

Cannabis Business Blog

## Join Us Next Week at the 2016 Cannabis Collaborative Conference in Portland!

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Garvey Schubert Barer will be sponsoring and attending the [Cannabis Collaborative Conference](#) at the Portland Expo Center on February 3 and 4. The conference will kick off with a keynote address from former NBA All-Star and Portland Trail Blazer Cliff Robinson, a cannabis advocate, and will feature 80 cannabis industry speakers and more than 90 exhibitors.

The numerous sessions are devoted to informing both existing businesses and new ventures about recent industry developments, including interactive workshops and hands-on demonstrations hosted by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission. This year's conference is shaping up to be a *can't-miss* event for members of the cannabis community.

You can find us at the following events on Wednesday, February 3:

### **2:15-3:00 PM - "Ask the Experts" Roundtable**

[Emily Harris Gant](#), Scott G. Warner and William K. Kabeiseman will participate in this informal round table session and will be available to answer attendees' questions about corporate, intellectual property and real estate & land use issues, respectively, as they relate to the cannabis industry.

### **3:15-4:00 PM - The Status of Investing in the Cannabis Industry**

Harold E. Snow, Jr. will review the law and regulations concerning who can invest in the cannabis industry and how, both directly and indirectly, and he will offer suggestions on maximizing investor participation in the emerging cannabis industry.

### **7:00-10:00 PM - Evening Reception**

GSB is hosting the conference's Wednesday evening party.

We hope to see you there!

**Warning Regarding Federal Law:** The possession, distribution, and manufacturing of marijuana is illegal under federal law, regardless of state law which may, in some jurisdictions, decriminalize such activity under certain circumstances. Penalties for violating federal drug laws are very serious. For example, a

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conviction on a charge of conspiracy to sell drugs carries a mandatory minimum prison term of five years for a first offense and, depending on the quantity of marijuana involved, the fine for such a conviction could be as high as \$10 million. In addition, the federal government may seize, and seek the civil forfeiture of, the real or personal property used to facilitate the sale of marijuana as well as the money or other proceeds from the sale. Although the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) recently rescinded its guidance regarding prioritization of criminal prosecutions of individuals and entities operating in compliance with effective state regulatory systems, DOJ left in place long standing guidance to federal prosecutors regarding how to exercise this discretion. Individuals and companies are cautioned to consult with experienced attorneys regarding their exposure to potential criminal prosecution before establishing business operations in reliance upon the passage of state laws which may decriminalize such activity. Federal authority to prosecute violations of federal law as crimes or through seizures and forfeiture actions is not diminished by state law. Indeed, due to the federal government's jurisdiction over interstate commerce, when businesses provide services to marijuana producers, processors or distributors located in multiple states, they potentially face a higher level of scrutiny from federal authorities than do their customers with local operations.

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