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Join us at the JW Marriott in Grand Rapids, where the business side of cannabis law takes center stage. Master M&A strategies, contract management, and receivership in the current landscape of the cannabis industry in Michigan. Perfect for lawyers aiming to sharpen their expertise and adapt their practice to Michigan's rapidly changing cannabis market.

Get up to speed on new rules with an update led by Alyssa A. Grissom and Brian Hanna from the Cannabis Regulatory Agency. Explore a complete rewrite of the regulatory framework with our panel from the Cannabis Law Section's Legislation and Administrative Rules Committee. Plus, gain courtroom perspectives from judges tackling cannabis issues.

You will be able to:

- Draft contracts to effectively manage cannabis accounts receivable
- Address cannabis-related criminal law and enforcement developments
- Master M&A strategies within the cannabis market
- Engage with top CRA officials on recent regulatory changes
- Consider potential implications of a federal rescheduling of cannabis
- Decode new administrative rules impacting your practice



Returning to Grand Rapids!

The JW Marriott is located right on the Grand River. Explore nearby art museums and craft breweries or unwind at the hotel's Seraphina Spa. It's the perfect place to rub elbows with peers and engage in thought-provoking discussion.

The Best Michigan Experts



Alyssa A. Grissom
Cannabis Regulatory Agency, *Lansing*

Alyssa is the legal manager for the CRA. She handles a variety of responsibilities, including implementing the administrative rules. She'll get you up to speed on new rules and more.



Hon. Christopher P. Yates
Michigan Court of Appeals, *Grand Rapids*

Judge Yates serves on the Michigan Court of Appeals. Get his perspective on cannabis litigation and gain helpful insights on the practical challenges facing practitioners.



Allison Arnold
Lenawee County Prosecutor's Office, *Adrian*

Allison serves as the chief assistant prosecuting attorney in Lenawee County. She'll break down the latest on cannabis-related criminal law, penalties for illicit operations, and more.



Craig A. Aronoff
Aronoff Law, *Royal Oak*

Craig advises cannabis entrepreneurs and stakeholders on licensing, business planning, real estate, compliance, and more. Hear his expert advice on managing cannabis accounts receivable.

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Schedule

CLE: 8.5 | MCJE: 8.5 | Level: Basic/Intermediate/Advanced

8:00am–8:30am/Thursday & Friday

Registration, Continental Breakfast, and Vendor Showcase

Plenary Sessions

8:30am/Thursday

Cannabis Law Section Annual Meeting

Attendance does not require registration for the *Cannabis Law Conference*.

Michelle R. E. Donovan, Esperance Donovan PLLC, *Mount Clemens*

9:00am/Thursday

Welcome Remarks and Announcements

Hear from the chair-elect of the Cannabis Law Section.

Roma P. Thurin, Thurin Law Group PLLC, *Stanton*

9:15am/Thursday

Breaking Down the Cannabis Regulatory Agency's New Administrative Rules

The CRA's new administrative rules have been in the works since May 2023. Far from being an iteration, the new rules are effectively a complete rewrite of the cannabis regulatory framework. Get ready for a deep dive on the biggest changes and takeaways that you need to know to navigate this changing regulatory landscape from a panel discussion of the Cannabis Law Section's Legislation and Administrative Rules Committee.

John W. Fraser, Dykema, *Lansing*; Douglas E. Mains, Honigman LLP, *Lansing*; Kristina M. Munsters, Warner Norcross + Judd LLP, *Grand Rapids*; Benjamin M. Sobczak, Dickinson Wright PLLC, *Troy*

10:15am/Thursday

Networking Break

10:30am/Thursday

Cannabis Regulatory Agency Update

Get the most current status of the cannabis industry, an update about the new rules, and the future of cannabis regulation in the state of Michigan.

Alyssa A. Grissom, Cannabis Regulatory Agency, *Lansing*; Brian Hanna, Cannabis Regulatory Agency, *Lansing*

12:00pm/Thursday

Networking Lunch

3:15pm/Thursday

Networking Break

3:30pm/Thursday

Contract Drafting to Manage Cannabis Accounts Receivable

Focus on contract drafting and general strategy tips for managing cannabis A/R. Get tips for coaching clients on best practices to avoid the A/R snowball and to provide a leg up if they have to sue for collections. Learn how to use master purchase agreements to create and then enforce Purchase Money Security Interests in inventory. Review claim and delivery actions and other modes of collection.

Craig A. Aronoff, Aronoff Law, *Royal Oak*; R. Lance Boldrey, Dykema, *Lansing*

4:30pm/Thursday

Networking Reception Sponsored by Ayar Law (Preregistration Required)

Enjoy drinks and relax with friends and colleagues.

9:00am/Friday

Who's Running the Business?

