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Patrick Rohde

California - City & County Regulation Watch

Private group · 8.8K members
Joined + Invite

Intro: Member of California - City & County Regulation Watch since July 7, 2020
Group Posts: Ilya Ross & California - City & County Regulation Watch

Intro: Member of California - City & County Regulation Watch since June 19, 2020
Group Posts: Patrick Rohde & California - City & County Regulation Watch



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Jess McElfresh



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Intro: Member of California - City & County Regulation Watch since October 1, 2019
Group Posts: Jacqueline McGowan



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Gina Austin

Intro: Member of California - City & County Regulation Watch since June 19, 2020
Group Posts: Gina Austin & California - City & County Regulation Watch

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Name a lawsuit that Darryl Cotton has won. I'll wait.
Comments: Matthew Joseph Pasqual, Mark Rutherford, Mike Miller, Patrick Rohde

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Darryl Cotton
August 15, 2020

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To be kicked out of our Banned Members City and County Regulations Watch FB Group you have to be exceptional. You have to support an agenda that is the antithesis of open and accessible channels to medical cannabis, argumentative for the sake of being argumentative, lack the ability to string coherent thoughts and opinions into your narrative, unwilling to even consider an opposing viewpoint, or trolling the group for personal or professional enrichment.

Mr. Patrick Rohde in case you were wondering why you were banned from Banned Members, I spelled it out here.

Mr. Ilya Ross, as a licensed CA lawyer and an Officer of the Court, you are welcome to stay in our Banned Members FB group but if you would please tell your paralegal, Patrick Rohde to quit insulting me on forums with information and opinions that were developed from case related information I had shared with you both during numerous text and phone calls, I would respectfully ask that you do so.

Please respond to me, in writing here that you have done so and that he has agreed to remove any existing posts and cease any future activities that may prove prejudicial to our cases on your behalf.



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Diana Carrillo-Diva

No New Posts
Diana Carrillo-Diva hasn't posted anything yet in California - City & County Regulation Watch

Expert Attorneys Agree Prop 64 Protects Patients!

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"I am an attorney and I agree that Prop 64 does not override Prop 215 nor does it authorize the legislature to amend it. California's patient protections under the Compassionate Use Act will remain the same if Prop 64 passes in November."

Table with 2 columns of attorney names and locations: Leslie Barry (Huntington Beach), Arthur Skrayan (Sherman Oaks), Allison Margolin (Los Angeles), James Devine (Ventura), Jeff Rosenbaum (Sacramento), Eric Shevin (Los Angeles), Natasha Minsker (Sacramento), Jeffrey Scott (San Bernardino), Samuel B. Johnston (Stinson Beach), Ray Lyman (Irvine), Jesse Stout (San Francisco), Steven Meinhart (Sacramento), Allison Bernant (City Truckee), Matt Kumin (San Francisco)

SECTION 11. CONSTRUCTION AND INTERPRETATION.

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The provisions of this Act shall be liberally construed to effectuate the purposes and intent of the Control, Regulate and Tax the Adult Use of Marijuana Act; provided, however, no provision or provisions of this Act shall be interpreted or construed in a manner to create a positive conflict with federal law, including the federal Controlled Substances Act, such that the provision or provisions of this Act and federal law cannot consistently stand together.

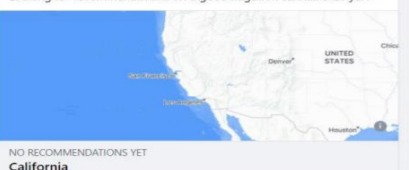
California - City & County Regulation Watch
Name a lawsuit that Darryl has won. I'll wait.
Comments: Marjo Lok, Daniel Nunez, Whitney Klemm, Erick Keli, Oil Schwaner, Stephanie Sandris, Chen Mike gawati, Yourboy Aaron, Sakira M. Black, Luna Oliver, James Crist, Patrick Flutade, Alexis (Anastasi), Lauren M Payne, Alexandra Gomez, Cynthia Johnson, Mark Rutherford, Omar Figueroa, Chris Adams, and 2 more...

