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John A. "Jack" Cheloha stands as a trusted ally for businesses, municipalities, counties, schools, and government entities alike. With over 34 years of experience, Jack has carved a distinguished path in government affairs, regulatory matters, and various domains of law crucial to his clients' success.

Jack's mission is to serve as the persuasive voice that resonates with government officials, ensuring his clients' voices are not just heard but amplified where it matters most. Through strategic networking and relentless dedication, Jack navigates the intricate corridors of governance with finesse, creating awareness and advocacy for his clients' agendas.

In the realm of law and policy, Jack is a formidable force, adept at navigating complexities and delivering tangible results. From pivotal roles in passing legislation for landmark infrastructure projects to shaping telecommunications law in Nebraska, Jack's track record speaks volumes. As a respected member of the legal community, Jack has also served in leadership positions within the Nebraska State Bar Association, advocating for the interests of his profession and his clients.

Education:

University Of Nebraska College of Law, Lincoln, NE, Juris Doctor (May 1990)

- Moot Court - Board Member, National Team Member, Senior Rounds Quarterfinalist, Junior Rounds Problem Writer
- Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity
- The Order of Barristers
- Who's Who Among American Law Students
- Outstanding Young Men of America
- William M. Holt Scholarship
- UNL Pre-Law Club Scholarship

University Of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE, Bachelor of Science in Political Science, Minor in Economics and History (May 1990)

- Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science Honorary)
- USAA Academic All-American

- Golden Activities Key National Honor Society
- Pre-Law Club-Founder & President
- Intrafraternity Council Member
- Delta Upsilon Fraternity - President & Vice President ARW Foundation Scholarship
- Platte County Agricultural Society Scholarship

Bar Admissions:

State: Nebraska

Previous Employment:

City of Omaha

Deputy City Attorney/City Lobbyist (October 2016 to March 2024)

- Establish and maintain effective relationships with key contacts in municipal, county, state and federal governments and in public and private organizations
- Collaborate with legislative committees, individual legislators, public officials, trade and industrial associations, chambers of commerce and business organizations to assure full communication of ideas, interests and purposes
- Appear before the Nebraska Legislature on behalf of the City of Omaha
- Consult with the Mayor, City Council, Law Department, and other City of Omaha officials to determine and secure the support and passage of appropriate legislation
- Assist City of Omaha officials with policy decisions by performing research, compiling statistical data and providing reports
- Hire and supervise interns who assist during Nebraska Legislature sessions
- Perform research as needed for the Law Department, including in connection with telecommunications, rights of way, billboard regulation, and municipal liability

City Of Omaha

City Lobbyist (November 1994 to October 2016)

- Established and maintained effective relationships with key contacts in municipal, county, state and federal governments and in public and private organizations
- Collaborated with legislative committees, individual legislators, public officials, trade and industrial associations, chambers of commerce and business organizations to assure full communication of ideas, interests and purposes
- Appeared before the Nebraska Legislature on behalf of the City of Omaha
- Consulted with the City Council, Mayor and other City of Omaha officials to determine appropriate state legislation and secure support and passage of appropriate legislation
- Performed assignments as needed for the City Council, including budget research, constituent complaint issues, and weekly agenda items

Kennedy, Holland, Delacy & Svoboda

Associate Attorney (1990 to 1994)

- Practiced legislative lobbying and civil litigation
- Represented various contract clients before the Nebraska Legislature dealing with issues related to higher education, appropriations, health care, banking and finance, gaming, insurance and tort reform
- Extensive experience with insurance defense, medical malpractice defense, workers' compensation, personal injury, contract and family law
- Appeared weekly at hearings in Douglas, Lancaster, Sarpy and other local counties

- Responsible for extensive legal research and writing of briefs, memoranda, and demand letters

Knudsen, Berkheimer, Richardson & Endacott

Legal Clerk (1988 To 1990)

- Primarily performed legal research and drafted briefs, pleadings, interrogatories and contracts
- Assisted in trial preparation, client contact and case investigation

Bailey, Polsky, Cada, Todd & Cope

Legal Clerk (Summer 1988)

- Primarily performed legal research and drafted briefs, pleadings, interrogatories and legal memoranda

Professional Associations:

- Nebraska State Bar Association-Member of the House of Delegates
- JDRF Advocacy & Fundraising