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With 15 years of leadership experience in Congress, Travis has worked with prominent members of key House and Senate committees. These include banking and finance, energy and commerce, and appropriations, among others. Since 2016, he has advised small to Fortune 500 companies and trade associations across the financial services, insurance, healthcare, manufacturing, security, and transportation industries. Through its partnership with Cyclops Defense Corporation, his firm also assists businesses navigating cross-border opportunities in the defense space.

Travis was named one of The Hill's Top Lobbyists from 2019 to 2025.

Travis spent seven years in the Louisiana delegation, ending as Deputy Chief of Staff to former Senator David Vitter, Chairman of the Senate Small Business Committee and a senior member of the Senate Banking Committee where he developed a strong working relationship with the current Speaker of the House Mike Johnson (R-LA). While there, he formed a reputation of forging unexpected bipartisan partnerships to pass legislation. Travis' relationships span the Speaker's office, Congress, the Administration, and banking regulators, including the SBA, FDIC, SEC, Federal Reserve, CFTC, OCC, and Export-Import Bank. His firm maintains relationships with the U.S. Department of Defense, U.S. Department of State, U.S. embassies worldwide, international ministries of defense and interior, United Nations agencies, and major U.S. military commands, including SOUTHCOM, INDOPACOM, AFRICOM, EUCOM, and CENTCOM.

Select Bipartisan Legislative Accomplishments:

- Worked with Speaker Johnson and his staff on issues facing the House Armed Services and Judiciary committees, including provisions in the National Defense Authorization Act and launching an antitrust investigation into abuses of the shareholder proxy process.
- Assisted his clients in successfully passing a legislative fix for the transition from LIBOR through the United States Senate by unanimous consent.
- Implemented successful passage of Vitter (R-LA)-Pryor (D-AR) Amendment protecting non-financial companies from Dodd-Frank.
- Navigated Senate passage of Vitter (R-LA)-Shaheen (D-NH) legislation that raised cap for expired SBA 7(a) loan program funding, preserving it for small businesses.
- Worked closely with Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) to pass one of the only bipartisan bills to regulate Fannie Mae and Freddie and cap CEOs' pay.
- Led passage of the Gleason Act, one of the few bipartisan bills of the day to allow patients with diseases to lead more independent lives.



Tim Hite

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Tim Hite is an attorney with extensive policy experience spanning Capitol Hill, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), along with in-house policy and government relations positions. He is a co-drafter of various pieces of financial services legislation, including the Financial Innovation and Technology for the 21st Century Act (FIT21) and the Clarity for Payment Stablecoin Act, which together laid the legislative foundation for the GENIUS Act and the Clarity Act.

Tim currently advises corporate clients across the digital asset, fintech, and AI industries on the political and regulatory developments shaping their businesses

and products, drafting analytical reports that identify legislative and regulatory risks with material impact on client revenue and strategy.

Previously, Tim served as Head of Policy at Exodus Movement, where he led the company's engagement with Congress, the SEC, and other federal regulators, advised the CEO on legislative strategy, and served as a resource for congressional staff on pending digital asset issues related to noncustodial services providers. Before that, he spent nearly two years as Senior Counsel on the House Financial Services Committee's Digital Assets, Financial Technology & Inclusion Subcommittee, where he shaped the subcommittee's legislative agenda during the 118th Congress and co-drafted FIT21 and the Clarity for Payment Stablecoin Act. He also served as Financial Services Counsel to Congressman Warren Davidson (OH-08), where he helped shepherd the Middle Class Borrower Protection Act to bipartisan passage in the House of Representatives.

Earlier in his career, Tim was a Senior Investigator at FINRA, where he led insider trading investigations that produced case referrals to the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Department of Justice, resulting in both civil and criminal enforcement actions.

Tim holds a J.D. from the Antonin Scalia Law School at George Mason University and a B.A. in Economics and Political Science from Washington & Jefferson College, where he graduated magna cum laude. He is admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar and holds a private pilot certificate from the FAA.



Caroline Rafferty

Vice President

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With 15 years of experience in government affairs and in Congress, Caroline Rafferty manages the 1607 Strategies research team and conducts policy analysis to ensure clients across sectors are advised of and develop strategy around critical energy, commerce, tax, financial regulation, and small business matters. In addition, she helps administer political spending.

Before joining 1607 Strategies, Caroline directed operations at Fierce Government Relations. In that capacity she ran the daily operations of the firm – helping it grow from 37 to over 60 clients while supporting lobbyists in both client services and Hill outreach. She organized and led Capitol Hill fly-in meetings for

Fortune 100 and leading trade group clients, leveraging her knowledge of House and Senate offices to tailor messaging and accomplish client goals. Caroline worked with congressional offices, including leadership and committee staff, and kept clients up to date on issues critical to their business success. She worked on co-sponsor efforts tapping into her existing Hill relationships to gain critical momentum and significantly increase the number of members engaged on various client issues. Caroline also managed whip lists and hill outreach progress across numerous clients, using that information to further hone their lobbying efforts.

