

Our People



David Mangone

Director of Policy

David serves as the Director of Policy and Government Affairs for the Liaison Group. Using a pragmatic and evidence based approach, David has influenced and state level.

Prior to joining The Liaison Group, David served as the Director of Government Affairs & Counsel for Americans for Safe Access, the nation's largest nonprofit representing medical cannabis patients. In this role he authored several publications including *2019 State of the States Report: An Analysis of Medical*

Cannabis Access in the United States and acted as a policy resource for lawmakers around the country. David has also worked as a Legislative Fellow for a senior Democratic member of Congress on the House Ways & Means Committee, and as an attorney in private practice.

David received his Juris Doctorate from the Charleston School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Wake Forest University. He lives in Washington, DC, with his wife.



Saphira Galoob

Principal and CEO

Saphira Galoob is Principal and CEO of The Liaison Group (TLG) and serves as the Senior Public Policy Advisor and Executive Director of the National Cannabis Roundtable. Following more than two decades as a lawyer, lobbyist, entrepreneur and small business owner, Saphira founded The Liaison Group in 2016 to establish a focused and dedicated voice for cannabis industry interests in Washington, and to serve as a bridge to federal efforts for the many stakeholders operating at local and state levels. The Liaison Group was the first - and remains the only -

Washington, DC-based lobbying firm focused exclusively on the cannabis industry. Current and past clients include the National Cannabis Roundtable, Acreage Holdings, the country's largest, multi-state cannabis operator, and the California Cannabis Industry Association, the most influential state-based cannabis trade association, which currently counts more than 500 businesses and 670 brands among its membership. Saphira negotiated the successful acquisition of TLG by Greenspoon Marder LLP in

2018. TLG is now a wholly owned subsidiary of the firm. A keen strategist who prioritizes transparency and collaboration, Saphira works closely with the both the House and Senate Cannabis Caucus and Working Groups. Saphira was also the driving force behind the creation of the National Cannabis Roundtable which advocates for common sense federal regulation, tax equity and financial services for cannabis businesses. Saphira received her Juris Doctorate from the Oklahoma City University School of Law and a Masters in International and Comparative Law (L.L.M.) from Georgetown University School of Law. She regularly speaks on federal cannabis policy at events around the country. She lives in the DC-area with her family.



Courtney Stamm

Managing Director

Courtney Stamm serves as the Managing Director of The Liaison Group (TLG) and table.

A seasoned entrepreneur, fundraiser and organization management professional, Courtney joined TLG in March 2018 to navigate the transition to Greenspoon Marder LLP, manage corporate functions and to help scale the firm's policy

Having begun her career in the newsroom at ABC News *Nightline* with Ted Koppel, Courtney went on to serve as Director of Special Projects for Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights before transitioning to senior fundraising roles with organizations both domestic and international in scope, including the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation where she contributed to an 85% increase in annual revenue over the course of three years.

A native Midwesterner, Courtney received a BA in History with distinction from the University of Michigan. She lives in Washington, DC, with her wife and family.