

Cannabis Law



Seed-to-sale law for New York's adult use cannabis, CBD and hemp providers. Our Cannabis Law team is at the forefront of this new marketplace.

In 2021, New York State and Connecticut legalized adult use cannabis, joining other states legalizing a national and global cannabis industry.

As leaders of trade associations who have authored policy papers and offered guidance to state and local officials in support of legislation, Cuddy & Feder's cannabis attorneys know firsthand the unique challenges the industry faces, including educating about the benefits and myths of this new marketplace.

Navigating the complexities of a cannabis business and taking advantage of emerging legal developments and new industry trends are critical to any New York or Connecticut cannabis business. Our attorneys are monitoring forthcoming regulations so that entrepreneurs, startups and real estate owners know what will be required to successfully obtain a license to operate from the New York Office of Cannabis Management or Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection. We can help you get started now to plan for that process and gain a critical competitive edge. Whether your business model is cannabis, hemp, CBD, real estate transactions, construction, transport, or one of the many other businesses that will be connected to this market, a myriad of traditional legal considerations have to be considered as you build a business in this new ecosystem.

As a multi-disciplinary law firm, we distinguish ourselves by leveraging the collective experience of colleagues in Land Use, Zoning & Development, Real Estate, Corporate, Finance, Litigation and Dispute Resolution, and Environmental practice areas to provide our cannabis clients superior service and a comprehensive array of integrated legal services.

Kristen Motel is a Partner in the firm's Land Use, Environmental and Telecommunications 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.

Richard J. Sandor, Jr. is Special Counsel to the Firm. His principal areas of practice include commercial and residential real estate transactions, real estate financing, commercial lending transactions, leasing and corporate law. As a member of the Cannabis Law Practice Team, Rich assists clients with corporate formation, investment agreements and private placement memoranda, and real estate transactions including commercial leases, ground leases, purchases and lending transactions.

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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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