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Ms. Kanninen leads the firm's Minnesota-based lobbying team as Partner in Charge of State Government Affairs. With more than 14 years of government relations experience at LGN, she is known at the Minnesota State Capitol as a leader and bipartisan political strategist who is well-respected for her thoughtful approach to positively position the firm's clients for success.

As partner at LGN, she advises some of the state's largest corporations and trade associations on reputation management, political profile, government relations services and public affairs campaigns. Ms. Kanninen manages her practice area's business development plans and strategies to provide comprehensive services to clients. Her government relations work focuses on the areas of energy, telecommunications, technology, insurance, general business, labor management, and election law, and has translated into many successful policy initiatives on behalf of the firm's clients. Her legal practice focuses on campaign finance and election law.

Prior to joining LGN in 1999, she gained considerable knowledge of the legislative process and participants working as committee staff in the Minnesota State Senate and the Wisconsin State Legislature.

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Ms. Kanninen was named one of the top 50 Women in Business by the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal in 2014. She currently serves on the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce PAC board, the William Mitchell Alumni board and is a long-time member of the Minnesota Government Relations Council and the Public Affairs Council. She is active in supporting the Minnesota's art community and mentoring young professions interested in Government Affairs as part of the William Mitchell College of Law mentor-mentee program.

She received a B.A. in English from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, a J.D. from William Mitchell College of Law, and was admitted to practice law in Minnesota in 2013.