

## **MICHAEL J. KENNEDY**

Michael J. Kennedy is Vice President for Global Government Relations and Public Policy for VMware, the ubiquitous, essential digital infrastructure software company of over \$10 billion in revenues and 25,000 employees in operations worldwide. Since 2014, Mr. Kennedy has led VMware's global GR team in areas of policy and regulatory development, commercial and public procurement opportunities, and issues related to VMware's political, community, sustainability, and brand awareness. VMware engages on policy surrounding cyber security, cloud architecture, 5G, the internet of things, privacy, tax and trade, and many other IT and software-relevant issues.



Mr. Kennedy served for two years as a member of the Board of Directors of MicroPact, a software company providing case management and business process software for governments and enterprise with both license and SaaS models, that sold to Tyler Technologies in 2019.

Mr. Kennedy currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Information Technology Industry Council, on the Board of the Senate Republican Chiefs of Staff Association, on the Board of Governors for the DC-based Carlton Club, and on VMware's Executive Sustainability Council.

Prior to VMware, Mr. Kennedy was Chief of Staff to U.S. Senator Orrin G. Hatch of Utah. Mr. Kennedy managed the Washington, DC and Utah staff and offices, and represented the Senator in policy and political affairs, including his successful 2012 reelection campaign. While working in the Senate, Mr. Kennedy was Chair of the Senate Republican Chiefs of Staff and Staff Directors Association and served on the Board of the Bipartisan Chiefs of Staff Association.

Mr. Kennedy joined Senator Hatch's staff from serving as Vice President for Federal and State Relations at Utah State University where he led the university's advocacy to the state legislature, the Governor and administrative agencies, local communities, and federal government. While at USU, he founded the Institute of Government and Politics and taught an upper-level political science course on lobbying the state and federal government.

Before joining USU, Mr. Kennedy spent nearly seven years in Washington, DC representing clients before the U.S. Congress and Administration with a client list firmly rooted in public institutions with community-oriented goals like universities, municipalities, transit districts and water authorities. Previous to his lobbying work in Washington, Mr. Kennedy served as Chief Operating Officer of Nutribution, Inc., a Los Angeles-based nutraceutical company, and as an Associate at the Boston Consulting Group.

Mr. Kennedy is a graduate of Harvard University with an A.B. *cum laude* in Government.