

## **Nico Pento, Terrapin**

Nico Pento serves as the Vice President of External Affairs for Terrapin, a Boulder, Colo.-based national cannabis company. In this capacity, Pento oversees all legislative, rulemaking and policy issues facing Terrapin and the overall cannabis industry. He works on the local, state and federal levels.

Before joining Terrapin, Pento served a two-year stint as a Policy Director in the Colorado Legislature. He advised House Republicans on developing and implementing a comprehensive legislative agenda. Before relocating to Colorado in 2015, Pento worked as a government relations attorney for Jones Walker, LLP, Florida's foremost gaming and pari-mutuel betting law firm. Pento assisted in lobbying the Florida Legislature on behalf of the firm's premier gaming clients and he aided in the renegotiation of the Seminole Indian Gaming Compact with the State of Florida.

During his tenure with the legislature, Pento was known as a "fixer," responsible for brokering bipartisan solutions to some of Colorado's biggest issues, including transportation funding, data security, criminal justice reform, liquor regulation, and marijuana policy.

Pento received dual degrees from Florida State University studying political science before continuing on to Florida State College of Law. He holds a license to practice law in both Colorado and Florida. When he's not in the office, Pento enjoys cycling during the summer and snowboarding during the winter.