



Alana M. Hans-Cohen

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PRACTICE AREAS

Cannabis & Hemp Law
Commercial Real Estate
Corporate & Business Law

EDUCATION

J.D., New York Law School, 2020
B.A., City University of New York, John
Jay College of Criminal Justice, 2014

Alana M. Hans-Cohen is an associate in the Cannabis & Hemp Law practice group where she focuses her practice on the intersection of cannabis law with corporate and business law, real estate, government, and public policy.

Alana has developed a niche practice serving minority and women-owned businesses and social equity applicants with cannabis business interests on a broad range of matters, ranging from formation and the application process to compliance and licensing. Drawing on her background in corporate and real estate law, she provides strategic advice to clients on, and prepares and negotiates contracts for, leases, purchases, sales, and options, as well as additional underlying corporate documentation. A dedicated advocate for her clients, Alana appreciates the complexities of the highly regulated cannabis industry, providing counsel on government and policy issues as well.

Alana has been a passionate advocate for social justice in the cannabis industry since 2016, and currently serves in a leading role in several cannabis-related organizations. She is a director and trustee of the Cannabis Advisory Group and the chair of the New York City Bar Association's Committee on Drugs and the Law. She speaks frequently on cannabis-related issues, educating municipalities, non-profits, and social equity applicants on the complexities of federal and state laws and issues to consider in anticipation of preparing an application.

Alana earned her J.D. from New York Law School where, unable to find a cannabis law course in New York City, she advocated for a course at her school that has since been implemented. While attending law school, she served as the policy and legal compliance editor of Cannabis Law Digest and served as a law student attorney for the Mediation Clinic at New York Law School.

In Alana's Words:

"I joined Pashman Stein because I wanted to work for a firm where I could not only grow my Cannabis practice, but also where I would have the support of the firm in my Cannabis pro bono work. I have always had an interest in Cannabis Law because I saw injustice for people who have been disproportionately impacted by cannabis prohibition, while big business in the industry often does the same with impunity. At Pashman Stein, I work with an amazing group of people who really know cannabis law and have as much passion for the cannabis industry as I do, which is a rare find."

Honors & Awards

- Insider NJ: 2021 Insider 100: Policymakers*

Additional information about this recognition is available [here](#).

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Community & Professional Associations

- Cannabis Advisory Group, Director, 2020 – present
- Cannabis Law Digest, Policy & Legal Compliance Editor, 2017 – 2020
- New Jersey State Bar Association, Member, 2020 – present
- New York City Bar Association, Committee on Drugs and the Law; Chair, 2021 – present; Member, 2017 – present
- Greater Lynn Bar Association, Massachusetts, Member, 2020 – present
- Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Member, 2011 – present

Bar Admissions

New York

New Jersey

Washington

Colorado

Illinois

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

