

NATIONAL INTERDISCIPLINARY CANNABIS SYMPOSIUM

May 20- 22, 2022

California Western School of Law | San Diego, CA

REGISTRATION

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SYMPOSIUM INFORMATION

As cannabis legalization and regulations evolve, the United States is at a tipping point. There are now several pending Congressional Bills related to cannabis, including decriminalization and rescheduling of the drug. Thirty-eight states have some form of medical marijuana, 18 states, D.C., Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, and Tribal Nations have recreational marijuana laws with many other states exploring recreational marijuana for 2022. These continued changes in laws are impacting our courts and society. They are also creating a dynamic and sometimes confusing landscape for various disciplines including Law Enforcement, Judges, Drug Court Professionals, the Drug and Alcohol Testing Industry, Academia, and Employers Human Resource Association & Organizations.





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The Symposium will engage and integrate associations and organizations, including law enforcement, academia, judges, drug court professionals, specialty court judges, the drug and alcohol testing industry, human resource specialists and others around the topic of cannabis by developing educational tracks and panels dedicated to each discipline along with an integrated approach with discussions.

There are three Keynotes, five Plenary Sessions, and three Breakout Sessions, one of which is discipline specific and the other two interdisciplinary. The goals of the Breakout sessions are to bring attendees up to speed on the latest developments regarding cannabis and the law and to provide open discussions regarding the attendees' experiences in addressing issues specific to their fields.

The moderator of each session will provide an overview and update regarding emerging issues associated with the session's theme (e.g., workplace drug testing), as well as pose key questions that may be addressed within the breakout session.

This will be followed by a moderated discussion addressing current challenges, approaches that have been utilized by various entities to date, and suggested paths forward. At the conclusion of the sessions the moderator (or designee) will report the discussions/recommendations to a Plenary Session, where the topics will be addressed via open discussion.

Virtual attendees will be able to participate in Q&A and engage with an online moderator in the Breakouts and Plenary Sessions

The Final Plenary will be an Open Discussion that will identify and elucidate the current issues related to the legalization of cannabis and its impact on law enforcement, academia, judges, drug court professional, the drug and alcohol testing industry, and human resources and make some recommendations for evidence-based practices.

AGENDA

	Friday, May 20 <i>5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Opening Networking Reception</i> <i>(Dinner on your own)</i>
DAY 1 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Saturday, May 21 Continental Breakfast Introductions and Keynote <i>Keynote: Dr. Susan Weiss, Director, Division of Extramural Research at the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)</i> Cannabis Research: Complexities and Priorities



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<p>9:00 AM – 10:30 AM</p>	<p>Opening Plenary: Introductions by Disciplines Judge Mary Celeste, (Ret.) Colorado, American Judges Association (AJA) Glenn Davis, Highway Safety Manager, Colorado Department of Transportation Lisa Nagele-Piazza, J.D., SHRM-SCP, Senior Legal Editor, Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) Anthony Washington, Drug and Alcohol Testing Supervisor, Leon County, Florida, and Director, Drug and Alcohol Testing Industry Association (DATIA) Justice Robert Ziemian, (Ret.) Massachusetts, President, New England Association Recovery Court Professionals (NEARCP)</p>
<p>10:30 AM – 10:45 AM</p>	<p>BREAK</p>
<p>10:45 AM – 12:15 PM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BREAKOUT SESSION 1: DEVELOPING ISSUES IN CANNABIS</p> <p>Cannabis and Its Impact on the Courts (Justice Torres, Moderator)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judge Peter Gallagher, Superior Court of San Diego • Judge Jason Krestoff, Administrative Law Judge Antelope, CA • Judge Tilisha T. Martin, JD, MJM, MSW, CWLS, Superior Court of San Diego • Justice Scott Pearson, Reno Justice Court <p>Spotlight on Cannabis in Employment (Lisa Nagele-Piazza, Moderator)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Danielle H. Moore, Esq., Partner, Fisher Phillips, San Diego • Catharine Morisset, Esq., Partner, Fisher Phillips, Seattle <p>The Future of Drug Testing (Anthony Washington, Moderator)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angela Moore, Chief Executive Officer, Cynergy Wellness Inc. • B. Virginia King, MPA Program Administrator Medical Marijuana Education and Research Initiative (MMERI) Florida A&M University • Nina French, President, Employer and Law Enforcement Solutions, Hounds Lab • Jim Fendt, J.D. Candidate, California Western School of Law



