

U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington, DC 20530

**Amendment to Registration Statement  
Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of  
1938, as amended**

INSTRUCTIONS. File this amendment form for any changes to a registration. Compliance is accomplished by filing an electronic amendment to registration statement and uploading any supporting documents at <https://www.fara.gov>.

Privacy Act Statement. The filing of this document is required for the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, 22 U.S.C. § 611 *et seq.*, for the purposes of registration under the Act and public disclosure. Provision of the information requested is mandatory, and failure to provide the information is subject to the penalty and enforcement provisions established in Section 8 of the Act. Every registration statement, short form registration statement, supplemental statement, exhibit, amendment, copy of informational materials or other document or information filed with the Attorney General under this Act is a public record open to public examination, inspection and copying during the posted business hours of the FARA Unit in Washington, DC. Statements are also available online at the FARA Unit's webpage: <https://www.fara.gov>. One copy of every such document, other than informational materials, is automatically provided to the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act, and copies of any and all documents are routinely made available to other agencies, departments and Congress pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Act. The Attorney General also transmits a semi-annual report to Congress on the administration of the Act which lists the names of all agents registered under the Act and the foreign principals they represent. This report is available to the public online at: <https://www.fara.gov>.

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1. Name of Registrant Checkmate Government Relations LLC	2. Registration Number 7534
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3. This amendment is filed to accomplish the following indicated purpose(es):
- To give notice of change in information as required by Section 2(b) of the Act.
  - To correct a deficiency in
    - Initial Statement
    - Supplemental Statement for the 6 month period ending \_\_\_\_\_
    - Other purpose (*specify*) \_\_\_\_\_
  - To give notice of change in an exhibit previously filed.

4. If this amendment requires the filing of a document or documents, please list:  
Exhibit B to Registration Statement

5. Each item checked above must be explained below in full detail together with, where appropriate, specific reference to and identity of the item in the registration statement to which it pertains.

Amendment to file contract between parties to extend the term of engagement.  
Foreign Principal Agreement for 'Panama Maritime Authority (Panama)' updated

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**EXECUTION**

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, and subject to the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 22 U.S.C. § 618, the undersigned swears or affirms under penalty of perjury that he/she has read the information set forth in this statement filed pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, 22 U.S.C. § 611 *et seq.*, that he/she is familiar with the contents thereof, and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.


Date	Printed Name	Signature <sup>1</sup>
10/17/2025	Frederick W. Vaughan	<input data-bbox="867 422 932 453" type="text" value="Sign"/> /s/Frederick W. Vaughan
_____	_____	<input data-bbox="867 510 932 552" type="text" value="Sign"/> _____
_____	_____	<input data-bbox="867 594 932 636" type="text" value="Sign"/> _____
_____	_____	<input data-bbox="867 678 932 720" type="text" value="Sign"/> _____

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<sup>1</sup> This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

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_____	_____	_____
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**CERTIFICATE OF CORPORATE RESOLUTION OF CHECKMATE GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, LLC AUTHORIZING RATIFICATION OF THE FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT AND APPOINTING CHARLES FRANKLIN MCDOWELL AND FREDERICK WATSON VAUGHAN AS SIGNATORY**

The undersigned being all of the Members and Managers of Checkmate Government Relations, LLC (the “Company”), do hereby consent to the adoption of the following resolutions, to have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote of the Members at a meeting of the Members scheduled to have been held on the date hereof:

WHEREAS, the Company has 7 Members, Charles Franklin McDowell IV, Isaac Nelson Dibrell Freeman, Frederick Watson Vaughan, Hampton Michael Billips, Lauren Briggs Henderson, John Easterling, and Douglas Boyette II (the “Members”), and 1 Manager: Charles Franklin McDowell IV (the “Managers”).

WHEREAS, the Company intends to file that certain Foreign Agents Registration Act registration (“the FARA”).

WHEREAS, the Company, by and through its Members and Managers, now wishes to ratify the FARA and approve such actions as may be necessary to carry out the terms of the Agreements and appoint two individual Members to execute such documents on behalf of the Company as may be necessary to carry out the terms of FARA.

NOW THEREFORE, the Company, by and through its Members and Managers, does hereby ratify, approve, agree, and resolve as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Company’s Members and Managers ratify the Agreements and if and to the extent that any action was taken on behalf of the Company without the necessary approval of the Members and Managers in connection with making and forming the FARA, that action is hereby ratified and shall be treated as if it were taken with all necessary approvals.

RESOLVED, that Charles Franklin McDowell IV and Frederick Watson Vaughan be and hereby are authorized, directed, and empowered to execute and deliver on behalf of the Company, without limitation, such agreements, FARA, and other instruments and documents in connection with the consummation and implementation of the FARA and the transactions contemplated thereby, as they deem appropriate, in their discretion, and to take from time to time, any actions necessary to perform the terms of the FARA.

This Consent may be executed in one (1) or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Any signature that is sent or made by facsimile or electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same force and effect as an original signature.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Members and Managers of the Company have caused this Corporate Resolution to be subscribed in the name of the Company on this the 29th day of May, 2025.

**CONSTITUTING ALL OF THE MEMBERS:**



Charles Franklin McDowell IV



Isaac Nelson Dibrell Freeman



Frederick Watson Vaughan



Hampton Michael Billips

*Lauren Briggs Henderson*

Lauren Briggs Henderson



John Easterling



Douglas Boyette II

**CONSTITUTING ALL OF THE MANAGERS:**



Charles Franklin McDowell IV