

Cannabis

Progressive legislative changes with respect to medical and recreational cannabis have accelerated Canada to the forefront of the global cannabis economy. From 2016's Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulations, to the 2018 legalization of recreational cannabis throughout the country, the federal government's recent mandate has quickly given rise to a multi-billion dollar industry. In the rush to market, provincial governments have unveiled unique and complex regulatory regimes regarding distribution, sale and production.

Our lawyers have advised early-to-market businesses and have stood alongside our clients as the Canadian cannabis industry continues to evolve. We provide practical expertise and advice to public/private companies, mid-market investment banks, venture capital funds and entrepreneurs. Drawing on our corporate and securities law expertise, our lawyers advise clients on, among other things, becoming licensed producers, seed financings, equity and debt financings, acquisitions, regulatory compliance, commercial leasing, taxation and employment matters.

From the initial financing stage to production and distribution, our professionals are devoted to providing legal solutions to assist you in building your cannabis business, including assisting you to understand the nuances of the developing regulatory regime in this area.

We share your enthusiasm for this industry and appreciate the challenges of operating a business in this developing space. Our lawyers are committed to providing legal solutions as diverse as the cannabis industry itself.

If you would like to speak to one of our lawyers, please contact [Michael Dolphin](#) or [Megan Mossip](#).

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Representative engagements include:

- Advising licensed producers and applicants on various transactions, including equity and debt financings, shareholders agreements and employment matters.
- Acting on ongoing public transactions concerning cannabis companies, including by way of qualifying transactions and reverse takeover transactions.
- Acting for clients in connection with various intellectual property and licensing matters relating to cannabis technology and

businesses.

- Acting for various national and provincially based clients in connection with various leasing matters related to cannabis businesses.
- Acting for clients in connection with municipal land use approvals for cannabis facilities.

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