

# Troutman Pepper Cannabis Communications Newsletter — November 12, 2024

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Troutman Pepper's Cannabis Practice helps clients throughout their business cycle enter or expand into the cannabis space. Our team combines the resources of attorneys in areas such as licensing and taxation, regulatory compliance, corporate and transactional, intellectual property, and real estate, among others, to provide comprehensive services.

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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## CANNABIS REGULATORY UPDATES

### FIRST CIRCUIT GREENLIGHTS FEDERAL PROSECUTION OF MAINE COUPLE IN CANNABIS CASE

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In a [pivotal ruling](#) issued on October 15, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit affirmed the district court's decision to deny a motion filed by Lucas and Alisa Sirois, a Maine couple accused of operating an illegal marijuana cultivation and distribution network, to end federal prosecution against them. The [ruling](#) is significant not only because of its direct impact on the Siroises but also due to its broader implications for the ongoing tension between state and federal cannabis laws. The case underscores the legal complexities at the intersection of state and federal marijuana laws and provides additional clarity on the confines of the Rohrabacher-Farr Amendment.

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