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Stephen Friend is Head of Enterprise Strategy and M&A at Thrivent, a Fortune 500 diversified financial services organization.

In his role, Friend is responsible for guiding the Executive Leadership Team's strategic planning, decision-making and prioritization to drive long-term growth for Thrivent. He oversees the organization's enterprise strategy and execution, mergers and acquisitions, and serves as chief of staff to CEO and President Terry Rasmussen. In his previous role as vice president of corporate mergers and acquisitions, Friend worked closely with the Executive Leadership Team to develop and execute the company's strategic priorities.

Before joining Thrivent, Friend practiced corporate law at several national firms, including the New York office of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton and Garrison. He spent his career providing financial and legal guidance on mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, joint ventures and more.

Friend has a B.A. from the University of Michigan and a J.D. from Harvard Law School. He serves on the board of directors of the Minnesota Children's Museum, Wallin Education Partners and College Avenue.

Friend lives in Minneapolis, MN, with his wife and daughter.



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