



Cannabis

One of New York's first law firms to establish a dedicated Cannabis Practice Team, Lippes Mathias LLP helps clients conduct their businesses within the confines of the cannabis industry's emerging legal requirements by offering a broad range of legal services along with the expertise necessary to navigate the cannabis industry's complex and rapidly evolving regulatory landscape.

From corporate structuring to real estate and intellectual property matters, Lippes Mathias LLP has a team of experienced attorneys focusing in all pertinent areas of cannabis law since the inception of legalization. Our Cannabis Team has first-hand knowledge of what it takes to operate a successful cannabis business, and given that our dedicated Cannabis Practice Team has been working within the legal cannabis business since the legalization of cannabis, we're able to provide both legal expertise as well as a curated network of industry players.

Our Cannabis Practice Team can provide legal services in any of the following areas of law involved in the cultivation, processing, manufacturing, distribution, transportation, marketing, and sale of cannabis products:

- State license applications
- Regulatory compliance
- Real estate and land use matters
- Intellectual property, including trademark matters
- Banking law compliance
- Entity formation
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Private equity investments
- [Tribal matters](#)

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- Government relations
- Government investigations and securities enforcement
- Franchising
- Employment law matters, including workplace policies
- Immigration, cross-border, and import/export restrictions

We have produced a series of four seminars in 2022 related to cannabis updates. Links to the videos of these seminars are found below:

- [Part IV: A Year in Review and a Look Ahead](#)
- [Part III: Lippes Mathias NYS Adult-Use Cannabis Licensing Series, Maximizing Visibility and Consumer Engagement through Cannabis Compliant Marketing and Data Analytics](#)
- [Part II: Lippes Mathias NYS Adult-Use Cannabis Licensing Series, Real Estate, Zoning & Environment](#)
- [Cannabis in Indian Country](#)
- [Part I: Lippes Mathias NYS Adult-Use Cannabis Licensing Series, Staffing/Security](#)