

Agenda

Examining the Current State of Michigan Marijuana Law

M. Donovan

Michigan Medical Marihuana Act (MMMA)
Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (MRTMA)
Understanding the regulatory framework of legal marijuana in Michigan
Federal conflicts and enforcement priorities
Recent developments and a look ahead

Cannabis Business Licensing in Michigan

J. Fraser

Licensing bodies
• Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA)
• Michigan Marijuana Regulatory Agency (MRA)
Types of licenses and who can obtain them
• Micro-growers • Growers
• Processors • Provisioning centers
• Transporters • Safety compliance facilities
• Designated consumption establishments
• Other
Prequalification and background checks
Application timing and procedures
Licensing fees
Combining licenses
Restrictions and limitations

Operating a Legal Marijuana Business in Michigan: Practical and Legal Challenges

S. Roberts

Banking and financing challenges (Banking Secrecy Act, FinCEN)
Corporate formation and entity selection
Safe cash handling procedures
Form 8300 reporting requirements
Inventory accounting
Trademark protection
Insurance issues

Tax Planning for Marijuana Businesses

V. Ayar

State and local tax issues Federal tax considerations
Understanding IRC 280E Recent developments in Michigan marijuana taxation

Legal Marijuana in Michigan: Municipal Considerations

S. Roberts

Community responses to adult-use marijuana establishments
Understanding municipal authority
Opt-out/opt-in requirements
Zoning considerations
Medical marijuana facility ordinance issues
Local regulation of recreational marijuana businesses

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Learning Objectives

You'll be able to:

Navigate the current regulatory framework of recreational and medical marijuana in Michigan.

Identify Michigan's licensing bodies and explain the process by which cannabis businesses are licensed in the state.

Identify practical and legal solutions to the operational challenges faced by legal marijuana businesses in Michigan.

Acquire strategies to legally deduct business expenses while complying with IRC 280E.

Explain Michigan's municipal opt-in/opt-out requirements for recreational marijuana businesses.



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Clarify Michigan's marijuana business licensing procedures

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Examine recent developments in state and local marijuana taxation

Understand the authority municipalities have to regulate, opt-in and opt-out of recreational marijuana sales

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As a member of the Corporate and Real Estate Department, Ms. Donovan represents clients both locally and nationally in all areas of real estate, including mortgage and deed fraud, construction liens, eminent domain, property tax appeals, title insurance, and municipal issues. She has extensive experience with Michigan’s Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act (“MMFLA”) and has successfully assisted clients with the process for applying for pre-qualification and license qualification status. She obtained the first licensed provisioning center in Oakland County. She is chair of the firm’s Cannabis Law Specialty Team and is frequently in the media for her expertise and knowledge.

John W. Fraser *Team Leader – Cannabis Law Division, Grewal Law PLLC*
Mr. Fraser is an associate at the firm. His practice focuses on marijuana law, sexual abuse litigation, criminal defense, and appellate law. Mr. Fraser serves as secretary/treasurer of the Marijuana Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan and as an adjunct professor at Western Michigan University Cooley Law School, where he teaches marijuana law. Mr. Fraser graduated from Michigan State University College of Law, *summa cum laude*, and was ranked first in his class.

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Scott F. Roberts *Scott Roberts Law*
Mr. Roberts is the managing partner of Scott Roberts Law, a full-service cannabis business and real estate law firm representing cannabis companies throughout the State of Michigan. Scott Roberts Law has been practicing cannabis business law since the passage of the MMFLA and has helped its clients take their projects from the conceptual stage to fully licensed and operating facilities. Specifically, the firm specializes in state and municipal licensing, complex corporate and real estate transactions, and MMFLA / MRTMA compliance issues.

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Mr. Ayar is the principal attorney and founder of the firm, which is strictly a tax law firm. It focuses only on IRS and Michigan tax resolution for both businesses and individuals. Mr. Ayar has handed a multitude of cases, including tax audit defense; negotiating favorable settlements for back taxes (offers in compromise); setting up tax payment plans (installment agreements); arranging release of both tax liens and levies; defending criminal tax fraud cases; and advising those with foreign bank accounts who have not complied with reporting requirements.

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