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

CANNABIS REGULATORY UPDATES

TESTING TURMOIL: THE LEGAL AND BUSINESS IMPLICATIONS OF INCONSISTENT CANNABIS AND TESTING STANDARDS

By Jean Smith-Gonnell and Cole White

Cannabis businesses operating in state-legal markets face a patchwork of testing requirements that vary from one jurisdiction to another. In the absence of federal oversight, each state has developed its own testing rules, including for licensing labs, required contaminants to test for, sampling procedures, and allowable remediation of contaminated products.

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INDIANA AG PUSHES BACK ON THC LEGISLATION

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

On April 21, Indiana Attorney General (AG) Todd Rokita issued a [letter](#) to state legislators addressing the pressing issue of legal loopholes surrounding intoxicating hemp-derived products containing delta-8 THC, delta-10 THC, or HHC. These products have garnered significant attention due to their psychoactive effects similar to Delta-9 THC, the primary compound in marijuana. In 2023, Rokita issued an [official opinion](#) concluding that these types of products are currently illegal in Indiana. Rokita's letter discusses the proposed [Senate Bill 478](#), which, among other things, seeks to regulate craft hemp, craft hemp flower products, and THC. Rokita concluded that the proposed bill would make these products legal, does not meaningfully regulate them, and encourages the legislature to reconsider the legislation.

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