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# 2013 SESSION SUMMARY

## **BROAD STROKES**

Minnesota's 88th Legislative Session ended May 20, 2013. Minnesota is one of several states that operates on a biennium, meaning the first year is used to set the State budget, and the second year is used to consider capital investment projects. The 2014 session is scheduled to convene February 25, 2014.

For the first time since 1990 Minnesota was ruled by one party as democrats gained control of the House, Senate, and the Governor's office giving the DFL more power than Minnesota has seen in a generation. Of the 201 legislators, 64 were "rookies" to the process.

Of the thousands of bills introduced in the Minnesota House and Senate a small percentage become law. Those bills that did not make it during the 2013 session sit awaiting possible action in the 2014 session. The future of a bill depends on where it was in the process when session ended.

Hallmarks of this year's session include new taxes, the legalization of same-sex marriage and a day-care unionization law. The Legislature increased new spending by \$1.6 billion and taxes by \$2.3 billion for the fiscal year 2014-2015 budget in response to a shortfall of \$627 million.

## **New Taxes and a Bonding Bill**

The Legislature's Tax Bill features an increase in income taxes paid by the wealthiest Minnesotans - a top priority for Governor Mark Dayton. The plan creates a new "fourth tier" tax rate that will apply to taxable income over \$250,000 for married joint filers and \$150,000 for single filers. At 9.85%, the new top rate will be the fifth highest in the nation, and is expected to affect about two percent of Minnesota tax payers in 2013. The cigarette tax will increase by double per pack.

Business-to-business sales tax, as originally proposed, was not included in the final budget. However, limited business-to-business sales tax did become law including warehouse and storage sales tax and sales tax on electronic and commercial equipment and repair. Clothing will not see sales tax, much to the relief of the Mall of America who will also see tax credits for its expansion. The final Tax Bill included financing to help Rochester handle the planned expansion of the Mayo Clinic's Destination Medical Center.

A stripped-down Bonding Bill was passed to pay for Capitol renovations. Other omnibus bills delivered more money for K-12, a freeze of public university higher education tuition for two years, and some property tax relief for some homeowners.

Republican Senate Minority Leader David Hann (R-Eden Prairie) said higher taxes will prompt businesses to cut jobs, wealthy Minnesotans to move, and smokers to buy their cigarettes elsewhere. "We're not the first state that has tried to do these things. There will be changes in behavior," he said. Meanwhile, DFL House Speaker Paul Thissen (DFL-Minneapolis) said Democrats made the bet that the tax hikes would be worth it. "The tough votes that they had to take on things like taxes pay off on things like investments in education, job creation, and property tax relief."

Other controversial measures pushed through this year include a bill allowing thousands of home-based child-care providers to vote on whether to unionize, and the creation of a state-run health insurance marketplace as a result of the federal Affordable Care Act. Governor Dayton and every member of the Minnesota House will be up for re-election in 2014.

### **Thank You to the BAM Team**

BAM members worked tirelessly this session, making the industry voice heard. Several potentially harmful bills were stopped as a result.

### **Thank you to all the members who joined us this year for BAM's Home Builder Day at the Capitol.**

We had a record turnout and met with nearly every member of the Legislature. Thank you to BAM President, Chad Kompelien, and BAM Government Relations Committee Chair, Rick Kot, for their tenacity and time spent at the Capitol. Thank you also to BAM's Government Relations Committee members who met weekly during session to help guide BAM staff and lobbyists as they fought to protect the industry.

BAM's lobbying team this year included BAM's new Executive Vice President Remi Stone, Larry Redmond of Redmond Associates, Brian Halloran of Redmond Associates, James Vagle, BATC Director of Government Affairs, Rick Dold, RAB Director of Public Affairs, and BATC's contract lobbyists Pete Coyle of Larkin Hoffman and Julie Perrus of Larkin Hoffman.

Finally, thank you to BAM's entire government relations team for a successful session.

## HOW BAM AND THE HOMEBUILDING INDUSTRY FARED

2013 marks the third session BAM has worked to prohibit a mandate of fire sprinklers in new single-family homes. As was the case in 2011 and 2012, the unwavering veto threat from the Governor derailed the efforts of the industry and thoughtful policy makers. The next step in the process will be to continue to push for removal of the mandate through the code process and the pending Administration Law Judge legal proceeding. Nevertheless, we can celebrate a few wins.

