

Uniondale Firm Names Partners to Lead Cannabis Practice

Ruskin Moscou Faltischek Forms Leadership Team for Cannabis Law Amid Expanding New York Cannabis Market

In a move reflecting the rapid growth and complexity of New York's cannabis industry, Uniondale-based law firm Ruskin Moscou Faltischek has announced the appointment of two seasoned attorneys to co-chair its Cannabis Law Practice Group.

Experienced Attorneys Douglas Wasser and Gavin Grusd Take the Helm of Cannabis Legal Services

Partners Douglas Wasser and Gavin Grusd will jointly lead the firm's cannabis law division, which offers legal counsel to entrepreneurs, investors, and businesses navigating the evolving New York cannabis marketplace. The practice supports clients with guidance on business formation, regulatory compliance, licensing, and investment strategies.

Wasser, a member of the firm's Real Estate Department and Fine Art Practice Group, brings a unique blend of legal expertise in commercial real estate and cannabis law. His experience spans property transactions and regulatory navigation, as well as art law involving auction houses, collectors, and galleries.

Grusd, a member of the Corporate & Securities Department and co-chair of the firm's International Practice Group, has a strong background advising companies throughout their business lifecycle. His focus includes structuring entities, managing executive compensation plans, and overseeing complex mergers and acquisitions.

Cannabis Legal Landscape in New York Requires Multidisciplinary Legal Support

With the passage of the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA) in 2021, New York has opened its doors to a legal cannabis market while simultaneously establishing a stringent regulatory framework. Ruskin Moscou Faltischek's Cannabis Law Practice Group takes a comprehensive approach, pulling in legal knowledge from areas such as real estate, healthcare, employment law, finance, and criminal defense to support clients at every stage of market entry and operation.

A Legal Team Poised for Growth in an Emerging Market

The appointment of Wasser and Grusd signals the firm's commitment to establishing itself as a go-to resource for cannabis businesses facing both the promise and the pressure of New York's highly regulated cannabis industry. With applications for licenses underway and retail opportunities on the rise, the firm's cannabis group aims to support both startups and established players seeking to expand in this newly legal

landscape.

The duo's leadership is expected to enhance the firm's profile in cannabis law while offering tailored, strategic legal counsel to clients working to succeed in the high-stakes, compliance-driven world of legalized cannabis in New York.

About Ruskin Moscou Faltischek

Founded in Uniondale, Ruskin Moscou Faltischek is a full-service law firm providing representation across numerous practice areas. With the creation of its Cannabis Law Practice Group, the firm adds to its growing roster of industry-specific services, offering proactive and experienced counsel in one of the most dynamic sectors of the New York economy.

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