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**Kelley Cawthorne Expands Again with the Addition of Lobbyist
Kwafo Adarkwa**

LANSING, Mich. — [Kelley Cawthorne](#), the Midwest’s leading multi-client lobbying firm, today announced the expansion of its lobbying team with the addition of [Kwafo Adarkwa](#).

Adarkwa will spearhead business development and support current clients in the firm's Detroit and Lansing offices, starting today. He will also work in Kelley Cawthorne's [Columbus, Ohio-based Pappas & Associates](#) sister office.

Adarkwa, who will represent a variety of clients, brings expertise in energy policy, regulatory affairs, and government relations to the lobbying team at Kelley Cawthorne. This follows his 16-year career at ITC Holdings, the largest independent electric transmission firm in the United States with operations in Michigan, Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Wisconsin.

Adarkwa most recently served as director of public affairs at ITC, where he acted as an expert witness before the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC), managed corporate giving efforts, and led college and university outreach. Prior to working for ITC, he began his career in the energy regulatory industry as a public utilities engineer at the MPSC.

Adarkwa also holds active memberships and leadership positions in industry and community organizations, including the American Association of Blacks in Energy, Michigan Energy Innovators Business Council, MLK Commission of Mid-Michigan, Michigan State University Black Alumni Association, and Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce Policy Committee.

[Kwafo Adarkwa](#) is an electrical engineer who holds a BS and MBA from Michigan State University.

Kelley Cawthorne President Melissa McKinley:

"Kwafo's expertise will expand the scope and impact of our efforts in both regulatory and general policy affairs. We are confident that his addition to Kelley Cawthorne's lobbying team will allow us to continue delivering unparalleled service to our clients."

Kelley Cawthorne Chief Executive Officer Rob Elhenicky:

"We are thrilled to welcome Kwafo to the team. His expertise in shaping public policy and navigating complex regulatory environments will be an invaluable asset for both business development and client services in Michigan and Ohio."

Kelley Cawthorne lobbyist Kwafo Adarkwa:

"I am beyond elated and looking forward to joining the well-established Kelley Cawthorne team. I'm excited to bring my expertise to the firm to drive good and valuable public policy for our clients across the Midwest. The future is bright for Kelly Cawthorne and I'm honored to be a part of that future."

Kelley Cawthorne is Shaping Change:

Kelley Cawthorne merged with Ohio's Pappas & Associate in January 2023, creating the Midwest's leading multistate lobbying firm.

Their client list includes major Michigan, national and international organizations, such as: McLaren-Karmanos Cancer Center; Autism Centers of Michigan; Henry Ford Health System; McLaren Health Care; Wayne State University School of Medicine; Ford Motor Company; DTE Energy, Deloitte; Michigan Professional Firefighters Union; Michigan Association of Broadcasters; Wal-Mart; and AT&T.

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