

## NEW JERSEY STATE BAR ASSOCIATION CANNABIS LAW COMMITTEE

Dear Friends,

As our second term as co-chairs of the NJSBA Cannabis Law Committee draws to a close, we take this opportunity to thank those who have supported the Committee's many accomplishments over the past two years.

First, there are no words to express our gratitude to the Committee members. They represent an outstanding group of professionals committed to promoting cannabis decriminalization, legalization, and social equity throughout the State. Our subcommittee co-chairs lead by example, and the collaboration amongst our membership is nothing short of outstanding -- there simply is no competition, we all just support each other in advancing the representation of our clients.

Second, nothing could be achieved without the support of the NJSBA and its terrific staff. From the Fall half-day CLE, to the highly regarded Spring Cannabis Law Symposium, to the fanfare of the panels at the State Bar Convention, and the monthly meetings in between, our success rests on their shoulders.

Third, we would be remiss if we did not revisit the Committee's many accomplishments over the past two years, including: (i) hosting eight CLEs at the Law Center on a range of cannabis-related topics; (ii) hosting three CLE panels at the State Bar Convention; (iii) expanding the Committee to include psychedelics; and (iv) preparing two Reports and Recommendations to the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission on Its Initial Rules and Regulations, dated November 21, 2021, and July 12, 2021.

Fourth, the Committee laid the groundwork for two important and timely initiatives: (i) promoting expungements of cannabis-related convictions; and (ii) developing guidance for Workplace Impairment Recognition Experts ("WIREs"). Please be on the lookout for these two new initiatives which are certain to resonate throughout the cannabis community and the State.

Finally, we are delighted to announce the new co-chairs and secretary for the 2023-2024 term: Sarah Trent, Daniel McKillop, and Mollie Lustig, respectively. In addition to their dedicated work on behalf of the Committee, these three extraordinary individuals also are leaders in the cannabis space in New Jersey and beyond. We are proud to pass the proverbial baton to them and await their many achievements to come.

All our best, Lisa & Josh Cannabis Law Committee Co-Chairs New Jersey State Bar Association

## Our Mission:

The Cannabis Law Committee brings together a group of attorneys who examine the many legal issues – from civil to business to criminal – that will stem from medical, and potential consumer access to cannabis. It will review legislation and make recommendations to the Board of Trustees; suggest *amicus* advocacy positions; inform discussions on Court Rules and other matters that pertain to the regulation of attorneys; produce a newsletter or information on cannabis law; and/or create continuing legal education for attorneys to learn more about this burgeoning field.