Cannabis Law

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Cuddy & Feder's Cannabis Law Group offers licensing, municipal permitting and approvals, investment, real estate, and transactional services tailored to meet the needs of the cannabis industry. With extensive experience in complex permitting, land use and development, real estate transactions, leasing, investment agreements, and financing, our team guides operators, applicants, investors, and landlords in the cannabis space.

Our multidisciplinary approach allows us to leverage experience across various practice groups—Land Use, Zoning & Development, Litigation, Real Estate, Corporate, Finance, and Environmental—to provide clients with integrated legal services. We represent operators, investors, banks, applicants, and organizations in a range of corporate transactions, including entity formation, joint ventures, and cannabis-related financing.

As leaders in trade associations, regular speakers at industry events, and authors of policy papers and guidance for state and local officials, Cuddy & Feder's cannabis attorneys understand firsthand the unique challenges facing the industry.

Navigating the complexities of a cannabis business and capitalizing on emerging legal developments and industry trends are critical to success in New York's cannabis market. Our attorneys monitor regulatory updates and guidance from the Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) to keep business owners, entrepreneurs, and investors informed on the latest compliance issues and policy changes.

As a multi-disciplinary firm, As a full-service firm, we distinguish ourselves by leveraging the collective knowledge of our colleagues across multiple practice areas to provide cannabis clients with superior service and a comprehensive array of integrated legal solutions.

Kristen Motel is a Partner in the firm's Land Use, Environmental and Digital Infrastructure practice groups and has extensive experience with federal, state and local permitting and real estate development. She frequently appears before municipal land use boards and permitting agencies to secure approvals for clients in numerous controversial projects. Kristen is uniquely suited to guide applicants through the state cannabis application process and represent clients in municipal forums to obtain land use approvals. Kristen is an active member of the Hudson Valley Cannabis Industry Association and the Westchester County Bar Association's Cannabis Law Committee and has presented as a panelist on local land use and municipal considerations related to New York's adult-use cannabis legislation.

Eon S. Nichols, a Partner in the firm's Real Estate, Corporate, Finance and Non-Profit practice groups, and a member of the Management Committee, represents clients in all aspects of real estate and corporate transactions, including financing, leasing and formation of corporate entities. As a member of the Cannabis Law Practice Team, Eon is excited to apply the practice he has developed for nearly two decades to help clients in this newly emerging field with corporate formation, governance, employment agreement, real estate transactions and other related legal business needs. He frequently speaks on various real estate and financing topics and has represented clients with all aspects of their business needs. As a resident of the Hudson Valley and an active member of the community, Eon is familiar with issues impacting the area and is able to advise cannabis applicants of local market considerations.

For more information, contact Kristen Motel at kmotel@cuddyfeder.com or Eon S. Nichols at enichols@cuddyfeder.com.

Our cannabis lawyers are uniquely suited to guide clients through New York's application process, advise on local market considerations and represent clients in municipal forums to obtain local approvals to operate cannabis businesses.

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