As entrepreneurs and investors continue looking to the government for indications of loosening cannabis regulations, Duane Morris attorneys have the insight on how to respond to current and pending legislation. We have extensive experience representing a wide range of clients with complex regulatory compliance matters associated with differing local, state and federal laws.

**RANGE OF SERVICES**

- CORPORATE
  - Contracts and structuring
  - Governance and risk management
  - Ownership and disclosure standards
  - Tax code and financial guidance

- LICENSING AND PERMIT APPLICATIONS
  - For growers, processors and dispensaries
  - Local and state levels

- MANUFACTURING AND PRODUCTION
  - Contract manufacturing/white labeling

- HEALTH LAW
  - Public health departments

- CONSUMER AND RETAIL
  - Privacy laws
  - Environmental laws and community considerations

**2018 Farm Bill**

The 2018 Farm Bill removed hemp from the Controlled Substances Act and contains other key updates, including:

- Providing green light for banking, investing and insuring hemp-derived CBD products; and
- Barring the creation of laws prohibiting the interstate transportation of hemp or CBD derived from hemp.

**REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS**

- Advising various consumer goods companies regarding the regulatory framework for manufacturing and selling hemp-derived CBD consumer good, such as vapes, cosmetics, and food and beverages.

- Representing defendant Woodstock Products in an action filed by Woodstock Ventures LC, the founders of the Woodstock Music and Arts Festival, asserting trademark infringement. This is a case of first-impression, as no court has addressed whether the marketing of cannabis related products can result in infringement of a federally registered trademark.

- Representing one of a second group of licensees to grow and sell medical marijuana in New York state in a suit brought by the first five licensees challenging the state's authority to issue the additional medical marijuana licenses.

- Created a Pennsylvania LLC and advised on all matters pertaining to organization and startup of business, including capital formation activities, that applied for permits to grow, process and dispense medical marijuana in Pennsylvania pursuant to the state's Medical Marijuana Act, including preparing grower/processor and dispensary permit applications submitted to Pennsylvania Department of Health.
Advising a national hemp grower and CBD processing company on corporate organization, governance and regulatory matters as well as handling an acquisition.

Advise software company on regulatory and compliance issues related to providing software and payment processing services to cannabis licensing agencies and state and local governments.

Advised two Pennsylvania cannabis companies, who sought to affiliate with a Pennsylvania medical school and acute care hospital for purposes of conducting clinical research under the provisions of the state Medical Marijuana Act, on corporate organizational matters, financing, regulatory matters and licensing.

Application, siting and regulatory counsel for GTI New Jersey LLC’s Paterson cultivation and dispensary facilities.

Formed a new entity that will be focused on lobbying in New York on marijuana laws and policies, and obtaining 501(c)(4) status for the new entity.

Representing several vertically integrated cannabis companies with New Jersey licensure, application, real estate and associated corporate structuring advice.

Providing advice to the owner of a cannabis brand regarding corporate structuring.

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