### Wins

- BAM mitigated what would have been an expensive radon requirement. The final bill, signed into law, requires a seller to provide a good faith disclosure on any knowledge of radon concentrations in the dwelling.
- BAM worked hard to protect the industry's warranties and general liability coverages on an issue regarding risk transfer and anti-indemnification law.
  - BAM made sure the final bill permitted contract clauses to allow for workers' compensation, performance or payment bonds, project-specific insurance and builders' risk policies.
- BAM worked to prevent hidden fees, such as the street improvement districts from becoming law.

## BILL BY BILL

The following is a closer look at what happened this year, issue by issue, bill by bill, and what to expect in the 2014 legislative session.

### Fire Sprinklers

The majority of legislators get it - homes built today are the safest in the marketplace and sprinklers are a costly mandate that remove homeowner choice. Bipartisan support to prohibit this unnecessary mandate became abundantly clear this session. From a stand-alone bill introduced by Representative David FitzSimmons (R-Alberville) to Senator David Senjem's (R-Rochester) unrelenting quest to amend bills including: Senator Tomassoni's (DFL-Chisholm) Omnibus Jobs Bill and Senator Schmidt's (DFL-Red Wing) Omnibus Game and Fish Bill, the Legislature continues to signal to the Governor that this code mandate is not good policy.

Unfortunately, even with overwhelming legislative support, Governor Dayton's (DFL) veto threat derailed the efforts of the industry and policy makers to remove the onerous mandate from the up-

coming code. BAM continues to work with legislative, industry, and homeowner allies to fight this pending mandate. BAM has also deployed significant resources to mount a robust attack through the upcoming Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) proceedings. BAM will not stand down until this burdensome mandate is defeated.

### **Minnesota Radon Awareness Act**

Signed into law as Chapter 43 and effective January 1, 2014 is a provision that, with limited exceptions, will require a seller to provide a good faith disclosure to the buyer in writing on whether the seller has knowledge of radon concentrations in the dwelling. Radon testing before property transfer is not required.

The Radon Awareness Act was authored by Representative Carolyn Laine (DFL–Columbia Heights) and Senator John Marty (DFL–Roseville) and is part of a broader Department of Health (MDH) “Healthy Homes” initiative.

BAM monitored this issue closely to ensure the new law balanced homeowner safety without being a regulatory burden. We expect MDH to continue to pursue similar initiatives so BAM will continue to work with MDH and stakeholders to ensure the interests of the homeowners and homebuilding industry are represented in the discussions.

### **Risk Transfer / Anti-Indemnification Law**

Signed into law as Chapter 88, SF 561 (Senator Vicki Jensen, DFL-Owatonna and Representative Joe Atkins, DFL-South St. Paul), is a bill that alters Minnesota’s construction contract statute by making void and unenforceable clauses requiring insurance coverage to other parties for the negligence or intentional acts or omissions of those other parties.

BAM worked long and hard to make sure the final bill permits contract clauses to allow for workers compensation, performance or payment bonds, project-specific insurance and builders’ risk policies. Also protected in this bill are contract clauses that require insurance coverage for vicarious liability and warranty liability (homebuilders’ statutory warranties as well as express and implied warranties).

### **Statute of Repose**

After years of negotiations, tweaks, and education, legislation to amend the State’s statute of repose became law as Chapter 21. The new law extends the period of repose from 12 years to 14 years. Although the repose period is moved out to 14 years, it does not impact the industry’s warranty period nor does it change the statute of limitation. The law is effective August 1, 2013.

## **Fair Market Value - Park Fees**

Hidden away in the Omnibus Jobs Bill is language first found in HF 321 (Representative Hornstein, DFL-Minneapolis and Senator Dibble, DFL-Minneapolis). The language defines fair market value for purposes of calculating park fees by linking the value to annual tax valuation or other relevant data. Applicants may object to a municipality's calculation of value and negotiate the determination using information gleaned from an independent appraisal.

