

NAACP Cannabis Legalization Forum

Bloomfield College, Bloomfield

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Event Sponsor: Oranges & Maplewood, NJ Unit of the NAACP

Raymond M. Brown, a partner in the firm's Litigation Department, will be a panelist for a forum on the future status of cannabis in New Jersey on Saturday, October 27, 2018 from 1:00pm – 4:00pm. The program will be sponsored by the Oranges & Maplewood, NJ Unit of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and will be held on the campus of Bloomfield College.

During the 2017 NJ gubernatorial campaign, then-candidate Phil Murphy campaigned for the legalization and the decriminalization of the use/possession of small amounts of cannabis. Some proponents for such legalization have stated that legalization is a civil rights issue. Some cannabis supporters have shared that the revenue generated by the State's ability to regulate the production and the sale of cannabis will increase our State revenues significantly. Those who have opposed any change in the illegal status of cannabis believe that the use of cannabis is a gateway drug to heroin or opioids. Other individuals believe that decriminalizing the use of cannabis in small quantities addresses the incarceration/arrest disparities between communities of color and white Americans. Recent New Jersey polls show that many of those who support the legalization of cannabis do not wish to have cannabis venues in their communities.

Mr. Brown concentrates his practice in white collar criminal defense, international human rights issues, internal investigations and complex commercial litigation.

This event is free and open to the public, however tickets are required and can be purchased at: <https://bit.ly/2Chcwpz>