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Kaela Brennan honored with MMUA Distinguished Service Award

ST. LOUIS PARK, MINNESOTA— September 18, 2026. Kathleen “Kaela” Brennan, counsel with Spencer Fane and longtime general counsel to the Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association, has received MMUA's 2026 Distinguished Service Award. The award recognizes individuals who provide outstanding service in support of MMUA and its goals.

For more than 25 years, Brennan has assisted municipal utilities across Minnesota. She has represented MMUA members before the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, the courts, and the Minnesota Supreme Court, and is widely recognized for her expertise in service territory matters.

In addition to her legal work, Brennan has advised MMUA leadership, assisted with governance matters, and contributed to member education programs. MMUA cited her practical guidance, professionalism, and commitment to municipal utilities in presenting the award.

“Our award recipients represent the best of public service and demonstrate the value of community-owned utilities,” said MMUA CEO Karleen Kos.

About MMUA: The Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association (MMUA) was established in 1931 to unify, support, and serve as a common voice for municipal utilities. The organization represents community-owned hometown utilities in 186 cities around Minnesota that serve a median 1,275 customers. MMUA also provides safety, training, compliance, strategic planning, and government relations services on-site in locations throughout the Midwest. MMUA is headquartered in St. Louis Park, Minnesota and operates a hands-on training center in Marshall, Minnesota.

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