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Edward D. Kratovil (Ted) is an external relations consultant with forty years of corporate experience in all public affairs disciplines.

Additionally, he is a partner in The Tiny Kitchen, Inc. [TTK] (www.thetinykitchen.com), Annandale, VA, that serves as a holding company for its consumer show; The Metro Cooking & Entertaining Show [MCES] (www.metrocooking.com) held annually in Atlanta, GA, and Washington, DC; and The Tiny Kitchen Cookbook Series. In 2009, the publication "Trade Association Week" recognized MCES with a "TSW Fastest 50 Award". Also, he serves on the board of the TTK affiliate, The Twinkling Eyes Foundation (www.twinklingeyes.org), that seeks to build value in the North American culinary experience by investing in the future generations of food and beverage providers who operate from cultivation to consumption.

Most recently, Mr. Kratovil served as senior vice president of UST Inc., Stamford, CT, with responsibility for global government relations. He joined UST in 1985 as director, corporate relations. Mr. Kratovil reported to Murray S. Kessler, chairman and CEO and served on the UST management committee. The principal businesses of UST were U. S. Smokeless Tobacco Company (www.us smokeless.com) and Ste. Michelle Wine Estates (www.smwe.com). Altria Group, Richmond, VA, acquired UST in January 2009.

Prior to joining UST, Mr. Kratovil held positions of increasing responsibility in public affairs at American Can Company, Greenwich, CT, from 1970 to 1985. On a two-year leave of absence (1979-1980), he was chief of staff to then U. S. Senator Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. (R-Conn.).

During 1991-1995, Mr. Kratovil served as chairman of the Gaming Policy Board (citizen oversight) of the State of Connecticut, appointed by former Governor Weicker (I-Conn.). He also served as a member of the Connecticut Commission on Compensation of Elected State Officers and Judges from 1986 to 1991, as the appointee of former Governor William A. O'Neill (D-Conn.). He was an elected member of the Greenwich (CT) Representative Town Meeting 1982-1984 and has served on numerous philanthropic and political campaign finance committees.

Mr. Kratovil has served on the boards of the Greenwich (CT) Chamber of Commerce, the Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk, South Norwalk, CT, Quail Unlimited, Edgefield, SC, Southampton College of Long Island University, Southampton, NY, Summer Music at Harkness, Waterford, CT, the Smokeless Tobacco Council, the Center for the Study of the Presidency, the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation, the Congressional Wine Foundation, and the Dole Foundation for the Employment of People with Disabilities, Washington, DC. He was active on the public affairs committees of the Can Manufacturer's Institute and the Tobacco Institute, Washington, DC, the Connecticut Business & Industry Association, Hartford, CT, and SACIA: The Business Council, Stamford, CT. In 1984, he received the SACIAN Award from that association.

Mr. Kratovil has addressed many industry and university forums on government and business sponsored by the Public Affairs Council, Congressional Quarterly, Georgetown University, Harvard University, Syracuse University, the University of North Carolina and Yale University.

He is a 1969 graduate of Southampton College of Long Island University where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and was elected president of the Student Government Association. In May 2000, the university honored him with its Distinguished Alumnus Award.