## **Workers' Compensation**

Signed into law as Chapter 70, HF1359/SF1234 has been described by its authors, Representative Tim Mahoney (DFL-St. Paul) and Senator Dan Sparks (DFL-Austin) as a broad agreement among business and labor groups, through the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council (WCAC), making significant changes to the State's workers' comp system. The new law changes the current maximum compensation rate of \$850 per week to 102 percent of the statewide average weekly wage. According to the Department of Labor and Industry, the statewide average weekly wage rate for the period October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013 is approximately \$916, so the change amounts to a 10 percent increase in the cap.

Also, the new law extends coverage for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and marks the first time the Minnesota workers' comp law would cover "mental-only" injuries, although it explicitly excludes coverage for mental impairments resulting from disciplinary action, job transfer, layoff, demotion, promotion, termination retirement, or similar action taken in good faith by the employer.

## **OMNIBUS BILLS**

### **Omnibus Jobs and Economic Development Bill**

Signed into law as Chapter 85, HF729's Chief Authors (Representative Tim Mahoney, DFL-St. Paul and Senator David Tomassoni, DFL-Chisholm) cite tax cuts for businesses and grants related to job training, economic development, and unemployment insurance among the provisions in this \$461.8 million bill.

"Every employer in the state will get a tax cut because of this bill," Chief Author Mahoney said. In contrast, Rep. Greg Davids (R-Preston) said supporters should temper their excitement about the bill because it accomplishes items that were already set to happen.

There are no new fees in the bill, but it does increase some current ones for accountants, barbers, and cosmetologists. There is also some restructuring of fees in the elevator and plumbing areas. This bill incorporates both individual and omnibus bills dealing with the Departments of Labor and

Industry (DLI), Economic Development (DEED), Commerce (DOC), and Energy and Resources (DER). In the final days of conference committee the Energy Omnibus Bill was inserted. This bill was highly controversial because it created a 1.5% solar mandate on utilities.

Relevant provisions in the Jobs Bill:

#### Labor & Industry

- Makes changes to elevator licensing and permitting.
- Increase in plumbing inspection fees
- Fixes a provision in the Contractor Recovery Fund to prevent abuse. BAM worked with DLI to include this fix.

#### Miscellaneous

- Includes changes to Park Dedication fees (see Fair Market Value - Park Fees above)

#### Commerce

- Makes changes to Contract For Deed to “provide greater protection for purchasers.” BAM monitored this issue closely.

As mentioned earlier, the anti-sprinkler mandate provision, which was amended into the Senate Jobs bill on the Senate floor by Senator David Senjem (R-Rochester), remained in the bill until just before the very end of conference committee deliberations when the Governor successfully removed the language over the Senate Conferees’ objections.

BAM worked closely with both the House and Senate Conferees and we especially appreciate the Senate conferees' efforts to attempt to keep the provision in the final conference committee report. Thanks to Conferees: Senator David Tomassoni (DFL-Chisholm), Senator Jim Metzen (DFL-South St. Paul), Senator Tom Saxhaug (DFL-Grand Rapids), Senator Dan Sparks (DFL-Austin), and Senator Torrey Westrom (R-Elbow Lake). Thank you also to House Conferee Representative Bob Gunther (R-Fairmont).

#### **Omnibus Tax Bill**

Signed into law as Chapter 143, HF667, (Representative Ann Lenczewski, DFL-Bloomington and Senator Rod Skoe, DFL-Clearbrook) the State’s \$38 billion Omnibus Tax Bill has some notable tax revenue features. The State will be raising an additional \$2 billion in tax revenue to offset an earlier projected deficit of \$627 million. The final package does not include the business-to-business tax increases Governor Dayton proposed early on in session.

Using tactics like BAM's Homebuilder Day at the Capitol, BAM members joined many other stakeholders in opposing those taxes and ultimately convinced the Governor to drop most of his business-to-business (B2B) proposals. The Tax Bill also includes financing to help Rochester handle the planned expansion of the Mayo Clinic. BAM supported this effort.

The B2B tax that did get included in the bill is a warehouse and storage sales tax (excluding farm products, refrigerated storage, and electronic data storage) and a sales tax on electronic and commercial equipment and repair (including farm and capital equipment).

The new funding from this bill will largely be paid for through increased taxes on high-income earners – the rate will be 9.85% for those making \$250,000 filing married-joint and for single filers making \$150,000 or more. In addition, smokers will be paying double the existing cigarette tax from \$1.60 per pack to \$2.83.

