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Kevin Goodno Joins Bush Foundation Board of Directors

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Attorney Kevin P. Goodno was recently appointed to the Bush Foundation's Board of Directors. The board comprises up to 15 leaders from across the region who bring a wealth of experience and expertise in the public, private and nonprofit sectors. Prior to being appointed, Goodno served on the Bush Foundation's Minnesota Bush Prize Selection Panel.

Goodno is a respected and experienced advocate, effectively representing clients on complex policy and political issues before state legislative, agency and executive branch decision makers. He serves as government relations counsel for clients, especially in his areas of expertise—health care, social services and tax policy.

Respected for his hard work and integrity in managing difficult and challenging issues and situations, Goodno has developed strong working relationships with legislators, executive branch officials, agency personnel and various stakeholder groups. He brings these relationships, his expertise as government relations counsel and over 20 years in public service in providing a comprehensive range of services to clients.

Goodno also has extensive experience in state and local government, non-profit organizations and the private sector. Prior to joining Fredrikson & Byron, Goodno served as commissioner of Minnesota's largest agency, the Department of Human Services which required him to work closely with other state agencies, county and tribal governments and the federal government. Goodno also served on many high-level committees, including as a member of the Governor's Health Cabinet, as co-chair of the Minnesota Mental Health Action Group, as co-chair of the Advisory Council to End Long-Term Homelessness and as a member of the Governor's Drive to Excellence Sub-Cabinet.

Before joining the Department of Human Services, he served in the Minnesota House of Representatives for 12 years being recognized for his leadership on health care, human services and tax policy issues. Goodno's private sector experience includes practicing business and employment law with a Moorhead law firm and owning and operating a retail business.

Community service is an important part of Goodno and his family's life. Goodno serves as a chairman of the American Brain Foundation board. He also has a strong interest in nonprofit governance with his past leadership roles with the Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota and the Citizen's League.

Goodno is an award winning lobbyist. He was recognized by *Best Lawyers*[®] as the 2015 Government Relations Practice "Lawyer of the Year" in Minneapolis. He has been consecutively listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*[®] since 2014. The *Capitol Report* listed Goodno as one of their "Top 10 Rising Lobbyists" in 2011. *Campaigns & Elections* recognized Goodno as one of their "Top 100 MN Influencers" in 2010. Goodno was recognized in *Finance & Commerce* as one of their "2010 Minnesotans on the Move."

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