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Sheryl Clark-Taylor is looking for recommendations. February 15 at 10:57 PM



Comments: Kirt Rohlack, Omar Figueroa, Monica Fine, Gina Austin

Jacqueline McGowan shared a link.

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SEBASTAPOL: "Lauren Mendelsohn is a senior associate attorney at Omar Figueroa law firm in Sebastopol. A medicinal user of cannabis, the 29-year-old East Coast native describes herself as an 'activist at heart,' a characterization that fits well in representing the cannabis industry in the areas of permitting and licensing."

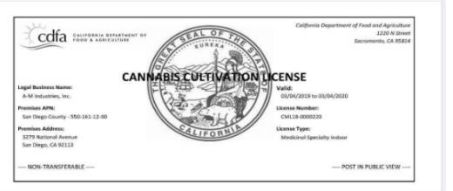


Sebastopol attorney helps cannabis firms with permitting and licensing

Linda Davies and 162 others · 19 Comments

Gina Austin > California - City & County Regulation Watch

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Nichole West and 194 others

California City and Regulations Watch (CCRW) is a Facebook Group (1) that is administered by Jacqueline McGowan. With approximately 8,800 members, many of which are in the cannabis consulting and legal fields. CCRW is the preeminent social media group that discusses issues surrounding cannabis law and regulation in California. McGowan, a self-proclaimed expert consultant in cannabis regulatory processes, lists attorney Gina Austin (5) as a professional connection. Austin (6) and attorney Jessica McElfresh (4) are defendants in Cotton lawsuits and are both members in the CCRW group.

McGowan banned Cotton from CCRW in April 2019 for his persistent questioning as to how attorneys could make this statement (11) prior to the 2016 vote, knowing that it was false. Cotton also would regularly ask how the “positive conflict” in Section 11 of the Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA) CA Prop 64 (14) could stand? No attorneys ever responded to either question. McGowan responded by banning Cotton from the CCRW group. Cotton immediately started the Banned Members FB Group in response to McGowan’s actions.

In August 2020 Patrick Rohde, a member of CCRW group since June 2020 (3) who is a paralegal for Ilya Ross, a CA attorney reached out to Cotton through the Banned Members FB group Cotton had started to discuss the possibility of his attorney, Ilya Ross, also a member of CCRW (2) about doing legal work for Cotton on his cases. These were confidential discussions, protected by attorney-client privilege which Cotton agreed to and has all the email records of the conversations and emails that would divulge Cotton’s legal strategies going forward. Upon consideration of Ross’s requirements to take the case, Cotton decided that was not equipped to help Cotton. Ross did not have the experience or the staff to handle Cotton’s legal matters and his request for a \$25K retainer was entirely unreasonable considering that Ross admitted that much of that retainer would go to him getting “up to speed” on the legal matters that surrounded Cotton’s case.

What followed shortly thereafter was the McGowan August 15, 2020 (7) post whereby Rohdes took those discussions into the CCRW group by publicly stating, that Cotton needed “psychiatric help”. Cotton requested that Ross tell Rohdes to quit (8) insulting Cotton by making those privileged communications public but neither Ross or Rohdes ever responded to those requests. A search of the CCRW FB group shows that the thread has been taken down. It was only used to alienate Cotton from getting any legal assistance from those attorneys who had an interest in practicing cannabis law in California.

Both the (7) and (10) images were posts by McGowan but the (10) image shows where another CCRW plant, Diana Carrillo-Diva (9) came into to Banned Group to bridge the dialogue being generated by McGowan. Of note, when looking at the bottom of this image you can see that CCRW never shows Carrillo-Diva as not having ever contributed to the CCRW group. This directly contradicts the information that can be seen in (10) where Carrillo-Diva has posted in CCRW to report to that group my responses. Also what can be seen by the “likes” in the (10) image are that some of these were from attorneys such as noted cannabis attorney Omar Figueroa who piles on this Cotton assault. McGowan, acting as the industry kingmaker will reward those attorneys that support her by providing advertising such as the (15) post for one of Figueroa’s attorneys or to give Austin a place to advertise her services in CCRW or the posts Austin would put up as seen in (12 & 13).

I hereby attest to the following statements being a true and accurate representation of the conditions surrounding these events as I recall them, and as the evidence would support.

Darryl Cotton