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ATTORNEY PROFILE

Mitzi Vaughn is a shareholder at Karr Tuttle Campbell in Seattle, Washington. She represents cannabis clients in matters of regulatory compliance, corporate transactions and governance, and intellectual property. She was a founding board member of the International Cannabis Bar Association and currently sits on its advisory board.

From 2017 to 2020, Mitzi was the Chief Legal Officer of a company that provides intellectual property licensing, financing, real estate and hard assets leases, and other support to U.S. and international cannabis and hemp enterprises. From 2013 to 2017 she worked with Greenbridge Corporate Counsel, a transactional law boutique exclusively serving the cannabis industry. She served as its Managing Attorney. She has advised governmental bodies regarding cannabis regulation, including the Jamaican Cannabis Licensing Authority, the Hawaii Legislature's Joint Health Committee, members of the Washington State Legislature, and the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board.

Mitzi is also actively involved with international and U.S. drug policy reform organizations. She served as General Counsel to the Coalition for Cannabis Standards and Ethics (WA) from 2013-2015. Since 2015, she has represented The Cannabis Alliance (successor to CCSE) in a General Counsel role. Finally, Mitzi is a Board Member for the Drug Reform Coordination Network & the DRCNet Foundation, organizations that are active at the United Nations at home and abroad.

MAJOR AREAS OF PRACTICE

Cannabis (I-502)
I.P. Licensing
Corporate and Finance

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

Washington State Bar
Texas State Bar

EDUCATION

J.D. University of California at Berkley School of Law
B.S., *magna cum laude*, University of Texas at San Antonio
Central European University in Budapest, Hungary (international human rights legal coursework)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

American Bar Association (ABA)
Washington State Bar Association
King County Bar Association
International Cannabis Bar Association

- Founding Board Member 2015-2018
- Advisory Board Member 2020-current

RECOGNITION

Mitzi was featured in the documentary *Mary Janes: The Women of Weed*.

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Washington Cannabis Summit (virtual)
Outpacing Regulations: Innovation in Cannabinoids
September 23, 2021
Washington Food Industries Association (virtual)
Opportunities for CBD in Retail July 8, 2021
International Cannabis Bar Association Cannabis Legal Institute (virtual) Hemp – The Shake-Out
Since the Farm Bill Oct. 10, 2020
Washington Cannabis Summit (virtual) Out of State Funding – Boon or Trojan Horse? Sept. 25, 2020
International Cannabis Bar Association Cannabis Legal Institute (New York, NY) In-House Counsel Roundtable Moderator Sept. 5, 2019

National Cannabis Industry Association's Annual Business Summit (Oakland, CA) Hemp and CBD July 22, 2019

American Bar Association International Law Section Annual Meeting (Washington D.C.) International Opportunities in Hemp and Cannabis April 10, 2019

Washington Cannabis Summit (Seattle, WA) January 4, 2019

American Bar Association International Law Section Fall Conference (Miami, FL) Mary Jane Goes Into the Lab: The Evolving Business & Medical Landscape of Marijuana in North and South America Oct. 27, 2017

National Cannabis Bar Association's Cannabis Law Institute (Denver and Washington D.C.) Financing and Investment Sept. 8, 2018 Employment and Labor Sept. 8, 2018 Hawai'i and Washington State Cannabis Regulation July 28, 2017

American Bar Association Intellectual Property Section Annual Meeting (Arlington, VA) Cannabis: Examination of IP Protection, Regulatory, and Ethical Considerations April 5, 2017

National Cannabis Industry Association's Annual Business Summit (Oakland, CA) How to Tank Your Business – Don't Do It! June 14, 2017 Suing the Regulators – Can you? Should you? June 13, 2017 Is CBD Really Legal? June 12, 2017

Ganjapreneur (Seattle, WA) Interstate Cannabis Brand Development April 6, 2016

Women Grow Leadership Conference (Denver, CO) Advanced Interstate Licensing for Cannabis Brands Feb. 5, 2016

Hawai'i State Bar Association Convention (Honolulu, HI) Legal and Operational Considerations for Medical Cannabis Dispensaries Oct. 23, 2015

Civil Beat's Pod Squad Podcast Live at University of Hawaii (Honolulu, HI) The Legal Issues of Hawaii's Medi-Pot Industry Oct. 20, 2015

National Asian Pacific American Bar Association's Western Regional Conference (Portland, OR) Washington State Cannabis Regulation June 14, 2014