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2:00 - 5:00 p.m., FHI 360, Academy Hall

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A discussion of the legal implications, challenges, and opportunities for standardization in light of shifting political and public perspectives on cannabis.

2:00 – 2:10 pm Welcome Remarks

Joe Bhatia

President and CEO, American National Standards Institute

2:10 - 2:30 pm Keynote

Heather Krug

State Marijuana Laboratory Sciences Program Manager Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Laboratory Services

Division

2:30 - 3:35 pm

The Current and Evolving Legal Landscape, Panel 1: Clarifying the Rules and Regulations that Govern Cannabis Sales, Production, and Use in the U.S. — and the Implications for Standardization

This panel will focus on the legal aspects of the cannabis/hemp business, the federal Controlled Substances Act and the Money Laundering statutes, how these laws are evolving, and finally, how they have or might apply to standards development activities.

Moderator: Kyle Sampson, Partner, King & Spalding

Panelists:

- Alex Malyshev, Counsel, Carter Ledyard & Milburn; Co-chair of Carter Ledyard's Cannabis, Hemp & CBD Industry Group
- Raymond Bizal, Director of Regional Operations, National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
- Lezli Engelking, Founder, FOCUS
- Charles P. Rutherford, ASTM D37 Strategy and Standards Development,
 D37 Standards Implementation for Enterprise and Oversight Agencies

3:35 – 3:50 pm Break

3:50 - 4:55 pm

The Current and Evolving Legal Landscape, Panel 2: *Understanding the Rules and Regulations Relating to Conformity Assessment Activities that Support Health and Safety*

This panel will focus on what is being done in the area of cannabis/hemp by the testing communities, in keeping with the laws of their jurisdiction.

Moderator: Jeffrey G. Weiss, Partner, Venable LLP

Panelists:

- Will Woodlee, Partner, Kleinfeld, Kaplan, & Becker, LLP
- **Stephen Arpie**, Director, Absolute Standards
- Michael Kahn, President, MCR Labs
- Matt Sica, ANSI National Accreditation Board, Conformity Assessment for Hemp Testing Labs
- Rhiannon Woo, Cofounder, TraceTrust

4:55 – 5:00 pm Closing Remarks

Joe Bhatia, ANSI President and CEO

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Stephen J. Arpie, Panelist

Stephen J. Arpie is an analytical chemist and the director general of Absolute Standards, Inc., a proficiency-testing provider and reference material producer in Hamden, Connecticut with ISO 17034, ISO 17043, ISO 17025 and ISO 9001 accreditations. In his role, Mr. Arpie provides management oversight of all his company's testing and calibration procedures including a wide-ranging proficiency and calibration-testing program for medicinal and recreational cannabis. He has enjoyed a successful career working as a chemist for Chesebrough-Ponds and in pharmacology while employed by the Yale School of Medicine, Yale University.

Joe Bhatia, Opening Remarks

Joe Bhatia has been president and CEO of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) since January 2006. He previously served as executive vice president and COO of the international group at Underwriters Laboratories (UL). Among his numerous leadership positions in domestic and global forums, he serves as vice chairman of the Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Standards and Technical Trade Barriers (ITAC 16), a joint program of the U.S. Department of Commerce and U.S. Trade Representative. He is a member of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) Council and its Council Standing Committee on Finance. In 2017, he concluded his term as president of the Pan American Standards Commission (COPANT), where he also served as vice president for four years.

Raymond B. Bizal, Panelist

Raymond B. Bizal is the director of regional operations for the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). In this capacity, Mr. Bizal oversees the organization's U.S. regional directors, who provide outreach to NFPA's stakeholders in promoting the adoption of codes and standards by local and state authorities, advocating for fire safety at the local and state legislative levels.

He currently serves as vice president of the Board of Directors for the Southern California Chapter of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE). Mr. Bizal is also an officer of the California Fire Prevention Institute (CFPI), and serves as a member of the Los Angeles Fire Department's Fire Code Advisory Committee.

