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Industries

Consumable Goods

Manufacturing

Practice Areas

Lobbying & Public Policy

Katelyn utilizes her expertise in strategic operations, federal and state policy, and regulatory compliance to advance client policy interests on key issues, particularly involving federal grant funding opportunities and application compliance. She engages in direct advocacy with members of the federal House of Representatives and Senate and provides continuous insights into the daily workings of the Federal Government. Katelyn has experience testifying before state legislatures to promote client interests and maintains relationships with officials in the executive and legislative branches of Kentucky Government.

Katelyn provides consulting services for clients and does not act as a lawyer for or provide legal advice to clients.

Katelyn's Relevant Experience

Hemp

Katelyn is a nationally recognized advocate for the emerging hemp and CBD industries through her work as Director of Operations for the U.S. Hemp Roundtable whose mission is to advocate for hemp in all 50 states, finalize FDA's pathway for the retail sale of CBD, ensure access for hemp farmers and CBD companies to banking and merchant services, and shape USDA final regulations for hemp farming. Katelyn serves as a point of contact for much of the hemp industry, with connections to various hemp groups across the country.

Other Info About Katelyn

Education

University of Kentucky, MBA, 2022

University of Kentucky, Bachelor of Business Administration, 2014,
cum laude

Recognition

Kentucky Medical Licensure Board, Consumer Representative, 2021–present

Kentucky Gubernatorial Transition Team, Agriculture Policy, 2020

Fulbright Grant Recipient, J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Program, 2016

Civic Activities

Sullivan University Advisory Board, Board Member

Kentucky Medical Licensure Board, Board Member

Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning, Volunteer

Junior League of Lexington, Member

Major Publications

Panelist, Kentucky Tonight, Kentucky Education Televisions' [Hemp's Impact](#), November 18, 2019

Featured Articles

[D.C. Political News Round-Up | May 2025](#)

[D.C. Political News Round-Up for March 2025](#)

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