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PRACTICE AREAS

Criminal Defense
Investigations - Governmental & Internal
Litigation
Cannabis & Hemp Law
Securities Regulatory Enforcement &
Litigation

EDUCATION

B.S, Labor Studies and Employment
Relations, Rutgers University, 2012
J.D., Rutgers University Law School, 2016

Dillon McGuire is counsel in the Firm's Criminal Defense and Governmental and Internal Investigations practice.

Dillon earned his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Rutgers Law School, and was inducted into the Order of the Coif. While attending Rutgers Law School, Dillon was selected for a coveted fellowship with the Eagleton Institute of Politics and worked as a legislative aide in the non-partisan Office of Legislative Services. In that role, Dillon drafted bills and sponsor statements for members of the New Jersey Senate and General Assembly, and worked closely with staff attorneys to research constitutional issues in connection with pending legislation. Following law school, Dillon served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Margaret M. Foti, P.J.Cr. – the presiding criminal judge in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Bergen Vicinage. Thereafter, Dillon clerked for the Honorable Robert J. Gilson, J.A.D., in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division.

Dillon's legislative experience provides him with a unique understanding of our laws and the challenges that come with reading and interpreting statutes. Likewise, Dillon's experience as a judicial law clerk has given him an in-depth understanding of the most effective litigation strategies and best practices at both the trial and appellate levels.

In Dillon's Words:

"Our criminal defense practice handles many high-stakes federal investigations and prosecutions, as well as criminal matters in the state and municipal courts. Criminal matters are inherently stressful for defendants and their families, and part of my job is to help my client navigate this sometimes scary and intimidating criminal justice process. To that end, an important aspect of my job is explaining the process at every stage to ensure my client is fully informed about what to expect at each court appearance. While a client may be offered a plea bargain, depending on the evidence in a given case and other factors, a plea resolution may or may not benefit the defendant. Unfortunately, however innocent men and women often feel pressured into pleading guilty simply to avoid the stress, cost, and risk of a jury trial. To me, the notion of even one innocent man or woman being imprisoned is morally repugnant. Thus, my goal is always to vigorously test the State's proofs and file every motion necessary to vindicate my clients' constitutional rights."

Representative Matters

Our firm is proud of the results it has achieved for clients, some of which are noted here. Of course, each legal matter is unique on many levels, and past successes are not a guarantee of results in any other pending or future matters.

- Argued before the NJ Supreme Court on behalf of the ACLU-NJ that the law against discrimination protects medical cannabis users, *Wild v Carriage Funeral Homes*
- Represented National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML); Garden State-NORML (GS-NORML); Coalition For Medical Marijuana-NJ (CMM-NJ); and Doctors For Cannabis Regulation (DFCR) as amici before the NJ Supreme Court in *Hager v. M&K Construction*, arguing in favor of requiring workers compensation reimbursement for medical marijuana

Honors & Awards

- Distinguished New Lawyer Pro Bono Award by the New Jersey State Bar Association, 2023
- Trustee, Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers of New Jersey
- Selected for inclusion in the InsiderNJ, "Insider 100: Cannabis Power List," 2022
- Selected for inclusion in the list of New Jersey Super Lawyers, Rising Star, 2021-2023
- Selected for inclusion in the list of Best Lawyers, Ones to Watch, Commercial Litigation, 2024

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Community & Professional Associations

- Co-Chair, Young Lawyers Division Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers of New Jersey (ACDL-NJ)
- Member, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL)
- Member, The C. Willard Heckel Inn of Court
- Member, New Jersey Bar Association
- Member, Bergen County Bar Association

Bar Admissions

New Jersey

New York

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York

U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit

U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey