Spokesman at the United Nations Joins DaVita

DaVita Inc. , a leading provider of kidney care services for those diagnosed with kidney failure and disease, today announced that Richard Grenell, former American spokesperson at the United Nations, has joined the company as Senior Vice President of Communications.

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Kent Thiry, DaVita® Chairman and Chief Executive Officer says, "Ric brings a wealth of communications experience to DaVita, and we look forward to the contributions he will make to help us meet our goal of shaping the future of kidney care."

Grenell joins DaVita after serving the past eight years as the Director of Communications for the United States Mission to the United Nations. Grenell has spent the last fourteen years as the primary communications advisor for public officials at the local, state, federal and international levels.

Grenell was an official member of the United States Delegation to the United Nations with full voting rights. He has represented the U.S. at a variety of UN conferences and has served as a commentator on Fox News, CNN News, Al-Jazeera, Al-Arabiya, the BBC Network and several other news affiliates.

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About DaVita Inc.

DaVita Inc., a FORTUNE 500® company, is a leading provider of kidney care in the United States, providing dialysis services and education for patients with chronic kidney failure and end stage renal disease. DaVita manages more than 1,400 outpatient facilities and acute units in more than 700 hospitals located in 43 states and the District of Columbia, serving approximately 110,000 patients. As part of DaVita's commitment to building a healthy, caring community, DaVita develops, participates in and donates to numerous programs dedicated to transforming communities and creating positive, sustainable change for children, families and our environment. For more information about DaVita, its kidney education and its community programs, please visit http://www.davita.com/.

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