

Clearing the Air: A Discussion of Key Issues For In-House Counsel Related to the Legalization of Cannabis in New Jersey

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Jack Fersko and **Jemi Goulian Lucey** will present the program “Clearing the Air: A Discussion of Key Issues for In-House Counsel Related to the Legalization of Cannabis in New Jersey” at the ACC New Jersey chapter’s 16th Annual All-Day CLE Conference. Margaret Ferrero, Vice President and Assistant General Counsel at ADP, LLC, will also participate as a panelist for the presentation. The conference will be held on Friday, September 21, 2018 from 8:00am – 7:00pm at the Hanover Marriott in Whippany.

As the scope of the cannabis industry in New Jersey expands, what should in-house counsel know about the current state of the law – on both the local and federal levels – as well as what might be on the horizon? This timely presentation will address recent and proposed legislative actions and their impact on various legal disciplines, including real estate, general litigation, employment matters and other corporate considerations. Panelists will explore current regulations governing the acquisition and expansion of cannabis-related businesses, including banking issues such as securing day-to-day banking and financing for operations. The program will feature an overview of real estate issues including selecting a location and tailoring a purchase agreement or lease, insurance issues in terms of coverage for liability and casualty, and other related topics. The program will also provide guidance for dealing with HR and employment issues including the lawful use of background checks, necessary accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act, and avoidance of potential adverse employment action litigation under state and federal anti-discrimination laws.

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Mr. Fersko's practice reflects his extensive experience as a commercial real estate and general business lawyer. His legal services emphasize industrial and commercial real estate activities, with a particular focus on industrial leasing, project financing, sustainable development and alternative energy initiatives, urban redevelopment, and the impact of environmental laws on commercial real estate transactions. In response to the expansion of New Jersey's legal medical marijuana program and possible enactment of an adult-use recreational program, Mr. Fersko is prepared to meet the needs of both existing and future clients by providing counsel related to the business and legal impacts of a New Jersey-based cannabis industry.

Ms. Lucey concentrates her practice on employment litigation, higher education law, professional negligence defense and the productive use of litigation technology to reduce litigation costs and increase efficiency. She represents mid-market companies, institutions of higher learning, and public entities in federal and state civil litigation matters concerning employment discrimination and retaliation claims, professional negligence defense, Higher Education and Title IX alleged violations, business torts, and commercial contract disputes.

Additional conference and program information at: <https://bit.ly/2Mypju6>

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