Lezli Engelking, Panelist

Lezli Engelking is the founder and executive chair of the Foundation of Cannabis Unified Standards (FOCUS). Ms. Engelking has been an executive leader in the cannabis industry for nine years, opening the first chain of vertically integrated medical cannabis operations in Phoenix, Arizona. During this experience, Ms. Engelking developed an appreciation of the critical need for cannabis-specific quality and safety standards, which compelled her to found FOCUS in 2014.

With a progressive and intuitive approach, Ms. Engelking has helped shape local and international cannabis policy, including coordinating and developing cannabis standards and educational content for

the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the National Environmental Health Association.

Michael Kahn, Panelist

Michael Kahn is president and founder of MCR Labs, the first independent cannabis-testing laboratory to become certified in the state of Massachusetts. MCR Labs uses ISO 17025 accredited methods and employs researchers, chemists, and pharmaceutical scientists. Primarily a testing lab, the company offers analytical and R&D services to medical marijuana and adult-use cannabis providers, patients, physicians, and caregivers.

A member of the Board of Directors of the Northeast Cannabis Coalition, Mr. Kahn is also active in the cannabis community's efforts to communicate ideas to legislators and community stakeholders, particularly in the northeastern region of the U.S.

Heather Krug, Keynote Speaker

Heather Krug is the state marijuana laboratory sciences program manager for the Colorado Laboratory Services Division in the Department of Public Health and Environment in Denver. In November 2012, Colorado voters approved legalized recreational marijuana, and in January 2014, Colorado became one of the first states to allow legal sales of non-medical marijuana for adults over the age of 21.

Ms. Krug is a frequent presenter and a subject matter expert on cannabis testing, the challenges inherent in developing appropriate requirement specifications, and the lack of toxicity threshold data. Her responsibilities include working with Colorado's state regulatory agencies, industry members, scientists, and technical experts to ensure competent cannabis testing to protect public health and safety.

Alex Malyshev, Panelist

Alex Malyshev is co-chair of Carter Ledyard's Cannabis, Hemp, & CBD Industry Group, advising businesses, investors, and other stakeholders in the quickly evolving legal cannabis, hemp, and CBD industries on how to deal with the unique challenges the industry poses in a practical manner.

Mr. Malyshev also maintains an active litigation and counseling practice, primarily focused on the financial services industry. He has more than a decade of experience representing financial institutions, corporate trustees, and individuals on a variety of contract, fraud, and business tort cases related to investments in various complex instruments, like Collateralized Debt Obligations (CDOs) and Trust Preferred Securities (TruPS). He also regularly counsels industry employers and employees in connection with restrictive covenants and unfair competition claims.

Charles P. Rutherford II, Panelist

Charles P. Rutherford II, of CPR Squared, Inc., is a technical consultant to ASTM International, a global standards organization that develops and publishes voluntary consensus technical standards for a wide range of materials, products, systems, and services. His consulting role at ASTM supports standards

development and related activities for the organization's Committee D37 on Cannabis, including increasing the engagement of cannabis-related organizations and expanding networks to help prioritize and strategize a focused approached to standards development.

Formed in 2017, ASTM's Committee D37 on Cannabis is working to develop standards for cannabis, its products, and its processes including the development of test methods, practices, and guides for cultivation, quality assurance, laboratory considerations, packaging, and security. He is on the board of the American Trade Association for Cannabis and Hemp (ATACH).

Kyle Sampson, Moderator

Mr. Sampson is a partner at King & Spalding LLP in Washington, DC. His practice focuses on FDA regulatory and enforcement issues. He represents food, drug, medical device, cosmetic, and dietary supplement companies on a full range of regulatory and enforcement issues confronting FDA-regulated firms. Mr. Sampson's expertise extends to strategic advice and compliance counseling, enforcement, litigation, and transactional matters.

Matthew Sica, Panelist

Matthew Sica, accreditation manager for the ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB), is a conformity assessment professional responsible for cannabis and pharmaceutical testing laboratories, reference material producers, proficiency test providers, and medical laboratories.

