



# MARIJUANA LAW SECTION AGENDA

## New Horizons for Medical Marijuana September 7-9, 2017

MGM Grand Hotel • 1777 Third Ave • Detroit

### Thursday, September 7, 2017

- 5:00 PM Registration Opens
- 6:00 PM Opening, Introductions  
*Daniel Grow*
- 6:15-7:00 PM “Modernizing Marijuana: A Lawyer’s Journey Through Cannabis 2.0.”  
*Jeremy Unruh, General Counsel, PharmaCanna*
- 7:00-9:00 PM Opening Reception – drinks, hors d’oeuvres, mingle

### Friday, September 8, 2017

- 7:30-8:30 AM Breakfast

*Registrants may then attend one of two morning tracks from 8:30 to 12:00*

MUNICIPAL TRACK		LITIGATION WORKSHOP TRACK	
8:30-9:45 AM	<p>“How the Sausage Gets Made – Legislative Developments”</p> <p><i>A panel discussion among Michigan legislators, including Rep. Peter Lucido, and moderated by Doug Mains</i></p>	8:30-12:00 PM (with 15 minute break)	<p>“Medical Marijuana Criminal Defense Workshop”</p> <p>Everything you ever wanted to know about defending a medical marijuana case, including Section 4 and 8 Defenses, and intoxicated driving. Bring your own issues for review and analysis.</p> <p><i>Daniel Grow, Michael Komorn, Mary Chartier, Bruce Block</i></p>
9:45-10:00 AM	Break		
10:00-11:00 AM	<p>“Status of MMFLA Implementation by LARA”</p> <p><i>Shelly Edgerton, LARA</i></p>		
11:00-11:05 AM	Announcements – Bob Hendricks		
11:05-12:00 PM	<p>“Taxes and Accounting Issues – IRC § 280E”</p> <p><i>Tim McGraw, CPA</i></p>		

12:00 PM Lunch

*FULL SESSION – registrants reunite for the afternoon*

**1:00-2:00 PM “Michigan Caselaw Review”**

*Allen Peisner*

**2:00-3:00 PM “RICO and Other Federal Risks”**

*Don Davis, Springstead Bartish & Borgula Law*

3:00-3:15 PM Break

**3:15-3:55 PM “Adult Use and Recreational Marijuana Legalization – Are We There Yet?”**

*Matt Abel, Mason Tvert, Jeff Irwin*

3:55-4:00 PM Announcements—Daniel Grow

**4:00-5:00 PM “Testing Medical Marijuana”**

*Barton Morris and Prof. Andreas Stolz, professor of Physics, Michigan State University*

5:30 PM Dinner

**6:30 PM Post-Dinner, pre-Social Hour remarks by Darren McCarty, former Detroit Red Wings hockey great**

**7:00 PM Social Hour at Ignite**

*Sponsored by Christopher P. Aiello PC*

## **Saturday, September 9, 2017**

8:00 AM Breakfast

**9:00-10:00 AM “Take it to the Bank – the Mysteries of Banking Laws and Regulations”**

*Andrew Ittleman. Partner, Fuerst Ittleman David & Joseph*

**10:00-11:00 AM “Intellectual Property”**

*Steve Rich, Photonic Legal PLLC*

11:00-11:15 AM Break

**11:15-12:00 PM “The Opioid Crises and How Medical Marijuana Can Help”**

*Paul Armentano, Deputy Director of NORML*

**12:00-1:00 PM “Adopted Ordinances - An Analysis and Overview”**

A panel discussion

*Daniel Grow, Bernie Jocuns, Matt Abel, Bob Hendricks, Denise Pollicella*

# Speaker Bios

## MATTHEW ABEL

Matthew Abel has been a practicing attorney in Michigan for 30 years, and is the Executive Director of Michigan NORML [minorml.org](http://minorml.org). Matt founded Cannabis Counsel, P.L.C., a five-attorney Detroit, Michigan law firm entirely devoted to cannabis clients and cases, providing both business advice and legal counseling as well as criminal defense in marijuana cases throughout Michigan. [cannabiscounsel.com](http://cannabiscounsel.com) Since passage of the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act in 2008, the practice has rapidly grown to include not only business clients and issues, but also contract, real estate, employment, drug testing, probation, family law, landlord-tenant, intellectual property, and other issues surrounding cannabis. Cannabis Counsel P.L.C. is a member of the National Cannabis Industries Association. The firm's client list includes patients, caregivers, clubs, collectives, dispensaries, garden supply stores, physicians, publishers, inventors, and other medical marijuana entrepreneurs, and Mr. Abel often serves in an «of counsel» relationship with other lawyers, assisting them in their cases.

