

Overview

Few industries present more complex legal issues than the legal cannabis industry. As a result of the 2016 *Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulations* (ACMPR) and the recent tabling of Bill C-45 with respect to the legalization of recreational cannabis, the cannabis industry is rapidly expanding and evolving.

The shift from prohibition to cautious legalization is creating opportunities not just for producers of cannabis, but for a wide range of supporting and spin-off industries.

Legalization in Canada and the associated influx of investment capital is a springboard for opportunities beyond Canada's borders, in established and emerging legal cannabis markets. Canadian first-movers are already becoming key players in the global cannabis industry. At the same time, cannabis producers from the United States, South America and abroad are seeking access to the Canadian capital markets.

When you partner with Dentons, you tap into our full range of experience across a number of legal fields. We collaborate with colleagues throughout the firm to identify and comprehensively address a wide range of complex issues such as:

- **Cultivation and production licensing:** Working with clients in multiple provinces on cultivation and production license applications and all related regulatory considerations.
- **Going public transactions and financings:** Working with some of Canada's leading licensed producers on their going public transactions and financing activities. We have also counseled US producers on going public transactions in Canada.
- **Investments and investors:** Providing legal advice on strategic acquisitions of distribution and patient aggregation targets. We also assist producers and individual investors on a range of investments including cross-border private and public securities offerings and equity investments in, and loans to, industry participants.
- **Distribution and marketing:** Providing deep technology, privacy and consumer protection knowledge to assist with the distribution and marketing platforms for cannabis and related products and services.
- **Real Estate:** Counseling producers and applicants on their real estate acquisitions, facility construction and zoning matters.
- **Clinical trials:** Counseling clients on all aspects of their clinical trials, including negotiating trial agreements and all related procurement agreements.

Representative Experience

- **Canopy Growth Corporation:** Advising in connection with its strategic acquisitions, including MedCann GmbH Pharma and Nutraceuticals, and other corporate and transactional matters.
- **Canopy Growth Corporation:** Advising on litigation, dispute resolution and risk analysis, including protection of intellectual property.
- **Canopy Growth Corporation:** Advising on licensing agreements and joint venture agreements.

- **Confidential client:** Advising on all legal aspects involved in the formation of a Marijuana licensing aggregator platform.
- **Confidential client:** Advising Canadian licensed producers on expansion into medical cannabis regulatory regimes in jurisdictions outside Canada, including the United States, Germany, Australia, and the Netherlands, including providing advice on cannabis imports, exports and public procurement in those jurisdictions.
- **Confidential client:** Advised a marijuana life style brand on formation, financing and corporate partnership matters.
- **Cronos Group:** Advising in connection with a CA\$17.3 million bought deal offering.
- **Emblem Corp.:** Advising in relation to a going public transaction by way of plan of arrangement.
- **Emblem Corp.:** Advising in connection with its reverse takeover of Saber Capital Corp. for CA\$74.9 million.

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