

Jeffrey Gersick

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Mr. Gersick spent the last five years as Vice-President and founding partner of GersickAssociates, a San Francisco based consultancy specializing in governmental relations, public affairs and business development. He had returned to San Francisco in 2003, after serving four years as Managing Director of California's International Trade Development programs in Europe, the Middle East and Africa by former Governor of California Grey Davis. Immediately prior to that appointment, Mr. Gersick managed the re-stabilization of the State Bar of California, engineering the resolution of political and policy disputes that threatened existence of the largest state professional body in the United States, with a budget of one hundred million dollars and over 160,000 members.

Mr. Gersick's public sector experience bridges all levels of government. He has directed a NGO grants program for the Office of the Mayor in San Francisco; served as chief legislative aide and chief of staff in the California State Assembly; and he was commissioned as a Foreign Service Officer by the U.S. State Department.

Mr. Gersick has been awarded a Coro Foundation Fellowship in Public Affairs, and holds a Juris Doctor degree from Hastings College of the Law, University of California, a Master's Degree from Occidental College and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Yale University.