

Saakashvili PR companies

Aspect Consulting Brussels 2007

“Last year Saakashvili paid a reported €500,000 to engage Brussels' Aspect Consulting to brand Georgia as a western wannabe, a Nato and European Union aspirant, emphasising everything from its fabulous food and drink to its liberties and democratic politics.” [Guardian](#) 20080816

Orion Strategies USA 2007-2008

“Most important, Scheunemann's former lobbying firm, Orion Strategies, received at least \$800,000 from the government of Georgia between 2004 and May 15, 2008, when Scheunemann finally severed his ties -- officially, at least -- to the firm. Before that, between January 1, 2007, and May 15, 2008, Scheunemann was officially on the payroll as both Georgia's lobbyist and McCain's top adviser, [during which time](#) Georgia paid Orion and \$290,000 and McCain paid him \$70,000... Last April 17, Scheunemann's business partner, Michael Mitchell, signed another \$200,000 contract to represent Georgia, [on the very same day](#) that McCain says that he had a telephone conversation with Georgia's President Mikheil Saakashvili. Did McCain urge Saakashvili to sign the contract? Did Scheunemann and Mitchell urge Saakashvili to lobby McCain to support Georgia? The *Post* reported that [Scheunemann "prepped" McCain](#) for the call to Saakashvili. It's a blindingly obvious conflict of interest, and frighteningly it's one that conceivably could drag the United States into yet another war in that unstable part of the world.” [The Nation](#) 20080821

Activities on behalf of Government of Georgia [2008](#)

Public Strategies USA 2009

“Public Strategies, which was signed to a six-month, \$300,000 contract, will provide media and public-relations consulting to enhance “the reputation of the Republic of Georgia government,” according to the agreement.” [The Hill](#) 20090319

Glover Park Group USA 2009

“Georgia has also hired a pair of consultants to an 11-month contract worth roughly \$470,000. The consultants, Gregory Maniatis and Daniel Kunin, will split the fees. The new consultants join the Glover Park Group, a firm well-connected in Democratic circles, on Georgia's roster of Beltway advocates. The country hired Glover Park last summer. Lobbyists for the firm took a delegation from the Caucasus state around both the Republican and Democratic national conventions to meet with lawmakers. So far, Glover Park has received \$320,000 from Georgia, according to recently filed Justice Department records.” [The Hill](#) 20090319