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## **Quinn Emanuel Brings Litigation Expertise to Emerging Cannabis Industry**

*Global leader launches Cannabis Litigation Practice Group for high-stakes commercial cases, leveraging experience in sub-specialties of commercial litigation, intellectual property litigation, and arbitration*

LOS ANGELES – Extending its litigation expertise to a burgeoning U.S. industry, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan announced the formation of its Cannabis Litigation Practice Group today, catering to the needs of cannabis industry players involved in commercial disputes. [Robert J. Becher](#), a partner in the firm’s Los Angeles office, will serve as Chair of the group, which includes over a dozen partners across six different offices.

“We are the world’s top litigation firm, and we have always been at the forefront of disputes involving emerging and innovative industries,” said Quinn Emanuel founder John B. Quinn. “It is only natural for the firm to establish itself as the preeminent expert in this field.”

Eleven states and the District of Columbia have now legalized cannabis for adult recreational use; another 33 states permit medical use of cannabis in varying degrees and circumstances. Last year, the sector generated an estimated \$10.4 billion and created 250,000 jobs; it is expected to attract \$16 billion in investment this year in North America.

“We are uniquely positioned to become the leader in high-stakes, bet-the-company litigation for this industry. The creation of this group solidifies our commitment to our cannabis industry clients and positions us to stay on pace with this rapidly growing industry,” Becher said. “Not surprisingly, the tremendous growth and success of the cannabis industry has been accompanied by an uptick in litigation, and we will continue to be the fiercest advocates for our clients in this space,” Becher added.

Quinn Emanuel is already representing clients in multiple high-stakes cannabis cases, including retailers, private equity firms, CEOs, corporate board members and a pharmaceutical company.

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Quinn Emanuel is a 800+ lawyer business litigation firm—the largest in the world devoted solely to business litigation and arbitration with 23 global office locations. Firm lawyers have tried over 2,300 cases, winning 88% of them. When representing defendants, Quinn Emanuel’s trial experience gets better settlements or defense verdicts. When representing plaintiffs, Quinn Emanuel lawyers have won over \$70 billion in judgments and settlements. Quinn Emanuel has also obtained five 9-figure jury verdicts, forty-three 9-figure settlements, and nineteen 10-figure settlements. FTI Consulting named Quinn Emanuel the biggest litigation firm in the world. *The American Lawyer* named Quinn Emanuel the top IP litigation firm in the U.S. and the firm as one of the top six commercial litigation firms in the country. We were voted five times as one of the four “most feared” firms by General Counsels at Fortune 500 companies — the lawyers they “least like to see” on the other side. The UK legal periodical, *The Lawyer* named us “International Firm of the Year.” *Law360* selected us as Antitrust, Appellate, Banking, Class Action, Insurance, Product Liability, IP, White Collar, and Trials “Practice Groups of the Year.” *Managing IP* twice recognized us as having the “Best ITC Litigation Practice” and honored us with the “Patent Contentious West” award. *Legal Business* has named us “US Law Firm of the Year” three times, and our German offices have been named both IP Litigation and Patent Litigation Firm of the Year by *JUVE*, Germany’s most prestigious legal publication. *Global Investigations Review*, a leading legal periodical covering global white collar investigations, named us the “Most Impressive Investigations Practice of the Year.” *Global Arbitration Review* named us the 11<sup>th</sup> best arbitration practice in the world. Further information is available at [www.quinnemanuel.com](http://www.quinnemanuel.com).