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# Cannabis Practice

The field of cannabis law is relatively new, but growing quickly. Eighteen states, including New York and New Jersey, have already legalized recreational use of marijuana, and initiatives in states all over the country are looking to pass similar laws. McLaughlin & Stern prides itself on having the expertise to keep abreast of the rapid legal developments in this field, benefitting our clients who are interested in participating in the legal marijuana industry.

Right now, the law surrounding cannabis is in flux, especially in places like New York where the regulations for legally selling marijuana are still being worked out. On top of that, every municipality is poised to pass its own rules about how to handle marijuana legalization, including where smoking cannabis will be permitted and where it will be banned. This can make the prospect of opening any business that intends to sell cannabis products, or which permits people to smoke cannabis on the premises, potentially fraught with legal dangers.

However, it will likely not be long until the states start promulgating regulations about marijuana dispensaries. When that happens, the cannabis law attorneys at McLaughlin & Stern will be ready to assist clients with all of their needs, including fulfilling licensing requirements and maintaining compliance with state and local regulations. That way, business owners will be ready to take advantage of the economic potential offered by marijuana legalization.

McLaughlin and Stern's Cannabis Law Practice Group possesses a comprehensive understanding of the existing laws and regulations governing cannabis cultivation, sale, use and legalization; and, the expertise in place to navigate the rapid changes occurring within those policies. We are dedicated to guiding our clients in understanding the opportunities in the market, along with their rights and responsibilities in this highly controlled field and the quagmires that abound in navigating the multifaceted and ever changing world of Cannabis Law.

The lawyers of McLaughlin and Stern's Cannabis Law Practice Group handle matters including, but not limited to:

- Licensing of Cannabis Companies in New Jersey
- Fostering Strategic Partnerships between Cannabis Business Operators
- Cannabis Company Formation and Governance, including Investment, Funding and Acquisition

- Commercial Leasing
- Federal and State Enforcement Actions
- Contract Negotiation and Drafting
- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Federal, State and Local Compliance
- Municipal Entity Counsel on Cannabis Related Inquiries – Land Use, Personnel, Drug Testing, etc.
- Advice and Counsel to Private Non-Cannabis Employers

If you are interested in opening a legal cannabis dispensary, or otherwise have concerns about regulations surrounding the sale or possession of cannabis products, speak to the cannabis law attorneys at McLaughlin & Stern. We will work with you to ensure your business meets all necessary requirements to maintain compliance with cannabis regulations. Give us a call at 212-448-1100 or visit our contact page at [mclaughlinstern.com](http://mclaughlinstern.com) to learn more.