Matthew Abel is a lifetime member of the NORML Legal Committee, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and the National Cannabis Bar Association, where he serves on the board of directors. He is a member of Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan, the Michigan Association of OWI Attorneys, National Lawyers Guild, and the legal committee of the ACLU of Michigan. He has lectured on marijuana law for Oaksterdam University in Michigan, the Michigan Cannabis College, MedGrow Cannabis College, the Michigan Institute for Continuing Legal Education, Cloverleaf University, and other organizations throughout the state. Matthew Abel was one of the drafters of the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act.

Mr. Abel holds a Juris Doctorate from Wayne State University Law School, a Master of Science in Public Administration from Central Michigan University, a Bachelor in Philosophy from Central Michigan University, and an Associate in Criminal Justice from Castleton University.

Mr. Abel authored a June 1996 Michigan Bar Journal article titled “The Michigan Information Network, Will West™ Go South?”, and co-authored an article in Volume 58 of the Wayne Law Review THE FEDERAL CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT DOES NOT PREEMPT THE MICHIGAN MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT. <http://www.scribd.com/doc/125806074/58-Wayne-l-Rev-1-The-Federal-Controlled-Substances-Act-Does-Not-Alan-l-Kaufman-Matthew-r-Abel>

Matt also is a past President of Livonia Bar Association, and an Eagle Scout.

## PAUL ARMENTANO

Paul Armentano is the Deputy Director of NORML, the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws.

His writing and research have appeared in over 1,000 publications, scholarly and/or peer-reviewed journals, as well as in more than two dozen textbooks and anthologies. He is the co-author of the book *Marijuana is Safer: So Why Are We Driving People to Drink?* (2009, Chelsea Green), which has been licensed and translated internationally. His most recent book, *The Citizen's Guide to State-By-State Marijuana Laws* (2015), is available from Whitman Publishing. His writing also appears in the just-published book, *The Medical Marijuana Dispensary: Understanding, Medicating, and Cooking with Cannabis* (2016), available from Althea Press. He is a regular contributor to *The Hill*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, and many other publications.

Mr. Armentano was the principle investigator for defense counsel in *US v Schweder et al.*, the first federal evidentiary hearing in over 40 years to challenge the classification of cannabis as a schedule I controlled substance. He was also a rebuttal expert in the successful Canadian constitutional challenge, *Allard et al v Her Majesty the Queen*, which determined that prohibitions on the rights of qualified patients to cultivate cannabis in their homes were “not in accordance with the principles of fundamental justice.”

Mr. Armentano formerly provided content to [TheAnswerPage.com](http://TheAnswerPage.com), an online medical educational resource that provides daily education to healthcare professionals in 120 countries. A version of this curriculum is now required in New York State for any physician who wishes to participate in that state's medical cannabis program.

Mr. Armentano is the 2013 Freedom Law School Health Freedom Champion of the Year and the 2013 Alfred R. Lindesmith award recipient in the achievement in the field of scholarship.

## **BRUCE BLOCK**

Bruce Block has been a trial lawyer in Grand Rapids, Michigan for close to 25 years. He has considerable experience in both civil cases and criminal defense. His firm also provides advice and legal counsel pertaining to medical marijuana about the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act and the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act. Attorney Block has represented many clients who have been accused of violating the MMMA, and has successfully argued Section 4 immunity and the Section 8 medical use defense. He has written appellate briefs and argued numerous cases before the Michigan Court of Appeals, and several before the Michigan Supreme Court. The MSC recently issued a unanimous opinion in one of his cases, finding there was a Fourth Amendment violation where police conducted a warrantless, pre-dawn “knock and talk” at a client’s home.

Attorney Block is a member of the State Bar of Michigan and a council member of the Marijuana Law Section. Attorney Block is committed to providing timely, realistic, up-to-date advice about the MMMA and the MMFLA. Attorney Block has an informative and well-trafficked website blog where he posts questions and answers on medical marijuana related questions ([www.brucealanblock.com](http://www.brucealanblock.com)), and he has frequently been a speaker at medical marijuana seminars and conferences.

