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Ted Grindal is the Partner in Charge of Lockridge Grindal Nauen's (LGN) government relations practice. For the past 30 years, he has led Minnesota's largest and premier government relations team with offices in both Minnesota and Washington, D.C. offering state government relations, federal government relations, and communications and grassroots advocacy services to corporations, trade associations, municipalities, and non-profit organizations and associations.

Under Mr. Grindal's leadership, LGN's seasoned and politically-diverse government relations team has built its reputation for being knowledgeable, trustworthy, and politically savvy. Mr. Grindal focuses on strong, long-term personal connections with lawmakers and staff and leverages those for a successful record in helping shape clients' industry-specific objectives with government relations and public affairs strategies.

Mr. Grindal has been recognized as one of Minnesota's top eight lobbyists by the Minneapolis Star Tribune and was recently named one of the 10 most influential lobbyists in Minnesota by Minneapolis-based CityPages. In addition, he has been honored by inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America for health care law and has been named a "Super Lawyer" by the Minnesota Law & Politics for government relations for numerous years. He was also selected by Minnesota attorneys for the Guidebook of Law and Leading Attorneys in Minnesota for health care and government relations and named by *Minnesota Physician* as one of Minnesota's "100 Most Influential Health Care Leaders" several times.

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Mr. Grindal belongs to the Minnesota Government Relations Council, the American Health Lawyers Association, the Minnesota State Bar Association (health law), and the American Society of Medical Association Counsel. He is proud to currently serve on the board of directors of the Minnesota Private College Council and currently chairs the board of directors of the Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society. Previously, he served on board of regents for Augsburg College, and chaired that board for two years. He has also served on the boards of the Minnesota Center for Arts Education, the International Hearing Foundation, The Minikahda Club, Prairie Lutheran Church Council, and the Norwegian American Historical Association.

After graduating from the University of Minnesota Law School, Mr. Grindal served in the Minnesota Attorney General's office as a Special Assistant Attorney General before joining Lockridge Grindal Nauen. He lives in Minneapolis with his wife and has two grown children.

Representative Cases

- Principal lobbyist with passing of Freedom to Breathe Act (prohibiting smoking in public places, especially businesses and restaurants).
- Passage of a bill authorizing a new hospital in Maple Grove, Minnesota, resulting in a joint venture between Fairview and North Memorial hospitals.
- Lobbyist for tribal governments, including Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, on natural resources, health care and gaming issues.

Presentations

- Minnesota State Bar Association, Health Law Section. Co-presenter with Dannette Coleman on 2010 Minnesota Legislative Wrap-up.

Publications

- *More Deficit, Further Challenges: 2010 Legislative Preview*, Metro Doctors, March/April 2010, at 6 (with Nathaniel Mussell).
- *Feeling the pain*. A face-off on the health and human services budget, Minnesota Physician, Volume XXIII, No. 4, July 2009, at 1 (with Matt Schafer).
- *In the red. All bets are off as the Minnesota Legislature faces a hulking deficit*, Minnesota Physician, Volume XXII, No. 10, January 2009, at 1 (with Matt Schafer and Cristina Diaz).

Professional Associations

- American Health Lawyers Association, MSBA (Health Law Section)
- American Society of Medical Association Counsel
- Minnesota Government Relations Council

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Professional Recognition

- Named a Minnesota Super Lawyer for numerous years by Super Lawyers®, a Thomson Reuters business.
- Named a Super Lawyer by the Minnesota Journal of Law and Politics for government relations for numerous years.
- Named one of Minnesota's 100 Most Influential Health Care Leaders, according to Minnesota Physician, 1993 and 2004, 2006, 2008.
- Named one of The Best Lawyers in America according to The Best Lawyers in America 1993 - 1994 and 1995 - 1996. Only 221 lawyers from Minnesota were included in this publication.

Education

- University of Minnesota Law School, 1979

Bar Admissions

- 1980, Minnesota

Court Admissions

- Minnesota
- U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court