

MANAGING DIRECTOR/SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT - CRISIS COMMUNICATIONS

Risa Heller Communications is a leading public relations and strategic communications consultancy based in New York City. We work on the front lines of high-stakes and high-profile issues across the country—helping a broad range of clients deliver their message at the moments that matter most. Our team prides itself on our results. We bring our diverse experience to every client offering a fresh perspective, pairing creative ideas and thoughtful strategies and leveraging our battle-tested experience to help clients achieve their goals. We are looking for an exceptional, dynamic, experienced and driven communications professional to join our fast-growing team.

Primary Responsibilities

MDs and SVPs are the leading edge of the team at Risa Heller Communications, with a broad mandate to work to advance our clients' and the firm's interests.

They relentlessly work to:

- Create and implement strategic communications programs for a variety of clients across a range of industries.
- Lead multiple accounts in varying topic areas, managing significant and sensitive client relationships.
- Apply their sophisticated understanding of national media and issues management to develop targeted, tailored communications strategies.
- Work collaboratively with legal teams and financial advisors, as part of our clients' core set of advisory relationships, to provide integrated guidance and counsel to clients as they move through critical moments.
- Manage production of day-to-day client deliverables – including researching, drafting and editing materials such as communications plans, press releases, fact sheets, talking points, op-eds and memos.
- Engage directly with global top-tier media to shape stories, serve as an on-the-record spokesperson, or rapidly respond to breaking news.
- Constantly generate creative ideas to help clients break through the noise and secure earned media coverage.
- Build talented teams, mentoring and managing junior staff and overseeing their work product.

Core Competencies/Qualifications

- At least fifteen years of experience in political communications, corporate communications, public affairs or journalism with a desire to be part of and help lead an excellent team.

- Highly organized, detail-oriented individual who can quickly analyze issues, execute several projects simultaneously, and think creatively and problem-solve to advance client priorities.
- Excellent verbal and written communications skills, with a proven ability to produce well-written and compelling documents on tight deadlines.
- A strong interest in the news and a comprehensive understanding of the media.
- Ability to work well with others and manage in all directions in a fast-paced, deadline-driven environment and to build strong relationships with coworkers and members of the media.
- Bachelor's degree required.

The base annual salary for this position ranges from \$215,000 to \$300,000. Employees are also eligible for an annual bonus based on performance. RHC provides generous benefits including coverage for medical, dental and vision insurance, flexible spending accounts, 401(k) with employer contribution, paid parental leave and time off for vacation, holidays and sick leave.

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