



Karis Lockhart

Karis Lockhart joined The Southern Group as its Legislative and External Affairs Director in 2020. Her role includes tracking Legislative Session priorities, managing interns, assisting on client reports, coordinating events, database management, and request for information (RFI) responses.





Prior to joining the team, Karis served as the Deputy Director of Legislative and Cabinet Affairs for the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, worked on Governor Ron DeSantis' 2018 campaign and Jason Brodeur's 2016 State House campaign.

In 2019 and 2020, Karis was recognized by *Florida Politics* as one of Florida's "Rising Stars" in *INFLUENCE Magazine*.

Karis graduated from the University of Central Florida where she earned a degree in Public Administration and certificate in Nonprofit Management.

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