Other Tax Bill items of interest:

- Allows for Hennepin and Ramsey County to impose an addition to the mortgage registry tax and deed tax.
- Provides that county assessors need not be licensed as real estate appraisers in order to do land exchange.
- Deed tax partitions - the definition provides, in effect, that the exemption only applies to a deed, or the portion of a deed, that divides a contiguous tract of co-owned real property into physically separate tracts owned individually by each of the co-owners.
- Authorizes the use of funds raised by metropolitan county conservation fees (a \$5 fee on mortgage and deed recordings/registrations) to be used as matching funds for the base grants and to address high-priority needs in local water management plans or comprehensive watershed management plans.
- Removes the five-year period for redemption for homestead or seasonal residential recreational land, so that the redemption period for most properties is three years.
- Modifies the list of non-tax property appraisals that assessors may perform within their jurisdictions, so that county assessors are allowed to do appraisals related to land exchanges.
- Increases the payment threshold for the eight percent withholding requirement on payments to out-of-state construction contractors from \$50,000 of cumulative payments to contracts exceeding \$50,000.

### **Omnibus Environment Bill**

Signed into law as Chapter 114, HF 976 (Representative Jean Wagenius, DFL-Minneapolis and Senator David Tomassoni, DFL-Chisholm) is almost an \$800 million spending bill of which about \$700 million goes towards natural resource spending. The bill was controversial and passed on a party line vote, even though the proposed increase in water usage fees and those related to mining were dropped from the original House bill.

This bill includes a new program designed to increase the recycling of unused paint. The paint stewardship program will impose a \$0.75 per gallon tax on paint manufacturers to fund the program. Representative Dan Fabian (R-Roseau) stated his concern about the negative impact this would have on retailers in border communities around the state.

The House version of this bill also included similar new programs for carpet and batteries, but those provisions never made it into the final conference committee report. Also included is a provision that allows for a permit to be required (at the commissioner of Natural Resources' discretion) for certain water usage under 10,000 gallons a day.

### **Omnibus Bonding Bill**

Chapter 136, HF1070/SF960, represents a deal DFL legislative leaders cut with their Republican counterparts to deliver a \$156 million Bonding Bill to the Governor's desk. The bill provides for the restoration of the State Capitol Building, flood mitigation to northwest Minnesota, and funding for a Minneapolis Veterans Home. This scaled-back bill passed after the House failed to get the votes needed to pass an \$800 billion bill.

# NEW LAWS

## HOW YOUR BUSINESS MAY BE IMPACTED

Every time BAM stops a bad bill, there is a virtual “savings” to your bottom line. The downside to these wins is they can be hard to quantify. Every time a bad bill becomes law, there can be a direct hit to your bottom line. The upside to these losses is that it’s easy to quantify the cost. The following are 2013 examples of each scenario.

### Radon Awareness Law

A seller must submit a good faith report on known levels of radon within the dwelling. While this bill represents a new disclosure mandate on the housing industry, it does not mandate testing, nor active system remediation, which some estimates have at \$150 per new home.

### Mental Mental Workers’ Comp Law

Post traumatic stress is now part of the State’s Workers’ Compensation Law, although reliable estimates of the impact of this change are difficult, because there is no way to know how many PTSD claims might occur or how much those claims will cost on average. The League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust gives a rough estimate of the additional cost of this change which could be between 0.5 percent and 4 percent of premiums.

### Fair Market Value - Land Development

Lot costs may be held down as a result of the fair market value language passed. Because the calculation for park fees is now linked to annual tax valuation or other relevant data, it could have the effect of holding lot costs down. Also of potential help is the new language allowing applicants to object to a municipality’s calculation of value and negotiate the determination using information gleaned from an independent appraisal.

## **CONTRACT CHANGES**

It seems that with every session the State has a habit of wading into discussions about construction contracts and warranties. This year was no exception as the State addressed both the issue of indemnification and risk transfer and the statute of repose. Below is a snapshot of some of the legislative “highlights” over the years.

<b>Contract Requirements</b>	<b>Year Enacted</b>
Indemnification / Risk Transfer	2013
Statute of Repose	2013
Building Performance Guidelines	2012
Copy of Warranty Statute	2011
Prompt Payment / Progress Payments	2009
Notice and Opportunity to Repair	2006

The good news for BAM members is that a benefit of membership is a set of construction contracts that embody these statutory changes. Drafted by attorneys that specialize in residential construction, and updated when the law changes, these contracts are worth over \$10,000.

