

# **Timothy Stapleton**

#### **Government Affairs Consultant**

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#### **Practice & Industry Areas**

- Government Affairs Law & Lobbying
- Health Care
- Healthcare Transactions

#### **Education**

• Indiana University, B.A., Political Science, 1989

## **Overview**

Tim provides strategic advice to businesses, organizations and associations on a broad array of complex legislative, regulatory and economic development issues. He works with clients to create customized advocacy solutions to advance their business interests and helps identify various government funding opportunities. Tim has leveraged his policy expertise and key relationships to secure millions in funding for organizations involved in health and human services, economic development and the arts in Florida.

Tim has been at the intersection of public policy, politics and business in Florida for over 25 years. For more than two decades, he spearheaded the government affairs and political operations of the Florida Medical Association (FMA), one of the largest state medical organizations in the country. Under his leadership, the FMA achieved record growth through strategic partnerships, increased membership and innovative programs that generated new streams of revenue. Prior to serving as CEO, Tim led the FMA's multi-million-dollar public affairs operation for 10 years, building one of the most effective political action committees in the State of Florida and overseeing the organization's government advocacy program.

In 2015, Tim was recognized in INFLUENCE Magazine's inaugural list of the 100 Most Influential People in Florida Politics. Following the 2018 election, he served on the health care transition team for Florida Governor Ron DeSantis.

Prior to his time in Florida, Tim worked for the American Medical Association and the Medical Society of the State of New York. His political experience includes serving on the staff of two statewide political campaigns in Illinois. His public service includes working as a legislative liaison in the Office of Illinois Attorney General Jim Ryan.

When he is not working, Tim spends time volunteering for organizations dedicated to helping people with special needs. He has served on the Board of Independence Landing in Tallahassee, a nonprofit corporation with a mission to build an affordable, planned residential community for adults with varying intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. Currently, Tim serves on the Board of Directors of The Learning Academy, a tuition-free, nonprofit, Palm Beach County charter school serving students with autism spectrum disorder. He actively helps raise money for the Els for Autism Foundation in Jupiter, Florida and the Autism Project of Palm Beach County.

### **Honors**

• Top Influencers in Florida Health Care Politics, INFLUENCE Magazine, Spring 2023

# **Civic & Community Service**

• Board of Directors, Independence Landing, Tallahassee, Florida