



## **ALICIA ASHCRAFT**

### **PARTNER**

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Alicia Ashcraft is a skilled transactional, corporate and administrative law attorney whose practice encompasses complex commercial transactions and regulatory compliance matters. With more than 20 years of experience representing clients in highly regulated industries such as marijuana and hemp, gaming, liquor and transportation services, Alicia advises businesses through all phases of operation – from startups, through financing, mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, land use and licensing.

Since 2013, Alicia has focused her practice on counseling marijuana and hemp businesses through the regulatory process and emerging legal issues. This includes all phases of the application and operation process.

Alicia has significant experience handling a variety of complex commercial transactions, including entity selection and formation, mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance and real estate. Additionally, she has represented both borrowers and lenders in large commercial real estate transactions.

She also has represented clients before regulatory bodies and government agencies in administrative matters, including the Nevada Athletic Commission, Nevada Transportation Authority, Nevada Gaming Commission, Nevada Gaming Control Board, and Clark County and the City of Las Vegas, Nevada.

A frequent speaker and lecturer, Alicia commonly covers topics affecting businesses in the marijuana industry and for other professionals representing such businesses. She also conducts compliance training for establishment agents working in such businesses, and discusses ethical rules and considerations for professionals working with industry operators.

### **BACKGROUND**

Prior to joining the firm, Alicia was co-founder and managing partner at Ashcraft & Barr, LLP. Before that, she was in private practice for more than 15 years with other firms in the Las Vegas area.

### **EDUCATION**

- Seattle University School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 1999)
- Greenville College (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1992)

### **SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES**

Marijuana and Hemp Law  
Government Relations and  
Public Policy  
Internal Investigations and  
Regulatory Compliance  
Governance and Compliance  
Mergers and Acquisitions  
Outside General Counsel

### **ADMISSIONS**

Nevada  
U.S. District Court, District of  
Nevada  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District  
of Nevada  
U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth  
Circuit

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- State Bar of Nevada; Cannabis Law Section (Chair, 2019-present), Administrative Law Section (Chair, 2008-2011, 2013)
- International Cannabis Bar Association, Lifetime Member
- Southern Nevada Association of Women Attorneys
- Law360 Cannabis Editorial Advisory Board (2020)

## CHARITABLE AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Honor Flight Southern Nevada
- St. Francis de Sales Catholic School (Advisory Council Member, 2016-present)
- St. Thomas More Society (Member)

## ACCOLADES

- Cannabis Law Trailblazer, National Law Journal (2020)
- *AV® Preeminent Rated, Martindale-Hubbell* (2013-present)
- *The Best Lawyers in America®*, Commercial Litigation (2019-present)
- *Mountain States Super Lawyers®*, Top Rated Business & Corporate Attorney (2019), Rising Star (2008)
- Nevada Business Magazine's "Legal Elite" (2013, 2020)

## EXPERIENCE

### **Prepared Applications and Counselled Clients in 2018 Nevada Recreational Marijuana License Applications**

Drafted and prepared applications and advised clients for Nevada's 2018 Recreational Retail Marijuana Store licenses in selecting locations, interpretation and analysis of Nevada's regulatory requirements and application process, understanding and securing zoning and land use approvals, and assisted with the negotiation and preparation of contracts, licenses and leases.

### **Managed Unauthorized Diversion of Marijuana Products**

Successfully managed marijuana client's crisis of unauthorized diversion of cannabis products, including corporate investigation and regulatory representation.

### **Representation of Large Segment of the Nevada Marijuana Industry**

Since 2013, assisted and counseled an ever-growing number of marijuana businesses and establishments through all phases of operation – from startups, through financing, mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, land use and licensing.

### **Represent Multiple, Multimillion-Dollar, Publicly Traded Canadian Companies in Acquisitions of Nevada Marijuana Facilities**

Represented multiple, multimillion-dollar, publicly traded Canadian companies in acquisitions of Nevada cannabis facilities and in state and local regulatory compliance.

**Successful Licensure for Clients in Nevada Medical Marijuana Industry**

Assisted clients in preparing detailed applications for licenses to grow, produce and dispense medical marijuana in an intensely competitive process under Nevada's 2013 Medical Marijuana Establishments Program.