Training course on Cannabis and Psychedelics Law

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Legal Institute	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Analyze the historical context and current **legal status of cannabis and psychedelics** at federal, state, and international levels.
2. Understand the interplay between federal prohibition (e.g., **Controlled Substances Act**) and state-level legalization models.
3. Navigate the complex landscape of **licensing and regulatory compliance** for cannabis and psychedelic businesses.
4. Examine **corporate structuring**, **financing**, and **taxation issues** (e.g., **IRC Section 280E**) in the industry.
5. Master strategies for protecting **intellectual property** (trademarks, patents) in cannabis and psychedelics.
6. Understand the legal requirements for **cultivation, manufacturing, testing, and distribution** of regulated products.

7. Comply with laws governing **product labeling, packaging, and marketing** for cannabis and psychedelics.
8. Discuss **public health considerations**, **harm reduction strategies**, and **social equity initiatives** in cannabis/psychedelics policy.
9. Explore the legal and ethical challenges related to **medical cannabis** and **psychedelic-assisted therapy**.
10. Analyze the legal aspects of **real estate, zoning, and land use** for cannabis and psychedelic operations.
11. Examine **employment law** considerations unique to the cannabis and psychedelics industries.
12. Identify and mitigate **legal risks** in business operations, investments, and cross-border activities.
13. Discuss emerging trends, **decriminalization efforts**, and the future of **cannabis and psychedelics law**.

Target Audience

This course is designed for a diverse range of professionals, entrepreneurs, and advocates interested in the legal and regulatory aspects of cannabis and psychedelics:

1. **Legal Professionals:** Lawyers, paralegals, and legal advisors specializing in corporate, intellectual property, health, or regulatory law seeking to advise cannabis/psychedelics clients.
2. **Cannabis and Psychedelics Entrepreneurs:** Founders, executives, and managers of businesses involved in cultivation, manufacturing, distribution, or retail.
3. **Investors and Financial Professionals:** Individuals and firms considering investment opportunities in the cannabis and psychedelics sectors.
4. **Healthcare Providers:** Physicians, therapists, and medical professionals interested in medical cannabis and psychedelic-assisted therapy.
5. **Policymakers & Government Officials:** Legislators, regulators, and public health officials involved in developing drug policy.
6. **Compliance Officers:** Professionals responsible for ensuring regulatory adherence within cannabis/psychedelics businesses.
7. **Real Estate Developers:** Those involved in site selection, zoning, and leasing for cannabis/psychedelics operations.
8. **Academics & Researchers:** Scholars and students in law, public policy, pharmacology, and neuroscience studying these substances.

Course Duration: 5 Days

Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Cannabis and Psychedelics Law

- Historical Context of Drug Prohibition: International Treaties and National Laws (e.g., Controlled Substances Act)
- Evolution of Cannabis Legalization: Medical vs. Recreational Models
- Emerging Landscape of Psychedelics: Decriminalization, Medicalization, and Research
- Federalism in Drug Law: The Conflict Between Federal Prohibition and State Legalization
- International Drug Control Conventions and Their Impact

Module 2: Licensing and Regulatory Compliance

- Overview of State-Level Licensing Regimes for Cannabis (Cultivation, Processing, Dispensary, Testing)
- Emerging Licensing Models for Psychedelics (e.g., Oregon's Psilocybin Services Act)

- Application Processes, Fees, and Background Checks
- Ongoing Regulatory Compliance: Seed-to-Sale Tracking, Inventory Management
- Penalties for Non-Compliance and Enforcement Actions

Module 3: Corporate Structuring, Finance, and Taxation

- Business Entity Formation for Cannabis and Psychedelics Operations
- Challenges in Accessing Banking and Financial Services (Federal Illegality)
- Investment Strategies and Capital Raising in a High-Risk Environment
- Taxation Issues: IRC Section 280E and its Impact on Cannabis Businesses
- Accounting and Financial Reporting Best Practices

Module 4: Intellectual Property in Cannabis and Psychedelics

- Protecting Brands: Trademark Registration and Enforcement Challenges (Federal Level)
- Patent Strategies for Cannabis and Psychedelics: Cultivars, Formulations, Delivery Methods, Therapeutic Uses
- Trade Secret Protection for Proprietary Processes and Formulations
- Licensing and Branding Agreements: Maximizing IP Value
- Combating Counterfeiting and Infringement in the Industry

Module 5: Cultivation, Manufacturing, and Product Development

- Legal Requirements for Cultivation Facilities: Zoning, Security, Environmental Compliance
- Manufacturing Regulations: Extraction, Infusion, Edibles Production
- Product Testing Requirements: Potency, Contaminants (Pesticides, Heavy Metals, Microbials)
- Quality Control and Assurance in Production
- Research and Development Legal Frameworks for New Products

Module 6: Product Labeling, Packaging, and Marketing

- Mandatory Labeling Requirements: Potency, Ingredients, Warnings, Batch Information
- Child-Resistant Packaging and Tamper-Evident Seals
- Restrictions on Marketing, Advertising, and Promotion (e.g., Youth Appeal, Health Claims)
- Social Media and Digital Marketing Compliance
- Consumer Protection Issues and Product Liability

Module 7: Public Health, Social Equity, and Ethical Considerations

- Public Health Impacts of Cannabis and Psychedelics Use
- Harm Reduction Strategies and Responsible Consumption Campaigns
- Social Equity Programs: Addressing Historical Disparities in Drug Enforcement
- Ethical Sourcing and Sustainable Practices in Cultivation
- The Legal and Ethical Dimensions of Medical Use and Therapeutic Access

Module 8: Emerging Trends and Future of Cannabis and Psychedelics Law

- Federal Rescheduling or Decriminalization of Cannabis: Implications and Next Steps
- Expansion of Psychedelics Legalization and Medicalization
- The Role of Research in Shaping Future Policy
- Challenges of Cross-Border Trade and International Harmonization
- Future Regulatory Models and the Path Towards a Regulated Industry

Training Methodology

- **Interactive Workshops:** Facilitated discussions, group exercises, and problem-solving activities.
- **Case Studies:** Real-world examples to illustrate successful community-based surveillance practices.
- **Role-Playing and Simulations:** Practice engaging communities in surveillance activities.
- **Expert Presentations:** Insights from experienced public health professionals and community leaders.
- **Group Projects:** Collaborative development of community surveillance plans.
- **Action Planning:** Development of personalized action plans for implementing community-based surveillance.
- **Digital Tools and Resources:** Utilization of online platforms for collaboration and learning.
- **Peer-to-Peer Learning:** Sharing experiences and insights on community engagement.
- **Post-Training Support:** Access to online forums, mentorship, and continued learning resources.

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

- Participants must be conversant in English.
- Upon completion of training, participants will receive an Authorized Training Certificate.
- The course duration is flexible and can be modified to fit any number of days.
- Course fee includes facilitation, training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch, and a Certificate upon successful completion.
- One-year post-training support, consultation, and coaching provided after the course.
- Payment should be made at least a week before the training commencement to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice, to enable better preparation.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000

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23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
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