At Fierce, she took a lead in managing the operations of several coalitions. She helped launch and run a leading business group, Coalition for the American Dream, which now has more than 140 members, including Fortune 100 companies, top technology firms, and leading business trade groups. She organized multiple Capitol Hill fly-ins for the organization and engaged its members in advocacy efforts, sign-on letters, public relations campaigns, and legal briefs including a Supreme Court Amicus Brief that was later cited in Chief Justice Roberts' opinion in the case. She served as the Secretary/Treasurer for both the Coalition for the American Dream and the American Television Alliance.

Caroline has deep experience with operations and management. Previously, she worked on Capitol Hill in the office of Senator Richard Burr (R-NC) and for the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs where she handled logistics and operations. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Government from the University of Virginia.



Hannah Baham

Vice President

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Hannah Baham has extensive experience in government affairs on Capitol Hill and in the healthcare industry. Her expertise spans healthcare and education policy, conservative priorities, as well as navigating the legislative process. At 1607 Strategies, Hannah conducts policy analysis to ensure clients across sectors are advised of and develop strategy around critical healthcare, education, energy, financial, and small business matters. Previously, she served as the legislative correspondent for Representative Andy Biggs (R-AZ), where she focused on healthcare policy, Medicaid and Medicare reform, and pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs). Hannah also contributed to education policy initiatives. In addition, Hannah built relationships with the House Freedom

Caucus, where Representative Biggs previously served as the chairman. Prior to working with Representative Biggs, she worked in the office of Representative Clay Higgins (R-LA). In this capacity, she assisted legislative staff by writing letters of support, synthesizing bills, and drafting questions for Committee hearings. Her boss served as chairman of the Subcommittee on Federal Law Enforcement of the Homeland Security Committee. Early in her career, Hannah handled operations and customer service for an independent pharmacy and later for a Division III College Athletic Department. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Classics from the Franciscan University of Steubenville.



Bill Maadarani

Strategic Partner

Bill Maadarani is the Chief Executive Officer and Founder of Cyclops Defense Corporation, where he leads the company's global strategy, government partnerships, and international defense-market expansion. With more than two decades of experience supporting U.S. and allied defense programs, he is recognized for delivering high-value, mission-critical capabilities across multiple regions.

Bill's career includes extensive engagements with the U.S. Department of Defense, U.S. Department of State, U.S. Embassies worldwide, international Ministries of Defense and Interior, United Nations agencies, and major U.S. military commands, including AFRICOM, EUCOM, CENTCOM, DCSA, USASAC, and CECOM. His technical background spans RF systems, military communications, radar platforms, UAV and ISR technologies, fighter-jet support programs, and a wide range of military and public-safety systems.

Before founding Cyclops Defense, Bill served as a senior executive and principal shareholder at Cyberlux Corporation, where he oversaw business development, global sales, and government relations. He led major defense programs across Europe, Central America, Africa, the Middle East, and Central Asia, securing multimillion-dollar contracts and strengthening U.S. partnerships abroad.

Over the course of his career, Bill has successfully led and executed more than \$2.9 billion in U.S. Government-funded FMF, FMS, and DCS defense programs, including:

- Ukraine – Tactical Drone Supply Program (\$80M) and Instrument Landing System Program (\$44M)

- Afghanistan – More than \$1 billion in FMF sustainment and operations programs
- Lebanon, Morocco, Iraq, Egypt, Taiwan, Indonesia, Colombia, Brazil, and Botswana –Over \$800 million in FMF-funded communications, UAV, border-security, and sustainment systems
- Global Direct Commercial Sales – More than \$1 billion in UAV, surveillance, and tactical-system deliveries across EUCOM, CENTCOM, EUCOM, AFRICOM, and INDOPACOM partner nations

His work requires deep expertise in Foreign Military Sales (FMS), Foreign Military Financing (FMF), Direct Commercial Sales (DCS), ITAR and export-control compliance, international letters of credit, EXIM Bank- supported financing, and large-scale defense contracting under U.S. regulatory frameworks.

Bill also serves as the U.S. State Department's OSAC Private Chair for the Beirut, Lebanon Chapter, supporting diplomatic security cooperation between the private sector and the U.S. Government.

Earlier in his career, he held roles in engineering, international sales, project management, marketing, and business development with L3Harris Corporation, Delphi Automotive, and Surface Mount Technologies, giving him a strong foundation in both technical systems and global operations.

Specialties

- Strategic Planning & Program Execution
- Government & Defense Partnerships
- FMS / FMF / DCS Program Leadership
- ITAR & Export-Control Compliance

- Global Market Expansion & Sales Strategy

Professional Affiliations

- Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC)
- Armed Forces Communications & Electronics Association (AFCEA)
- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)
- Republicans Overseas (Chairman)

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