## **MARY CHARTIER**

Mary Chartier is a criminal defense litigator and partner at Chartier & Nyamfukudza, P.L.C., with offices in Lansing and Grand Rapids, Michigan. She practices in courts throughout the state, including practicing extensively in federal court. Mary is a member of the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and the National College of DUI Defense. She is also the Appellate Unit Chairperson of the Michigan Association of OWI Attorneys, Chairperson of the Ingham County Bar Association’s Criminal Defense Section, Vice-Chairperson of the State Bar of Michigan’s Marijuana Law Section, and President-Elect of the Ingham County Bar Association. Mary taught at Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School for over ten years, including teaching the nation’s first medical marijuana class. She has presented at numerous nationwide and state conferences on topics related to criminal defense, including presenting at conferences organized by the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan, Michigan Judges Association, State Bar of Michigan, NORML, National College for DUI Defense, and the Institute for Continuing Legal Education. Mary has argued and won numerous cases at the Michigan Supreme Court, including winning three cases in one year. Mary has been named one of the Top Women Attorneys in Michigan by Michigan Lawyers Weekly, and she has consistently been named a Super Lawyer and one of the Best Attorneys in Michigan. In February 2016, Mary won a retrial for a man who had been wrongfully convicted and spent 9 years in prison. The jury came back with the not guilty verdicts in just 19 minutes. More information about Mary and the criminal defense litigation firm of Chartier & Nyamfukudza, P.L.C. can be found at [www.cndefenders.com](http://www.cndefenders.com).

## **DON DAVIS**

Donald A. Davis: University of Michigan Law School, 1974; Law Clerk to Chief U.S. District Judge, Western District of Michigan, Noel P. Fox, 1974-1975; AUSA, W. D. Mich. 1975-2008 and 2012-2013; United States Attorney, W. D. Mich. 2008-2012 (ret.); Of Counsel, Springstead, Bartish and Borgula Law, Grand Rapids, Mich. 2015-present.

## **SHELLY EDGERTON**

Shelly Edgerton is the Director of the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. Prior to joining LARA, Edgerton dedicated 27 years of service to the state Legislature where she served most recently in the capacity of Deputy Senate Majority Counsel in the Senate Majority Policy Office. She also previously held titles of Assistant Senate Majority Counsel and Chief of Staff for Senator Dave Honigman. Edgerton earned her bachelor’s degree and a Master of Public Administration degree from Western Michigan University. She went on to receive her juris doctor at Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

## **DANIEL W. GROW**

Daniel is a criminal defense lawyer with a practice that covers all of southwest Michigan. Since 2009, he has limited his practice to criminal defense, with almost all of his cases relating to medical marijuana. He is Chairman of the Marijuana Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan, and serves on the board of directors of the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan. He is also a member the Michigan Association of OWI Attorneys; Criminal Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan; Cannabis Patients United; National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; and the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) Legal Committee. Daniel was a member of the Drafting Committee for 2018 ballot initiative known as the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act, and in July of 2017, he was named one of Michigan’s Ten Most Influential People in Marihuana by [TheSocialRevolution.org](http://TheSocialRevolution.org). Mr. Grow is a frequent speaker on medical marijuana-related topics.

## **ROBERT HENDRICKS**

Robert Hendricks (Wrigley, Hoffman & Hendricks, P.C.) is a business attorney in Grand Rapids where he has practiced since 1984. In response to Michigan's movement toward legalized marijuana, he and his partners developed a marijuana business practice called CannalexLaw. Bob is a member and officer of the State Bar of Michigan's Marijuana Law Section and the National Cannabis Bar Association.

Hendricks speaks regularly on marijuana and business including to the Food and Drug Law Institute, the Michigan Township Association, ICLE, the Public Corporation Law Section of the Michigan Bar, various business Sections of the Grand Rapids Bar Association, and to the Law & Justice Committee of the Michigan House of Representatives. He blogs on marijuana business issues at [www.cannalexlaw.com](http://www.cannalexlaw.com)

## **JEFF IRWIN**

Jeff Irwin is the Political Director for the Coalition to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol ([www.RegulateMI.org](http://www.RegulateMI.org)). Before working for legalization, Jeff served three terms in the Michigan State House of Representatives. As State Representative, Jeff worked to end the war on drugs, including but not limited to asset forfeiture reform, police accountability, and legalization. In addition, Jeff Irwin played a key role in the development of the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act. Before serving in Lansing, Jeff worked to promote clean air and water with the Michigan League of Conservation Voters and served Washtenaw County residents as a County Commissioner from 1999-2010.

