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- State legalization and regulatory issues
- Analysis of policy shifts under the Trump administration



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More than half of the states in the United States currently have laws legalizing Marijuana in some form (medicinal and/or recreational). But in the face of the Controlled Substances Act, regulatory uncertainty presents a barrier to full realization of the potential of the cannabis industry, even though economists predict \$50 billion in annual sales by 2026. This quickly developing sector affects virtually all areas of the law and provides opportunities to those with the knowledge base to guide clients and companies deftly through a shifting regulatory and legal landscape. The DRI Marijuana Law Seminar provides you with subject matter experts who will share with you the knowledge and strategies needed by professionals, businesses, and insurers to successfully traverse the complex pitfalls and prospects of marijuana legalization.



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- The latest on federal policy, the Cole memo, and Jeff Sessions' position
- State regulatory updates, banking options, and what to expect in the upcoming year
- How to navigate the claims process, get your claim paid, and defend a claim
- Lessons and tips for claims handlers along with policies available
- The science of THC: lessons from an industrial hygiene and toxicology perspective

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JUNE 25

6:00 p.m. **Registration**

6:00 p.m. **Networking Reception**

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

7:00 a.m. **Registration**

7:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**

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8:00 a.m. **Welcome and Introduction**

Stephen O. (Steve) Plunkett,

Bassford Remele PA, Minneapolis, MN

Melissa K. Roeder, *Foley & Mansfield PLLP,*

Seattle, WA

8:10 a.m. **Cannabis Regulation in the Trump Administration: Lessons Learned and What Lies Ahead**

This insightful and interactive session will explore what effect the Trump administration has had and will continue to have on the cannabis industry. The presentation will offer insights into the changing federal and state cannabis regulatory landscapes.

Jonathan A. Havens, *Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr LLP, Baltimore, MD*

9:00 a.m. **Insurance Updates**

This presentation focuses on the effect of legalized marijuana on various lines of insurance coverage, compares insurance coverage for legalized marijuana with other highly regulated substances such as alcohol and tobacco, and discusses ethical obligations and pitfalls.

Scharome R. Wolfe, *ROIG Lawyers, Orlando, FL*

9:50 a.m. **Medical Marijuana and Medical Liability: Dispensing Cannabis and Emerging Frontiers in Medical Liability**

As medicinal cannabis use becomes more legalized and acceptable, potential liability issues loom for manufacturers, dispensaries, and medical professionals. This presentation will review liability issues using real cases

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ripped from the headlines and offer practical advice for navigating the minefield.

Michael D. (Mike) Shalhoub,

Goldberg Segalla LLP, White Plains, NY

10:35 a.m. **Refreshment Break**

10:55 a.m. **The Grass Is Greener—but for Whom? The Effect of Marijuana Legalization on Employers in Workers' Compensation**

Employers face difficult questions about their workplace policies, rights, and obligations because of conflicting state and federal laws. Explore the latest trends in the development of marijuana law and policy, and how best to protect employers with regard to workers' compensation.

Carol A. Cesaretti, *Quintairos Prieto Wood & Boyer PA, Chicago, IL*

11:40 a.m. **The Green Rush: Cannabis Legalization in Canada**

With Canada poised to become the first major industrialized country to legalize recreational cannabis fully, this presentation provides a high-level overview of various aspects of legal and regulatory landscape of the Canadian cannabis market and discusses cross-border opportunities and challenges.

Robin D. Linley, *Blake Cassels & Graydon LLP, Toronto, ON*

12:30 p.m. **Lunch (on your own)**

2:00 p.m. **Toxicology: What Is It and How Do You Utilize a Toxicologist on the Stand**

From a toxicologist's perspective, the top 10 cannabis product liability topics will be discussed based on the current state of the science. From a lawyer's perspective, this session will describe scenarios involving how the most important topics are addressed in the courtroom using an expert toxicology witness.