With the close of the 2013 session, BAM is preparing a refreshed set of contracts for member use. Watch for the updated contracts soon.

# DEAD OR ALIVE FOR 2014

Below are bills that did not move during the 2013 session but will be carried over into the 2014 session. The perennial question for carry-over bills is whether they are truly “dead or alive” for debate next year. BAM will continue to monitor these bills for signs of life in 2014.

## **Carpenters Non-Wage Payments to Construction Service Providers Reporting**

SF863/HF1062, authored by Representative Tom Anzelc (DFL-Balsam Township) and Senator Kari Dziedzic (DFL-Minneapolis) would have added burdensome reporting in an attempt to target non-wage payments to construction service providers. This would have been the first of its kind of law in the country and was pursued by the Carpenters Union. The bill did not receive a hearing, but we do not expect the issue to go away. BAM will continue to closely monitor this legislation.

## **Street Improvement Districts**

Legislation to authorize municipalities to create special “taxing” districts called street improvement districts to aggregate and pay for a whole host of street-related improvements met with repeated and unceremonious deaths this session. Despite its success to move out of committee as a stand-alone bill, the street improvement districts provision made its way into both the Omnibus Transportation and the Omnibus Tax deliberations. It did not, however, become law this year.

BAM and BATC worked with the League of Minnesota Cities (LMC), the bill’s advocate, to craft and successfully insert language within the legislation that would have largely protected homebuilders from this tax, should it have become law. We will continue to work closely with stakeholders, but we expect organizations, like the LMC, to continue to pursue this legislation in the future.

## **Retainage**

The Minnesota Association of Subcontractors will continue to pursue their legislation to regulate the manner in which retainage is held and paid. The legislation, HF952/SF841, requires retainage to be held in interest bearing accounts and to be paid within 30 days upon substantial completion.

## **Homeowners’ Insurance Coverage / Residential Contracting Claims**

This bill, HF930/SF722, pursued by the exterior contractors, requires insurance companies to disclose to homeowners when certain coverages are dropped from their policies, allows

homeowners to communicate directly with contractors, and requires insurance companies to include contractors in payments made on a claim where the contractor is engaged for the work.

### **Statewide Code Enforcement**

BAM initiated legislation in 2013 to begin the discussion with policy makers about the issue of statewide code enforcement. The bill, SF1659, authored by Senator Tom Saxhaug (DFL-Grand Rapids) and Senator John Pederson (R-St. Cloud), will require statewide inspections of residential construction even in local jurisdictions that do not have inspection ordinances. The goal is to empower the Department of Labor and Industry to contract with building inspectors across the state to provide inspections similar to the existing electrical inspection services. BAM is also contemplating moving legislation that would establish a six-year code cycle.

### **\$5 Annual Home and Auto Insurance Surcharge**

There was a provision that would have imposed a \$5 surcharge on all auto and home insurance policies to correct deficits in the police, fire, and public employee pension funds. The idea passed the House 75-53 but was dropped in later deliberations. Instead, the State allocated state aid to the funds. The issue of insurance surcharges is likely to resurface as a funding solution for other programs needing funding. Some policymakers and interest groups see insurance surcharges as a viable method to generate revenue.

For those of you interested in the solution settled on this year to manage the pension fund deficits, about one-third of the state aid, or \$5.5 million, will go to volunteer firefighter pensions. An additional \$1 million will go to the Minnesota State Retirement System's State Patrol pension fund, and \$9 million will go to the Public Employees Retirement Association's police and fire fund. The state aid will be about \$8 million less than would have been generated from an insurance surcharge, and unlike the original proposal, the cities, counties and state agencies that employ public safety workers won't get any of the money. The aid is set to expire at the end of 2020 or earlier if the retirement plans reach the point of being 90 percent funded.

# THE BAM LEGISLATIVE TEAM

## THE BEST OF THE BEST

United, we are stronger together. And so it is with legislative work. On behalf of the Minnesota homebuilding industry, nearly 3,000 member companies across the state come together and comprise the Builders Association of Minnesota. Together we fight tirelessly for the industry and the membership. Allow us to introduce the rockstar team that works on your behalf all year long.



