Inc db/a ConvisMSLG Address: 1201 Connecticut Ave NW, Ste 500 Washington, DC 20008	
9. Indicate your connection with the primary registrant: <input type="checkbox"/> partner <input type="checkbox"/> director <input type="checkbox"/> employee <input type="checkbox"/> consultant <input type="checkbox"/> officer <input type="checkbox"/> associate <input type="checkbox"/> agent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> subcontractor <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) _____	
10. List every foreign principal to whom you will render services in support of the primary registrant: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	
11. Describe separately and in detail all services which you will render to the foreign principal(s) listed in Item 10 either directly, or through the primary registrant listed in Item 8, and the date(s) of such services. (If space is insufficient, a full insert page must be used). Outreach to media, influencers, and state and federal elected officials regarding the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act (JASTA)	

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12. Do any of the above described services include political activity as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act and in the footnote below?
Yes No
If yes, describe separately and in detail such political activity:
Describing the unintended consequences that JASTA poses to US interests, including potential legal liabilities arising for US military, intelligence, and diplomatic personnel.

[FARA, [10/31/16](#)]

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2016-2018: Friends For Zach Nunn Received \$1,150 Total In Campaign Contributions LS2group PAC.

LS2group PAC Contributions to Friends For Zach Nunn		
Date	Contributor Name	Amount
9/28/18	LS2group PAC	\$500.00
8/16/17	LS2group PAC	\$250.00
1/3/17	LS2group PAC	\$150.00
9/23/16	LS2group PAC	\$250.00
		\$1,150.00

[Iowa Ethics & Campaign Disclosure Board, accessed [8/1/22](#)]

2014-2018: Friends For Zach Nunn Received \$750 Total In Campaign Contributions From Chuck Larson Of LS2Group.

Chuck Larson Contributions to Friends For Zach Nunn		
Date	Contributor Name	Amount
10/8/18	Charles Larson Jr.	\$500.00
7/4/14	Charles Larson	\$250.00
		\$750.00

[Iowa Ethics & Campaign Disclosure Board, accessed [8/1/22](#)]

Chuck Larson Was A Partner At LS2Group. "Charles Larson, Jr., Partner. Charles Larson, Jr. specializes in communications with the legislative and executive branch of the federal government, media relations, and international business and trade. Charles Larson was appointed by President George W. Bush to be the U.S. ambassador to Latvia. After confirmation by the U.S. Senate, Chuck was sworn in by U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on Jan. 7, 2008, and served in this capacity until Jan. 20, 2009." [LS2Group, accessed [7/12/22](#)]

2021-2022: Iowans For Zach Nunn Received \$2,750 Total In Campaign Contributions From Karen Slifka And Jeffrey Boeynik, Executives At LS2Group.

Karen Slifka and Jeffrey Boeynik Contributions To Iowans For Zach Nunn			
Date	Contributor Name	Occupation, Employer	Amount
5/18/22	Karen Slifka	Owner, LS2Group	\$750.00
12/31/21	Jeffrey Boeynik	Partner, LS2Group	\$1,000.00

8/20/21	Jeffrey Boeynik	Partner, LS2Group	\$1,000.00
		TOTAL	\$2,750.00

[FEC Receipts Search, accessed [7/12/22](#)]


Jeffrey R. Boeynik Was A Partner At LS2Group. “Jeffrey R. Boeyink, Partner. Jeff Boeyink specializes in government affairs. Before joining LS2group, Jeff was named Governor-elect Terry Branstad’s Chief of Staff and Co-Chairman of Branstad’s transition team on November 3, 2010. After spearheading the transition, Jeff served as Chief of Staff until September 6, 2013. He currently serves as a trusted policy and campaign advisor to many of Iowa’s top political and business leaders.” [LS2Group, accessed [7/12/22](#)]

Karen Slifka Was A Partner At LS2Group. “Karen Slifka, Partner. Karen Slifka specializes in developing and managing grassroots, grasstops, and public relations campaigns. Karen works with clients to develop comprehensive grassroots campaigns, including grassroots and grasstops mobilization, issue development, and media relations. She has also provided strategic and organizational services to candidates for office, state parties, and national campaign committees. She has extensive regional and national experience having worked in Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. Prior to starting LS2group, Karen served as midwest regional political director for the Republican National Committee, where she advised state parties and candidates for federal office in eight states throughout the upper Midwest.” [LS2Group, accessed [7/12/22](#)]

Nunn Was First Elected To The Iowa House In 2014. “Nunn, an Altoona native and Bondurant resident, was first elected to the Iowa House in 2014, and he won his Senate seat in 2018.” [Des Moines Register, [7/13/21](#)]

Kelly Nunn Was An Account Executive At Lobbying Firm LS2group In Des Moines. “Kelly Nunn is an Account Executive. Before joining LS2group, Kelly owned and operated a portrait photography studio for over a decade. She also created and executed branding and marketing campaigns for small businesses and political races. Kelly has an MBA from the University of Iowa. She and her family reside in Bondurant, IA.” [LS2group, [1/30/18](#)]

March -August 2017: Kelly Nunn Was A Finance Specialist At LS2group In Des Moines.

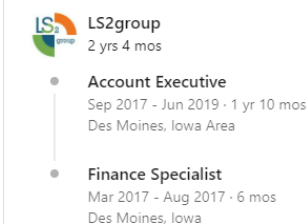


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