

Our People



David Mangone

Vice President, Policy & Federal Affairs

David Mangone serves as Vice President of The Liaison Group, focusing on Government Affairs and Policy. Using a pragmatic, bipartisan and evidence-based approach, David has influenced cannabis policy at the federal and state levels for nearly a decade through authoring legislation and advising lawmakers at all levels of government. He has deep expertise in cannabis policy as it relates to political affairs, the legislative process, administrative law, and executive action. Before 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 the 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, son and French bulldog.



Erin Moffet

Vice President, Policy & Public Affairs

Erin Moffet serves as Vice President for Policy and Public Affairs at The Liaison Group (TLG). Erin has more than 15 years of congressional and state government experience directing policy and leading strategic political and crisis communications for federal and state lawmakers. In this role, she advises individual clients and trade associations on federal policy and strategic communications, including serving as Policy Director for the Cannabis Financial Industry Group. Additionally, Erin spearheads fly-in and other client event organizations. Before joining TLG, Erin served as Deputy Chief to Florida Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS), overseeing the department's federal affairs and communications operations. She previously spent nine years on Capitol Hill handling policy and communications for multiple members of Florida's congressional delegation who served on the House Rules, Financial Services, and Appropriations committees. Erin received her MA in Government from Johns Hopkins University and her BA in Political Science from Elon University. She lives in Washington, D.C., with her family.



Matthew Donaher

Chief of Staff and Director of Operations

Matthew Donaher serves as the Chief of Staff and Director of Operations at The Liaison Group. Managing the day-to-day operations at TLG, Matthew excels at identifying, implementing, and revising TLG's operational policies and guidelines. He keeps the trains running on time! In addition to ensuring that TLG is unified in creating a successful, organized, and efficient business, Matthew also directly interacts with TLG's clients, and nothing makes him happier than making sure they are well taken care of. With over 18 years of office administration experience, Matthew always has The Liaison Group's goals, objectives, and mission at the forefront of his mind. Matthew lives with the love of his life and his very well-behaved dog.



Saphira Galoob

Principal and CEO

Saphira Galoob is the Founder, Principal, and CEO of The Liaison Group (TLG), the Washington, DC-based public policy, lobbying and public affairs firm serving the regulated U.S. cannabis industry. Saphira was the driving force for the creation and launch of the **National Cannabis Roundtable** (NCR). As the coalition's Executive Director, she oversaw the organization and led its federal policy initiatives for the country's leading cannabis operators. She also created and leads the **Cannabis Financial Industry Group** (CFIG), a coalition of financial institutions and risk-mitigating service providers serving the state legal cannabis industry. Expanding beyond cannabis clients, TLG offers public policy expertise and counsel to other disruptive and nascent industries, including aging

and longevity, alternative plant treatment protocols, and gaming. A keen and creative strategist who prioritizes transparency and collaboration, Saphira works closely with every client to develop a strategy that is defined by clear and accomplishable objectives. POLITICO designated her as the "Who to Know on K Street for Cannabis Lobbyists," and she was named the 2020 Influencer of the Year by the Industry Power Women Awards. Her thought leadership is consistently featured at national and international conferences where she speaks on keynote panels. She has been featured in every significant cannabis publication and mainstream media outlets, including Politico, The Hill, Forbes, and is a recurring guest on the industry's leading podcasts. Saphira received her Juris Doctorate from the Oklahoma City University School of Law and a Master's in International and Comparative Law (L.L.M.) from Georgetown University School of Law. She lives in the D.C. area with her family.



Precious Osagie-Erese

Director, Media, Communications & Public Affairs

Precious Osagie-Erese serves as the Director of Media, Communications, and Public Affairs at The Liaison Group. Precious is a dynamic communications strategist and trained media professional with a strong foundation in journalism, strategic marketing, and public relations. With a B.S. in Journalism from Howard University and a M.S. from Columbia University, she has applied her expertise across sectors to drive impactful narratives, build brand recognition, and lead high-level communications campaigns. Precious previously served as Director of Communications for the Minority Cannabis Business Association

(MCBA), where she led national initiatives to inform, empower, and engage stakeholders through strategic messaging, crisis communications, policy advocacy, and public education. Her communications leadership has helped clients in emerging and embattled industries earn national recognition in major media outlets, including ABC News, Cheddar, PBS, Forbes, and Thrillist. A

sought-after voice in both media and policy circles, Precious continues to champion inclusive storytelling, brand strategy, and community-centered communications as core tools for cultural impact and business growth.

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