

RICHARD A. OXENDER

Oxender & Associates

Richard A. Oxender has forty years of experience in the governmental affairs arena. After working part-time for two years in the Ohio House of Representative while attending Ohio State University, Oxender was appointed House Fiscal Officer after graduation in 1970. In 1972 he was named Executive Secretary of the Ohio House, assuming all administrative duties including payroll, personnel, and logistics.

He began his lobbying career in 1973 as a legislative representative for the United Telephone Company. In 1974 he assumed the position of Director of Governmental Affairs for the Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company, the first person to hold this position. He was responsible for all state and federal governmental affairs and worked both in Columbus and Washington, D.C.

In 1981, Oxender joined the governmental affairs consulting firm of McGough and Associates in Columbus, Ohio, and became a partner in 1983. While at McGough and Associates, he represented over twenty different clients on a wide variety of issues and was involved in the building of industrial coalitions, and managing statewide ballot campaigns, both on issues and for candidates for the Ohio Supreme Court.

In 1989, Oxender joined the East Ohio Gas Company as Manager of State Government Affairs and opened East Ohio's Columbus office where he was responsible for state government relations at the legislative and regulatory levels.

In January of 1995, Oxender established his present company, Oxender and Associates, which currently offers a wide variety of governmental affairs services to business, industry and associations.