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# Budding Regulations: Navigating the Cannabis Regulatory Landscape

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In the latest episode of *Regulatory Oversight*, Troutman Pepper RISE attorneys Jean Gonnell and Cole White are joined by AGA's Bruce Turcott, legal editor of the *Cannabis Law Deskbook*, to discuss the evolution of cannabis regulation in Colorado and Washington, the first two states to legalize marijuana. They discuss the challenges and successes of implementing cannabis laws, including the development of licensing systems, the impact of local authority on licensing, and the role of receiverships in the industry.

Additionally, they cover social equity in the cannabis industry, with both states implementing programs to support those adversely affected by the war on drugs.

The conversation concludes with a look at the future of cannabis regulation, including the potential federal rescheduling of cannabis, the need for national testing standards, and the impact of intoxicating hemp products. The speakers emphasize the importance of learning from the experiences of pioneering states, while recognizing that a one-size-fits-all approach may not be suitable for every state.

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