**Remi Stone, BAM Executive Vice President**

Ms. Stone came on board in January 2013 as BAM's new Executive Vice President. She has more than 20 years of extensive experience with the Minnesota state government and the construction industry having previously worked as a lobbyist, practicing attorney, and director of government affairs for several organizations in 23 states and Washington D.C.



**Larry Redmond, Redmond Associates**

Founder and President of Redmond Associates, Mr. Redmond has been successfully representing clients before federal, state, and local governments since 1977. Prior to that, Mr. Redmond worked in a variety of governmental and political capacities. Among these, he was a political aide to the late Senator and Vice President of the United States, Hubert H. Humphrey.



**Brian Halloran, Redmond Associates**

Mr. Halloran has been successfully representing clients on behalf of Redmond Associates since 1996. He specializes in lobbying and client strategy development. Mr. Halloran was recognized in *MN Law and Politics* "Top Lobbyists" story as an "Up and Comer" in the field early in his career. Mr. Halloran was also selected as a 2004-2005 Humphrey Policy Fellow.



### **Rob Moschet, McCollum, Crowley, Moschet, Miller & Laak**

Mr. Moschet is a shareholder at McCollum, Crowley, Moschet, Miller & Laak and provides legal counsel for BAM. His areas of legal practice include civil litigation, construction defects law, insurance law, toxic torts, litigation and trial practice, and arbitration and mediation. Mr. Moschet is a member of Construction Section of the Minnesota State Bar Association as well as the American Bar Association.



### **Chad Kompelien, Kompelien Custom Homes, 2013 BAM President**

Mr. Kompelien, an association member for over 20 years, served in several BAM leadership positions before becoming president. He served as Chair of a task that worked closely with the Department of Labor and Industry and as president of his local association, WCBA. Mr. Kompelien owns a custom home building company and the company SkuttleTight. He patented a product in 2005 that provides fully insulated, gasketed attic access. The product is manufactured in Minnesota and sold nationwide.



### **Rick Kot, R A Kot Homes, 2013 BAM Government Relations Chair**

Mr. Kot has been a member of the builders association for 25 years. He owns a custom home building company, R A Kot Homes, that has been the recipient of several awards. Mr. Kot was president of his local association, BATC, and has served as leader of multiple BAM committees in addition to serving on several working groups assembled by the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry.



### **James Vagle, BATC Director of Government Affairs**

Mr. Vagle has spent the past 12 years representing the homebuilding industry before the Legislature, state agencies, and local governments. In addition to his advocacy duties, he spearheads BATC's green initiative, Minnesota's Green Path, and also staffs Housing First, BATC's Independent Expenditure Political Fund. Mr. Vagle got his start in politics as a policy staffer for Governor Jesse Ventura. He has studied at William Mitchell College of Law and holds a Political Science degree from the University of Minnesota.



### **Rick Dold, RAB Director of Public Affairs**

Mr. Dold joined the Rochester Area Builders staff in 2012. He is responsible for policy development and advocacy at the city, county, and state level, as well as community relations. Mr. Dold earned a juris doctorate degree from the Hamline University School of Law and clerked for an arbitration association handling trademark infringement disputes.



### **Pete Coyle, Larkin Hoffman**

Mr. Coyle is a shareholder at Larkin Hoffman Daly & Lindgren Ltd. and a member of the Government Relations and Administrative Law, Real Estate and Land Use practice groups. Mr. Coyle's practice focuses on representing private individuals and companies in their interactions with state and local government agencies and elected bodies. He has been selected for inclusion in Minnesota Super Lawyers® since 2005, and was selected for inclusion in the 2007-2013 editions of The Best Lawyers in America® in the specialty of Real Estate & Land Use.



### **Julie Perrus, Larkin Hoffman**

Ms. Perrus is a shareholder at Larkin Hoffman Daly & Lindgren Ltd. and is chair of the firm's Government Relations practice group. She focuses primarily on administrative law, regulatory and development issues. Ms. Perrus is one of only a few lawyers in the state to achieve LEED AP® accreditation and was selected as a Rising Star® by Super Lawyers in 2008, 2009 and 2010. In 2012, she was named to the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal's "40 Under Forty."

## **BAM Government Relations Committee Members**

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