

# Troutman Pepper Cannabis Communications Newsletter — October 3, 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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### NAVIGATING THE UNCERTAIN WATERS OF MARIJUANA RESEARCH IN THE US

By Jean Smith-Gonnell and [Nick Ramos](#)

In recent years, federal and state governments have taken action to make marijuana research easier. These actions are a step in the right direction, and researchers operating in the marijuana space must be aware of the regulatory requirements that are associated with conducting such research. In this article, we discuss some of the key considerations related to conducting marijuana research.

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### VIRGINIA TAKES ACTION AGAINST RETAILER SELLING THC PRODUCTS

By Jean Smith-Gonnell, Chuck Slemp, and [Nick Ramos](#)

On September 14, Virginia's Attorney General (AG) Jason Miyares issued a letter to the registered agent of the Good Vibes Shop, a Radford, VA store, for selling tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) products without proper labeling and packaging. The AG's letter alleges that the store's THC products lacked child-resistant packaging and appropriate labeling, including ingredient lists, THC content, and age restrictions, in violation of the [Virginia Consumer Protection Act](#) (VCPA). As we have recently [discussed](#), the AG's letter is part of a broader effort among states to protect consumers amid the evolving federal and state cannabis regulatory landscape.

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