



Mary Rait

## Description

### About:

Mary Rait is a compliance specialist with decades of experience in food and beverage regulatory compliance and government affairs. Mary's scientific background lends a unique perspective to her compliance advice, as it marries food science, manufacturing, and technical support with regulatory expertise, to provide wide-ranging, creative solutions that advance her client's business objectives.

Mary's unique and broad background includes experience in designing and executing innovative plans to bring gluten-reduced beers to market that involved working with regulatory agencies, scientists, suppliers, congressional representatives and company subject matter experts. Mary understands what it takes to get malt beverages, hard ciders, wines, and hard seltzers on to the shelves. She is adept at navigating the complex, highly regulated federal and state regulatory landscape for product packaging, marketing, and labeling and formula compliance, including technical reviews of raw material specification and food additives. She is experienced in coordinating recall and market withdrawal efforts and establishing kosher and organic certification programs. Mary has implemented complex licensing strategies in order to comply with fast-paced corporate and operational demands, including alternating premise and proprietorships, and contract manufacturing. Her administrative background includes maintaining corporate annual filings, corporate officer changes, and tradename registrations.

Prior to joining Kaleo in February 2021, Mary spent ten years as the Director of Government Affairs and Regulatory Compliance for Craft Brew Alliance, Inc. Mary earned a Bachelor of Food Science from the University of Arizona and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Utah.

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