## **ANDREW ITTLEMAN**

Andrew Ittleman is a founder and partner of Fuerst Ittleman David & Joseph in Miami. Mr. Ittleman focuses his practice on providing comprehensive representation to highly regulated businesses, including clients operating in the financial services, biotechnology, and international trade industries, and frequently lectures on these subjects for industry trade groups. Mr. Ittleman has more recently been called upon to combine his food and drug and anti-money laundering backgrounds in assisting marijuana-related businesses achieve financial compliance.

Andrew is a graduate of the University of Miami School of Law and is certified as an Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS). He is admitted to practice law in the state of Florida and numerous federal district courts and courts of appeal across the United States.

For more information about Fuerst Ittleman David & Joseph, please visit [www.fuerstlaw.com](http://www.fuerstlaw.com).

## **BERNARD JOCUNS**

Bernard Jocuns is a trial attorney from Lapeer, Michigan focusing on Marijuana Law, Criminal Defense & Plaintiff's Personal Injury Litigation. After receiving an Honorable Discharge from the United States Army Bernard received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from the Pennsylvania State University and Juris Doctor from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

Bernard is an active member of the following organizations: A Founding member and Inaugural Chairperson of the Marijuana Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan, Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan (Board Member), Michigan Association for Justice, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (lifetime member), Michigan OWI Defense Attorneys, National Lawyers Guild, American Association for Justice, Justice Caucus of the Michigan Democratic Party representing the 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, Lapeer County Historical Society (lifetime member), (Vice-Chair) Lapeer County Democratic Party Executive Committee, Lapeer County Equal Rights Alliance, City of Lapeer Zoning Board of Appeals Lapeer County Criminal Defense Bar Association (founding member), Veterans of Foreign Wars, Iraq Veterans Against the War, American Legion (lifetime member), NORML Legal Committee (lifetime member).

## **PETER J. LUCIDO**

First elected in 2014, Representative Peter J. Lucido is a member of the Michigan House of Representatives, representing the 36<sup>th</sup> District, which covers part of Macomb County including Bruce, Washington and part of Shelby townships and the Village of Romeo. Representative Lucido serves as Vice Chair of the Law & Justice Committee, and is also a member of the Tax Policy, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Financial Liability Reform committees. A licensed attorney, Representative Lucido earned an associate's degree from Macomb Community College, a bachelor's degree in Public Administration and Business from Oakland University, a master's degree in Business from Central Michigan, and a Juris Doctor from the Detroit College of Law.

## **DOUG MAINS**

Doug Mains is an attorney in the Lansing office of Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP, where his practice primarily focuses on government relations and administrative law, specifically working with businesses in heavily-regulated industries. Prior to entering private practice, Mr. Mains worked as a Senior Policy Advisor and Deputy Legal Counsel to two Speakers of the House, where he drafted or assisted in drafting a number of medical marijuana-related bills, including the first legislation to successfully amend the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act, and the earliest versions of the bills that became the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act.

## **DARREN MCCARTY**

Darren McCarty was born on 4/1/1972 in Burnaby BC Canada, but he grew up from an early age across the border in Leamington, Ontario, Canada. Being a huge Detroit sports fan all his life, he was able to live his childhood dream and not only play for the Detroit Red Wings but win 4 Stanley Cups in 1997, 1998, 2002, and 2008, along with the 1997 cup clinching goal. Darren was awarded the 2004 NHL foundation award for his work in creating the McCarty Cancer Foundation in 1997 in honor of his dad Craig who was diagnosed in January 1996 with multiple myeloma. Between 1997 and 2007, he helped co-fund over 6 million dollars in research that also included a wing at the VanAndel Institute in Grand Rapids for research in Craig McCarty's name and countless hours of support for caregivers and patients. With the same passion and dedication, he has given the Red Wings, he has continued his personal journey of truth and education. My fight now is for everyone who lives in this great State and country to have Freedom of THEIR OWN choice - not anyone else's. This plant can save your life too as it has mine.

## **TIMOTHY J. MCGRAW**

Timothy McGraw, JD, BBA, CPA, is President, TJM Enterprises Inc. Tim is an attorney who has specialized in tax law for more than 3 decades. He went to school at the University of Michigan, graduating with a BBA in 1981 and a JD in 1986. Between Business School and Law School, Tim earned his CPA certification while working for Ernst & Whinney (now Ernst & Young) in its Detroit office. After Law School, Tim was an Associate in the Tax Departments at McDermott, Will & Emery and Kirkland & Ellis, both in Chicago, before joining the Office of General Counsel at Ford Motor Company in 1989 as Senior Tax Counsel. Tim became a Shareholder in the firm of Stevenson Keppelman Associates after leaving Ford in 2006. He quit Stevenson Keppelman Associates in 3 times and was fired twice, the last of which occurred in 2012. After owning a couple of Liberty Tax Franchises, Tim has decided to improve his golf game and is going to do a bucket list item attending all Michigan football games, home and away, including the Big Ten and BCS games, this season.

