Smoking Out the Issues and Challenges in the Legalization of Cannabis

Panelists will explore the developing regulatory landscape around the legalization of recreational marijuana in California and throughout the western United States. Recreational use of marijuana was legalized in Washington state in 2012, while California approved it in January 2018. Panelists will discuss issues that have arisen in Washington state to provide perspective/insight on California’s burgeoning industry. Administrative Law Judges will describe issues that they have been called upon to adjudicate respecting licensing and other issues related to marijuana dispensaries. Industry and regulatory representatives will share their perspectives and some of the unique challenges presented in the industry, which is still subject to criminal sanction on the federal level.

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