

Intellectual Property in the Cannabis & Hemp Space

As the cannabis industry expands, and the development and research become more sophisticated, protecting your intellectual property takes on critical importance. The cannabis industry and the laws governing the space are rapidly evolving. In this dynamic and highly competitive space, protecting your intellectual property can provide a considerable advantage in the market.

We offer complimentary consultations to discuss the scope of IP protection available for your business.

In the cannabis and hemp industry, patent protection can be extended to a multitude of areas, notwithstanding continued federal illegality of cannabis-use, including:

- Cannabis compositions/formulations, and preparation methods.
- Manufactured cannabis products, including medical cannabis and cannabis-infused products.
- Cannabis-related equipment and devices.
- Methods of extracting cannabis oils.
- Methods of cultivating a new varietal.
- Methods of treating conditions and/or ailments with cannabis or cannabinoids.
- Synthetic cannabinoids/psilocybin derivatives.
- Asexually reproduced cannabis plants.

Our protection goes beyond patents, and we provide cannabis companies with the full spectrum of IP services including trademark registration, where available, as well as portfolio management, IP enforcement and licensing.



With over 600 practitioners in more than 81 countries, Dentons Intellectual Property and Technology group is the largest in the world, including 80+ patent lawyers and practitioners; more than 20 PhDs; and more than 50 members with advanced degrees and practical industrial experience in the patent-heavy fields. The Patent Prosecution team's scientific and technological expertise covers a wide range of industry sectors to support the cannabis industry, including chemistry; pharmaceutical; medical devices; biotechnology; plant pathology; biochemistry; molecular biology and genetic technologies; nanotechnology; computer science, including operating systems, enterprise networks and graphical user interface; software and business methods, including financial services and e-commerce, among others.

In collaboration with our highly-lauded, multi-disciplinary Cannabis Practice, including best-in-class lawyers from all of the practices relevant to the cannabis and hemp industries, we can address our clients' full spectrum of needs: strategic counselling and risk mitigation; compliance (cannabis regulations, FDA, privacy, tax, employment, etc.); corporate/ transactional (formation, funding, lending, M&A, real estate, public listing, etc.); litigation; and public policy/advocacy.

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