It is a widely held view that participation by business corporations in politics is intrinsically problematic and should be restricted or even prohibited. In Australia, the NSW government has recently announced that it will introduce legislation to ban political donations by developers. The federal Greens as well as some constitutional scholars have called for a categorical ban on corporate political donations. In the United States, federal law already prohibits corporations from making donations to federal political candidates and parties; it also prohibits corporate advertising expenditures in connection with federal election campaigns. However, significant avenues remain for corporations to influence electoral and other political outcomes in the United States, including lobbying, and many critics regard the rules as, if anything, too permissive of corporate political activities. This seminar is concerned with evaluating the premise that underlies the U.S. federal electoral rules, the critics’ position that these rules are too lax, and the calls for law reform in Australia, namely that the political activities of corporations should, in principle, be restricted.