Tim also maintains a few clients, mostly on a pro bono basis, in both the tax and medical marijuana areas.

## **BARTON MORRIS**

Barton Morris is the principle attorney and founder of the Cannabis Legal Group, specializing in all marijuana related legal issues including criminal defense, business law, licensing, consulting, land use and real property. Barton is well known as one of the top cannabis law lawyers in Michigan having developed this expertise since 2008 with the enactment of the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act. He is a council member of the Marijuana Law Section of the Michigan Bar Association and chair of its science committee. One of the ways Barton has developed his marijuana law specialty is through the training he received becoming the only attorney in Michigan certified by the American Chemical Society as a Forensic Lawyer-Scientist maintaining a focus on marijuana related science. He is also a graduate of the Gerry Spence Trial Lawyer's College and sits on its Alumni Board of Directors. Barton maintains board positions with the DUI Defense Lawyers Association and the Michigan Association of OWI attorneys. He also is on the faculty of both of those organizations regularly providing presentations and teaching lawyers from all over the country. Barton has been recognized professionally with several awards including being rated 10/10 by AVVO, and a Super Lawyer Magazine outstanding attorney in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017. Dbusiness Magazine also named Barton Morris a Top Attorney in Metro Detroit in 2012 and 2013 and named the Cannabis Legal Group the "Face of Cannabis Law" for 2016 and 2017. On behalf of the State Bar of Michigan Marijuana Law Section he has presented public policy section positions before the Michigan legislature. He has also written an article on the topic of bodily THC limits and driving for the Marijuana Law Section Journal.

## **ALLEN PEISNER**

Allen Peisner has practiced law for 29 years concentrating on criminal defense and also debtor creditor cases. In the 1990s he became acquainted with California Marijuana activist Jack Herer, author of “The Emperor Wears No Clothes”. Realizing the real reason for cannabis prohibition, he has sought to educate people on the benefits of cannabis and the courts interpretations of the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act (MMMA). He is a member of the MLS and serves as the list-serv moderator.

## **Denise A. Pollicella**

Denise A. Pollicella, Esq., Founder & Managing Partner, Cannabis Attorneys of Michigan is a graduate of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and Wayne State Law, Ms. Pollicella’s 20 years of private and corporate practice have focused on Business Transactions, Mergers & Acquisitions, Labor & Employment, Regulatory & Licensing, and Corporate Law. The Managing Partner of Pollicella & Associates, PLLC, she founded Cannabis Attorneys of Michigan in 2009 to advance marihuana law in Michigan. The Firm has submitted three amicus curiae briefs in marihuana cases, and expanded to three offices in Howell, Troy and Grand Rapids. In addition to regularly writing, speaking and educating on the MMMA, Ms. Pollicella was been actively involved in crafting legislation to create a legal medical cannabis industry, now known as PA281, the Medical Marihuana Licensing Facilities Act, and continues to be at the forefront of developing cannabis industry policy and regulation, both in Lansing and at the local level throughout Michigan.

She is an inaugural member of the Michigan State Bar Marihuana Law Section, and Co-Chairs the Property & Zoning Committee. She also serves on the Small Business Administration of Michigan’s Marihuana Task Force and on the Legal Advisory Board of MiCompassion, a 501(c)3 dedicated to medical cannabis education and research. She has been a Legal Corner contributor to Culture Magazine since January 2013, and currently serves on the Board of Directors of, and as legal counsel to, the Michigan Cannabis Development Association, which she helped found.

Ms. Pollicella holds Bachelors of Arts degrees in Political Science and French, and worked in Senator Carl Levin’s Detroit offices prior to attending law school. She then served as VP, Secretary & General Counsel for Childtime Learning Centers prior to starting her own Livingston County practice in 2003.