With more than 30 years of experience working in laboratory environments, Mr. Sica's expertise spans chemistry, microbiology, management systems, laboratory accreditation, field sampling, and reference material testing. He has served in both technical and managerial roles for chemical and microbiological disciplines and has led training in technical standards and management systems throughout the world. Mr. Sica navigates a wide array of statutes and regulations that affect various types of laboratories, bringing practical application and experience in areas of compliance.

Jeffrey G. Weiss, Moderator

Jeffrey Weiss, partner at Venable, LLP, advises and advocates for clients on a broad spectrum of matters related to international trade, including technical regulations, standards, and conformity assessment procedures; digital economy; market access; customs; and maritime and logistics. Jeff provides counsel on issues arising under the World Trade Organization (WTO), North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), and other trade agreements, as well as U.S. trade and customs law. He develops regulatory, standards, and conformity assessment strategies, and provides counsel and representation on international trade negotiations, standards development, and other economic policy matters.

Mr. Weiss also represents clients before various White House offices and executive agencies and departments. From 2014 to 2015, at the direction of the White House, he led the development of the U.S. government strategy for international cybersecurity standardization.

Will Woodlee, Panelist

Will Woodlee is a partner who joined Kleinfeld, Kaplan & Becker in 2010. His practice focuses primarily on counseling and advocating on behalf of food, dietary supplement, cosmetic, pharmaceutical, medical device, tobacco, cannabis/hemp, and consumer product companies on regulatory and advertising law matters.

He has served on the Editorial Advisory Board of the *Food and Drug Law Journal*, the Food and Drug Law Institute's (FDLI's) Food, Dietary Supplements, and Cosmetics Committee, and the Editorial Advisory Board of FDLI's *Update* magazine. He frequently writes and speaks about the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act, and he served as editor for FDLI's *The Food Safety Modernization Act: A Comprehensive, Practical Guide to the Landmark Legislation.*

Mr. Woodlee has extensive experience with the regulation of tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, and other nicotine-containing products at the federal, state, and local levels. He also has expertise on the complex and evolving regulation of products derived from cannabis, including hemp and cannabidiol (CBD) products. For 2015-2018, *Super Lawyers* named Mr. Woodlee a "Rising Star" of the Washington, DC, metro area.

Rhiannon Woo, Panelist

Rhiannon Woo is the co-founder and chief scientific officer for TraceTrust in San Francisco. She is an expert in good agricultural practices, good harvesting practices, good manufacturing practices, the principles and guidelines of Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP), and the Food and Drug Administration's Food Safety Modernization Act.

TraceTrust is the first global, third-party certification program for Cannabis consumables. Ms. Woo is a sought-after leader in food safety development and protocols, an instructional designer for food safety and quality programs and instructor on the environmental effects of food borne pathogens, an ISO 9001 Lead Auditor Certifier as well as an HACCP trainer for Scientific Certification Systems' Global Services, Inc.



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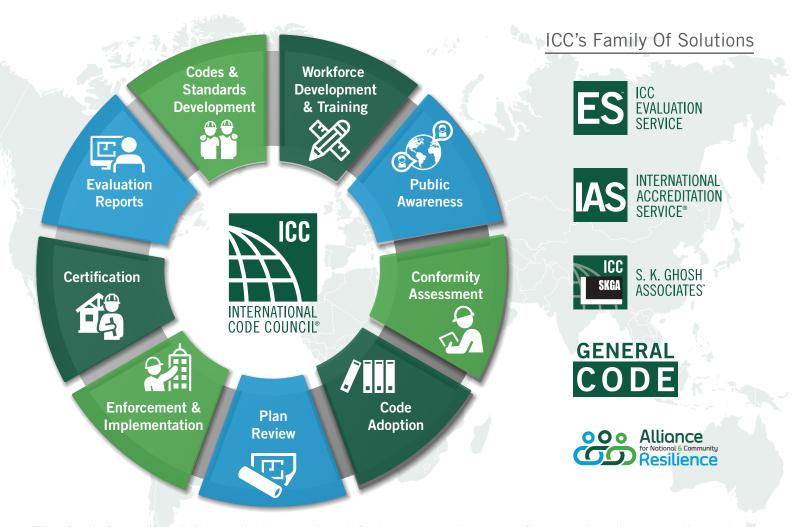


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