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Kevin Canan is the Managing Partner and Founder of MainStreet Advocates. Mr. Canan is an attorney who has over 25 years of government relations, government, public policy, campaign and legal experience. He has worked for local, state and federal elected officials. Prior to founding MSA, Mr. Canan solely created and developed the state and local government affairs function for Covidien, a \$12 billion global health care manufacturer. Mr. Canan was responsible for developing the overall state and local government affairs strategy for the company. He led numerous legislative, regulatory and grassroots / grasstops campaigns in multiple states and localities. Additionally he was responsible for vetting and retaining state and local lobbyists and consultants throughout the country.

Prior to that, Mr. Canan was Vice President at a Washington DC based state and local government relations firm where he crafted legislative, procurement, regulatory and grassroots strategies for clients nationwide.

Mr. Canan also served as counsel to leadership in the Massachusetts State Senate where he drafted and negotiated numerous pieces of legislation including the State's annual budget and the State's landmark universal health care bill. In 2006, Mr. Canan was a consultant to two gubernatorial campaigns crafting policy, media and field strategies for the candidates. In addition, Mr. Canan served in numerous policy and legal roles for the Mayor of Boston

Mr. Canan has worked on five Presidential campaigns in numerous states throughout the country including: Connecticut, Florida, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York and Virginia. In 2000 he served as a legal advisor to a Florida political party in connection with the Presidential recount in Florida. While in law school, Mr. Canan served as the Law Clerk to the Vice President of the United States.

Mr. Canan received his B.A. in political science from Allegheny College and his law degree from Northeastern University School of Law. He was named a "rising star" in both 2006 and in 2007 by the publishers of Super Lawyers and Law & Politics magazines. He resides in Bethesda, Maryland with his wife and two daughters.