## **STEVEN N. RICH**

Steve Rich represents entrepreneurs and artists through Photonic Legal PLLC, the Ann Arbor firm he founded - named for light, radiance, creation and discovery. He also practices as Of Counsel to Cannabis Counsel PLC in Detroit. A native of the Washington, D.C. area, Steve attended the University of Maryland, College Park as an undergraduate and received his Juris Doctor degree from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois. He has served as Product Manager for an international software company and a Boston area provider of assistive technology to people with disabilities. He engaged with local communities as a housing, educational and disability rights advocate and participates in the creative community as a musician, laser artist and arts manager. Steve’s current law practice places him at the intersection of innovation, community development and creative expression. Through Photonic Legal and Cannabis Counsel, Steve assists individuals as well as for profit and non profit organizations with business matters involving formation, funding, organization, compliance, media, real estate, education, food, beverages, agriculture, trademark, copyright, licensing, human resources and strategic alliances. He is admitted to practice in Michigan and Massachusetts and loves driving from Ypsilanti to Detroit entirely along Michigan Avenue.

## **ASHLEY SLOAT, Ph.D.**

Ashley Sloat, Pd.D. owns and operates Aurora Consulting, a boutique consulting firm specializing in patent strategy and portfolio growth. Ashley earned her Ph.D. (summa cum laude) in the biomedical sciences from the University of Michigan. In addition to her research in immune-mediated disorders, Ashley also worked as a technology transfer fellow in the Office of Technology Transfer at the U of M. There she analyzed nascent technology for commercialization potential (marketability, challenges, competitors, potential licensees) and patentability. During this time, Ashley authored or contributed to 11 peer-reviewed publications, presented at over 30 research conferences and meetings, acquired over \$25,000 in research funding, and served as an Associate Editor for Faculty of 1000. After earning her Ph.D., Ashley served as a patent infringement researcher for the U of M and a regulatory writer for an Ann Arbor-based, early stage pharmaceutical company. Shortly thereafter, she became a registered patent agent with the USPTO.

## **ANDREAS STOLZ**

Andreas Stolz is an Associate Professor at the National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory at Michigan State University. He obtained his undergraduate degree and his Ph.D. in Physics from the Technical University in Munich, Germany. Andreas Stolz has over 20 years of experience in Physics, including statistical data analysis and metrology, the science of measurement. Andreas has provided expert testimony numerous times in courts in Michigan, Arizona, California, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Quebec, and Vermont. He is the co-author of the 2012 chapter on DUI Mathematics in the “Inside the Minds: Understanding DUI scientific evidence” series.

## **MASON TVERT**

Mason Tvert is vice president of public relations and communications at VS Strategies, a Denver-based government relations, strategic communications, and public policy consulting firm. He is a co-author of the book “Marijuana is Safer: So why are we driving people to drink?”, and he frequently appears in the media discussing cannabis and cannabis policy.

Prior to joining VS Strategies in July 2017, Mason served as director of communications for the Marijuana Policy Project (MPP), where he played a key role in several federal, state, and local marijuana policy reform efforts. He co-directed the successful initiative campaign to regulate marijuana like alcohol in Colorado, and he helped pass similar ballot measures in Alaska, Nevada, Maine, and Massachusetts. He also coordinated communications for legislative advocacy efforts that contributed to the adoption of medical cannabis and decriminalization laws in state legislatures around the country.

Previously, Mason co-founded and served as executive director of Safer Alternative For Enjoyable Recreation (SAFER), a non-profit organization that laid the groundwork for the successful legalization effort in Colorado and facilitated the passage of cannabis-related student referendums on college campuses around the nation.

## **JEREMY UNRUH**

Jeremy Unruh serves as the general counsel and director of external affairs of PharmaCann LLC.

PharmaCann is licensed to cultivate and dispense in Illinois, New York, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. Jeremy brings a seventeen-year track record as a government prosecutor and big firm lawyer to the medical cannabis industry.

Jeremy is responsible for oversight of the legal and compliance function of PharmaCann. He is also responsible for external matters, including legislation and public affairs; media; interface with state and local officials; and developing investor and banking relationships. Jeremy manages the relationship with banking partners across PharmaCann multi-state platform.

Before his appointment as the first-chair prosecutor in the courtroom of the Chief Judge of the Criminal Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County (Chicago), Illinois, Jeremy was trained in trial advocacy by the United States Department of Justice at the National College of District Attorneys. Jeremy went into private practice for a firm that would reach the American Lawyer Top 100 during his tenure. Jeremy’s practice focused on commercial litigation and internal compliance investigations in the banking and financial services sectors.

Mr. Unruh left private practice to help start PharmaCann in March 2015. He lives in the northern suburbs of Chicago with his wife and three small children.