

**CANNABIS LAW SEMINAR**  
Spring 2019

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**SYLLABUS**

**Registration & Related Information**

Class Times: Tuesday 1:30-3:20; Friday April 26 and May 3, 1.30 to 3.20

Credits: 2

Office Hours: Boxx, by appt.

The legal status of cannabis is changing rapidly across the U.S. While it remains illegal under federal law, many states have medical and recreational laws permitting some uses. At the same time, cannabinoids (components of cannabis plants that are separate from the psychoactive THC components) allegedly have great promise for therapeutic uses. This seminar introduces students to the full range of legal issues confronting cannabis, marijuana, and hemp uses. In particular, it focuses on the legal aspects of the emerging markets for these substances, including business law, commercial law, intellectual property, tax, banking, and legal ethics. Expert practitioners in these various aspects will provide guest lectures to frame the issues for students to develop their paper topics under the guidance of the instructors. Papers deemed satisfactory by the instructors may be posted to the resources webpages and blog for UW Law's Cannabis Law and Policy Project.

Grading is based on class participation and a final paper.

**Texts & Materials:** Materials will be distributed by the instructors and guest lecturers in advance of each class.

T 4/2: Introduction; brief history of marijuana regulation; federal-state tension; overview of Washington regulation; choosing paper topics

Readings: Leary v. US, 395 US 6 (1969); Cole memo; skim Washington statutes (materials under introductory materials module on Canvas)

T 4/9: Ethics Issues in representing cannabis businesses; student news reports

Assignment: Prepare a 5 minute presentation on a cannabis news article

Readings: Read at least 5 of the ethics opinions under the Legal ethics Opinions module

T 4/16 Medical marijuana;

Guest speaker: Dr. Nephi Stella (UW cannabis researcher)

Readings: TBA

PAPER TOPICS DUE 4/17.

T 4/23: Representing the WA Liquor and Cannabis Board

Guest Speaker: Bruce Turcott, Washington State Attorney General's Office

- F 4/26 Estate planning with cannabis assets; Research on emerging cannabis markets  
Guest speakers: Wendy Goffe, Stoel Rives; Michele Cadigan, University of Washington Sociology Dept.
- T 4/30 Hemp and CBD OR LCB enforcement  
Guest speaker: Daniel Schott
- F 5/3: Banking Issues  
Guest speaker: Joseph Vincent, WA Dept of Financial Institutions  
Readings: materials under Banking Module
- T 5/7: TBD
- T 5/14: Student paper presentations
- T 5/21: Student paper presentations