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C-store Retailers Weigh Viability of Cannabis Sales

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Agustin Rodriguez, a partner in Troutman Pepper's Regulatory Investigations, Strategy + Enforcement Practice Group, was quoted in the May 4, 2023 *Convenience Store News* article, "[C-store Retailers Weigh Viability of Cannabis Sales.](#)"

"Dispensing marijuana legally in any U.S. c-store is impossible today," Agustin Rodriguez, a partner with the national law firm of Troutman Pepper, told *Convenience Store News*. He said the c-store/cannabis retailer partnerships involving medical marijuana are "an interesting way to get into it." However, he added that "it's clearly illegal under federal statute to lease to marijuana companies."

Of course, there is legalization at the state level, but "you currently have to have adult-only dedicated dispensaries to dispense the product legally," Rodriguez explained.

Our Cannabis Practice provides advice on issues related to applicable federal and state law. Marijuana remains an illegal controlled substance under federal law.

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