



# Cannabis

## Overview

AP&S attorneys employ their wide-ranging and significant experience and skill to aid cannabis clients in every aspect of their business. Our clients include state-licensed compassion centers, cultivators, and health care providers, as well as investors and vendors supplying services to cannabis businesses. We assist our clients in all aspects of their cannabis business, from navigating the constantly evolving regulatory landscape to licensing, corporate, financing, entity formation, and tax work. AP&S attorneys also have significant experience representing cannabis businesses in [litigation](#) matters and providing guidance on [employment](#), [intellectual property](#), and [real estate matters](#). Our understanding of the industry and regulatory framework allows us to provide timely guidance to our clients seeking to navigate the developing and complex laws facing the cannabis industry.

## Experience

- Successfully represented Rhode Island compassion centers in the licensure process.
- Defended multiple compassion centers in enforcement actions by their state regulator.
- Provided regulatory advice to a national retailer regarding the sale of CBD products.
- Representing a licensed cannabis business with respect to general corporate and tax transactional matters.
- Represented a compassion center in a contractual dispute with a cultivator.
- Counseled many business clients regarding their obligations to employees who use medical marijuana under Rhode Island's medical marijuana statute.
- Provided advice and drafted non-compete and confidentiality agreements, severance agreements, and employee handbooks for a licensed cannabis business.
- Represented patent-holder in connection with breach of license agreement for cannabinoid-extraction patent.
- Successfully pursued a cannabinoid extraction patent on behalf of a producer of hemp-based products, including CBD oil.

## Seminars/Publications

### Publications

- Marijuana and Your Workforce; What You Need to Know, Robert P. Brooks, Occupational and Environmental Health Center of Rhode Island, June 13, 2019
- Marijuana in the Workplace, Robert P. Brooks, The International Management Personnel Association's Rhode Island Chapter, April 23,

2019.

- *A High Priority! The Impact of the Legalization of Marijuana on the Workplace*, Robert P. Brooks, Boston HR Summit, March 8, 2019.