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	<p>Effects of Cannabis Legalization on the Roadways (Glenn Davis, Moderator)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nick Morrow, Private Investigator and Expert Witness, (Ret.) Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department • Chuck Hayes, Project Manager, Drug Evaluation and Classification Program (DECP), International Association of Chiefs of Police • Deena Ryerson, Sr. Assistant Attorney General, Oregon Department of Justice <p>Cannabis Legislation, Regulations and the Constitution (Karmen Hanson, Moderator)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Mary Anne Case, Arnold I. Shure Professor of Law, University of Chicago • Tamara Colson, Deputy Director of Legal Affairs, California Department of Cannabis Control • Michael Sofis, Ph.D., Senior Scientist, Advocates for Human Potential (AHP), Center for Research and Evaluation
12:15 PM – 2:00 PM	<p>LUNCHEON</p> <p><i>Keynote: Dr. Thomas Marcotte, Ph.D., Professor of Psychiatry, University of California, San Diego</i></p> <p>The Impact of Cannabis on Driving Performance, and the Detection of Cannabis-impaired Drivers</p>
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM	<p>Plenary 1: Reports on Developing Issues</p> <p><i>Facilitated Reports from Breakout Session 1</i></p>
3:30 PM – 3:45 PM	<p>BREAK</p>
3:45 PM – 5:00 PM	<p style="text-align: center;">BREAKOUT SESSION 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A DEEPER DISCIPLINARY DIVE</p> <p>Hiring, Firing, and Making Reasonable Accommodations in the Workplace (Lisa Nagele-Piazza, Moderator)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trisha Zulic, SHRM-SCP, Director, Human Resources Consultant Services, EFFICIENT EDGE HR Services, San Diego • Christopher Olmsted, Esq., Shareholder, Ogletree Deakins, San Diego



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	<p>Safety Sensitive Positions and Impairment (Anthony Washington, Moderator)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angela Moore, Chief Executive Officer, Cynergy Wellness Inc. • Judge Jason Krestoff, Administrative Law Judge Antelope, CA • Nina French, President, Employer and Law Enforcement Solutions, Hounds Lab <p>Cannabis-based Complex Cases in Specialty Courts (Judge Ziemian, Moderator)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linda Hurley, President and CEO of CODAC Behavioral Healthcare • Judge Peter Gallagher, Superior Court of San Diego • Michelle Williams, Chief Probation Officer, Charlestown Division, Boston Municipal Court <p>Impairment Training for Law Enforcement (Glenn Davis, Moderator)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chuck Hayes, Project Manager, Drug Evaluation and Classification Program (DECP), International Association of Chiefs of Police • Deena Ryerson, Sr. Assistant Attorney General, Oregon Department of Justice • Professor Alex Kreit, Assistant Professor and Director of the Center on Addiction Law & Policy, Northern Kentucky University, Salmon P. Chase College of Law <p><i>Dinner on own</i></p>
<p>DAY 2</p> <p>7:30 AM – 8:30 AM</p> <p>8:30 AM – 10:00 AM</p> <p>10:00 AM – 10:15 AM</p>	<p>Sunday, May 22</p> <p>Continental Breakfast</p> <p>Plenary 2: Deeper Dive Logs <i>Facilitated Reports from Breakout Session 2</i></p> <p>BREAK</p>



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<p>10:15 AM – 12:00 PM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BREAKOUT SESSION 3: INTERDISCIPLINARY TOPICS</p> <p>Racial Equity and Cannabis (Justice Torres, Moderator)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Steven Bender, Associate Dean for Planning and Strategic Initiatives, and Professor of Law, Seattle University School of Law • Austin Bernstein, Director of Cannabis Project Attorney General Alliance • Professor Alex Kreit, Assistant Professor and Director of the Center on Addiction Law & Policy, Northern Kentucky University, Salmon P. Chase College of Law <p>Cannabis Expert Testimony and Scientific Admissibility in the Courts (Judge Peter Gallagher, Moderator)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • William Britt, Court-Qualified Cannabis Expert Witness, Association of Patient Advocates • Dr. Ari Kirshenbaum, Professor of Psychology, Saint Michael's College, Colchester, Vermont • Chuck Hayes, Project Manager, Drug Evaluation and Classification Program (DECP), International Association of Chiefs of Police <p>Impairment and Detection in Cannabis Cases (Glenn Davis, Moderator)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthony Washington, Drug and Alcohol Testing Supervisor for Leon County, Florida, • Dr. Susan Weiss, Director, Division of Extramural Research at the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) • Michael Sofis, Ph.D., Senior Scientist, Advocates for Human Potential (AHP) <p>The Use of Medical Marijuana in Treatment Courts (Roberta Leis, Moderator)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judge Mary Celeste, (Ret.) Colorado, American Judges Association (AJA) <p>Legalization in the Workplace: Navigating a Complex Legal Landscape (Lisa Nagele-Piazza, Moderator)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dale Gieringer, Ph.D., Director, California NORML (National Organization for Reform of Marijuana Laws) • Judge Jason Krestoff, Administrative Law Judge Antelope, CA
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12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	LUNCHEON <i>Keynote: Patricia Pizzo, D.A.B.F.E, Directory of Toxicology, Kroll Laboratory Specialists (KLS)</i> Delta Dawn: A discussion about hemp derivatives and its impact on the courts
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Plenary 3: Reports from Interdisciplinary Topics <i>Facilitated Reports from Breakout Session</i>
3:00 PM – 3:15 PM	BREAK
3:15 PM – 4:00 PM	Plenary 4: Facilitated: Sustainable Best Practices
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Plenary 5: Open Discussion END

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Judges, Attorneys, Professors, Law Enforcement, Medical & Treatment Providers, Toxicologists, Recovery Court and Specialty Court Professionals, Court and Workplace Administrators and Managers, Human Resource Professionals, Drug and Alcohol Testing Professionals, and anyone else interested about cannabis issues.

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