Angela L. (Angie) Perez, PhD, *Center for Toxicology and Environmental Health LLC, Portland, OR*

Melissa K. Roeder, *Foley & Mansfield PLLP, Seattle, WA*

3:00 p.m. **The Policyholder’s Perspective on Claims Handling: How to Get Claims Paid**
 Getting your claims paid by your insurance companies can be a difficult and time-consuming process. This program will take you through the claims process, including how and when to provide notice, how best to document damages, and how to push the carrier to get your claim paid.
Michael Conley, *Offit Kurman*, Philadelphia, PA

4:00 p.m. **Refreshment Break**
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4:15 p.m. **Marijuana Banking: What All Banks Need to Know**
 This presentation will discuss the current legal and regulatory landscapes surrounding the banking of marijuana-related businesses (MRBs) in states where marijuana has been legalized, including how financial institutions can permissibly service MRBs, as well as review existing federal policy regarding marijuana banking.
 **John W. Vardaman III**, *Hypur Inc.*, Washington, DC

4:50 p.m. **Without Warning: Mitigating Liability at the Point of Sale**
 Cannabis products are required to include warnings about the dangers associated with using the product, as well as specific information such as serving size and tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and cannabinoid (CBD) levels. Nevertheless, processors, distributors, and sellers can be liable even with strict compliance with these mandatory warnings
Michelle L. Burton, *Shoecraft Burton LLP*, San Diego, CA
Robert S. (Rob) May, *Kilmer Voorhees & Laurick PC*, Portland, OR

5:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

6:00 p.m. **Networking Reception**

7:30 p.m. **Dine-Arounds** | Join colleagues and friends at selected restaurants for dinner (*on your own*). More details on-site.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

7:00 a.m. **Registration**

7:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**

7:55 a.m. **Announcements**
Michael B. Cohen, *Quintairos Prieto Wood & Boyer PA*, Chicago, IL

8:00 a.m. **Insurance and Cannabis: An Ever-Growing Topic**
 Given the conflict between state and federal law regarding cannabis, there are more questions than answers in the insurance space: who is covering these businesses, what interesting court cases have tested the limits of insurance coverage, and what trends lies ahead for this industry?
Brenda P. Wells, PhD, CPCU, AAI, CRIS, *East Carolina University*, Greenville, NC

9:00 a.m. **Social Justice and Equal Access in Cannabis Reform**
 Learn more about the implications of cannabis legalization as it spreads to the East Coast and the push for equity and social justice in the new laws around the nation.
Shanel A. Lindsay, *Ardent LLC*, Boston, MA

10:00 a.m. **Industrial Hygiene in the Marijuana Arena**
 THC modeling: what is it, how do you do it, and what does it mean?
Dallas M. Cowan, PhD, CIH, DABT, *Center for Toxicology and Environmental Health LLC*, Carlsbad, CA

10:45 a.m. **Refreshment Break**

11:00 a.m. **Cannabis Coverage in the Marketplace**
 Learn about the ins and outs of the various types of insurance coverage available to each segment of the marijuana sector, including growers, manufacturers, dispensaries, and testing facilities.

 **Doug Banfelder**, *Stratton Agency/ Nine Point Strategies*, San Carlos, CA

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11:45 a.m. **A Survey of the Effects of Marijuana Legalization on Employment Law**

This program will survey recent court cases from across the country addressing the effect of marijuana legalization on an employer’s right to a drug-free workplace, whether employers have a duty to accommodate medical marijuana patients, and the interplay of state legalization with federal laws.

Anthony L. Schumann, *Quintairos Prieto Wood & Boyer PA*, Chicago, IL

12:30 p.m. **Game of Ethics: What the Game of Thrones and Model Rules of Professional Responsibility Have in Common**

What if Petyr Baelish and Brienne of Tarth

were fighting over the same clients? What ethical conundrums might they find themselves in? In this ethics segment that we call “Game of Ethics,” watch a series of vignettes woven into a discussion of the Model Rules of Professional Responsibility.

Dyanna Ballou, *Rasmussen Dickey and Moore LLC*, Kansas City, MO

Clayton E. (Clay) Dickey, *Rasmussen Dickey and Moore LLC*, Kansas City, MO

1:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

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