Get a nuanced examination on the duties, decisions, and implications for your cannabis business after the appointment of a receiver.

Charles D. Bullock, Stevenson & Bullock PLC, *Southfield*

10:35am/Thursday

Networking Break

11:45am/Friday

Judges' Panel: Cannabis Issues from the Bench

Get a view from busy judges on cannabis litigation they are seeing in their courtrooms. Glean helpful insights on the practical challenges facing practitioners and take away best practices.

Benjamin M. Sobczak, Dickinson Wright PLLC, *Troy*; Hon. B. Chris Christenson, 7th Circuit Court, *Flint*; Hon. Michael Warren, 6th Circuit Court, *Pontiac*; Hon. Christopher P. Yates, Michigan Court of Appeals, *Grand Rapids*

12:45pm/Friday

Wrap-Up and Closing Remarks

Roma P. Thurin, Thurin Law Group PLLC, *Stanton*

Litigation Track

1:15pm/Thursday

Litigating Formal Complaints

Delve into formal complaints to the Cannabis Regulatory Agency and contested case presentations before administrative law judges. Examine the complaint process, from responding and defending your client to resolution, highlighting common issues and procedural tips. Learn to effectively present cases, craft compelling arguments, and understand the nuances of administrative hearings. Equip yourself to confidently advocate

in this complex and evolving regulatory landscape.

Michelle R. E. Donovan, Esperance Donovan PLLC, *Mount Clemens*;
Darren M. Malek, Veritas Law Group, *Kalamazoo*

2:20pm/Thursday

Legalization of Psilocybin

Review some ways that psychedelics differ from cannabis. While they both have medicinal and recreational uses, cannabis is a much larger market and has many more daily/frequent users than psychedelics. Entheogenic use shows great promise to help address conditions such as PTSD or depression. Consider the lower profits realized by selling psychedelics in a regulated market. Explore potential regulation of psychedelics, taking their strength and potency into account.

Kevin Boehnke, PhD, Michigan Medicine, *Ann Arbor*; Brett M. Gelbord, Dykema, *Detroit*; Thomas M. J. Lavigne, Cannabis Counsel®, *Grosse Pointe Park*

Business Track

1:15pm/Thursday

Cannabis Industry M&A: A Comprehensive Treatment

The Michigan cannabis industry continues to be transaction-heavy amid sustained market consolidation. We will review the essential elements of mergers & acquisitions for these highly regulated and (still) federally illegal businesses and explore key concepts for creating and keeping your clients compliant and risk averse. Topics include: municipal restrictions, due diligence essentials, management agreements for gap periods, and the pre-closing license transfer process.

Denise A. Pollicella, Omnus Law, *Lansing*

2:20pm/Thursday

Tax and Cannabis

Explore current tax issues in the cannabis industry, focusing on federal and Michigan perspectives. Review potential amendments to Section 280E and possible strategies if reimbursements are instated. Consider the changing administrative rules under the new administration and advise on tax delinquencies.

Venar Raad Ayar, Ayar Law, *Farmington Hills*

Law Enforcement Track

9:50am/Friday

Criminal Law Update 2025

Get an update on recent developments in Michigan criminal law, with a focus on cannabis-related cases. Review key

rulings and enforcement trends, including how marijuana law intersects with broader criminal practice.

Daniel W. Grow, Daniel W. Grow PLLC, *Saint Joseph*

10:50am/Friday

MI Cannabis Law Enforcement

Get a handle on the current state of cannabis-related criminal law and the penalties that may apply for illicit commercial operations. Examine the trends in the illegal cannabis market and what the Marijuana & Tobacco Investigations Section is seeing.

Allison M. Arnold, Lenawee County Prosecutor's Office, *Adrian*; Thomas Kish, Marijuana and Tobacco Investigation Section, Michigan State Police, *Livonia*

Administrative Track

9:50am/Friday

High Stakes: Navigating Cannabis Insurance Contracts

Shine light on the ever-changing risks for cannabis operators from an insurance standpoint. In a cash-strapped industry, unpaid insurance claims will make the difference in who survives and who thrives.

Thomas Caulifield, Lockton Companies, *Detroit*; Alan P. Devey, Lockton Companies, *Chicago, IL*

10:50am/Friday

Administrative Caselaw Update

Get the latest on recent CRA-related proposals for decision and other rulings issued by administrative law judges.

Douglas E. Mains, Honigman LLP, *Lansing*

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(10/09/25, 6:00pm-7:00pm)

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Accommodations: A discounted block of rooms has been reserved at the JW Marriott in Grand Rapids. Visit www.icle.org/cannabislaw/hotel to reserve a room. Reservations must be made by 09/11/25. Registrants are responsible for their own hotel expenses.