



Erik Huey
Senior Vice President for Government Affairs



Since 2009, Erik Huey has served as the Senior Vice President for Government Affairs at the Entertainment Software Association (ESA), the trade association representing the business interests of interactive entertainment software publishers and console makers. In this capacity, Erik manages a team of seven employees and fifty outside consulting firms and oversees all federal and state government relations as well as strategic partnerships for the \$21 billion U.S. video game industry.

For nearly two decades, Huey has been at the center of high profile and controversial policy debates affecting the technology, media and telecommunications industries, including issues like combating digital theft of copyrighted content, media ownership, expanding broadband deployment, and preserving creative freedom and First Amendment rights.

In recent years, Huey has helped successfully guide the videogame industry through two major challenges by orchestrating the government affairs campaign in support of its historic free speech victory in the Supreme Court, and by developing the strategy and managing the day-to-day response to numerous legislative efforts to restrict the industry's creative expression and distribution model.

In addition to his direct advocacy work, Huey has been instrumental in developing and launching numerous strategic initiatives and public-private partnerships of importance to ESA and the industry, including:

- The Congressional Caucus for Competitiveness in Entertainment Technology (E-TECH Caucus);
- The National STEM Video Game Challenge (with the White House and Sesame Workshop);
- GlassLab (an education software studio in collaboration with Electronic Arts and the MacArthur and Gates Foundations);
- Project A-Game (a partnership with the California Endowment to teach at-risk youth coding skills); and
- The Higher Education Video Game Alliance (a consortium of the top university video game design programs, as ranked by the Princeton Review).

Prior to joining ESA, Huey was a partner at Kilpatrick Stockton LLP where he specialized in public policy advocacy for the entertainment, communications, and media sectors. In 2007, his efforts on behalf of clients, including the Screen Actors Guild, Creative Coalition, AFTRA and the Recording Artists Coalition, earned him recognition by The Hollywood Reporter has named him one of the “100 Most Influential Media & Entertainment Lawyers” in its annual “Power Lawyer” issue.

Huey also remains active in the Democratic Party and helped oversee voter mobilization and protection in Western Pennsylvania for the Obama-Biden campaigns and the 2004 Kerry-Edwards campaign. Born outside Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and raised in Morgantown, West Virginia, Huey graduated with Honors from the University of Miami and received his J.D. from the University of Notre Dame Law School.

Outside of work and politics, Erik pursues two creative passions as a screenwriter and as the lead singer of The Surreal McCoys, his Americana rock band, which recently put out its second, original full-length album and regularly performs live.