

Sativa Rasmussen

Of Counsel

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Sativa advises clients from startups to established market leaders on corporate and transactional matters, internationally and domestically.

Sativa's practice involves advising clients on corporate transactions including entity formation, startup funding (debt and equity issuances), general contractual and governance matters, secured debt facilities, internal restructurings/rollups and mergers and acquisitions.

Sativa practice focuses on counseling businesses on a wide range of corporate and regulatory needs. She has extensive experience tracking and navigating the complex and constantly evolving matrix of federal, state and local regulations related to both marijuana and hemp, and frequently speaks on these topics both domestically and internationally.

She regularly assists cannabis businesses at every level of the supply chain identify, understand, and comply with applicable regulatory requirements related to the cultivation, processing, manufacturing, and distribution of cannabis. This includes analyzing risks associated with transporting hemp and its derivatives interstate and internationally, understanding best practices for the manufacture, labeling, and distribution of hemp products, and counseling clients on the developing policies and regulations of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

Sativa currently serves as the Immediate Past Chair for the Cannabis Law Section of the Washington State Bar Association, which she founded in 2017.

Professional Affiliations

- Lane Powell PC, Associate (2018-2020)
- Ashby Law Group PLLC, Associate (2015-2018)

Education

- Seattle University School of Law (J.D., 2016)
 - *cum laude*
- Georgetown University Law Center (London Study Abroad Program, 2014)
- Washington State University (B.A., Political Science; B.A., Criminal Justice, 2012)
 - *magna cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Washington

- Seattle Sounders FC, Legal Extern (2016)
- Washington State University Student Legal Services, Intern (2010-2012)

Charitable & Civic Involvement

- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity—2019 Pathfinder
- Washington State Bar Association Cannabis Law Section—Founder and Chair
- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity—Mentor (2019-Present)
- Annual Northwest Marijuana Law Conference--Chair (2016-Present)

Accolades

- *Chambers USA*, Cannabis Law: Western United States, National, 2020-2026
- *Washington Super Lawyers*®, "Rising Stars," 2021-2026
- *Best Lawyers*® *Ones to Watch in America*, Corporate Governance and Compliance Law, Corporate Law, Seattle, 2024-2026
- *Washington Super Lawyers*® *Women's Edition*, 2024
- Contributed more than 50+ Diversity hours, 2020

Additional Information

- New CFIUS Rules Could Have More Effect on Transportation Industry (September 24, 2019)

Select Presentations

- 4th-6th Annual Northwest Marijuana Law Conference (2016-Present)
- Washington State Bar Association CLE – Changing Tides: Strides Towards Legalization (12/3/21)
- Association of Corporate Counsel – Nutrition Law Symposium 2021 - State CBD Rules and Regulations (10/10/21)
- 33rd Annual ROTH Capital Conference – State of the Cannabis Industry (3/16/21)
- Washington State Bar Association Food, Beverage, and Hospitality Industry CLE – Cannabis in the Food and Beverage Industry (2/18/21)
- The Lucrative Business of Marijuana in Washington State – CBD In-Depth Update (12/11/20)
- AICPA & CIMA Cannabis Industry Online Conference – Commercializing Cannabis (12/8/20)
- Hemp-Derived CBD in Washington State and Across the Country (6/19/19)
- Intellectual Property (IP) for the Non-IP Specialist (IP Issues Facing the Cannabis Industry) (9/11/19)
- Introduction to Transportation Law—Transportation of Hemp Across State Lines (7/9/19)
- The Business of Marijuana in Washington State (11/29/18)
- US Border After Cannabis Legalization in Canada (11/20/18)

Insights

February 7, 2022

Cannabis Group Of The Year: Dorsey & Whitney

October 28, 2021

Sativa Rasmussen's Volunteer Story with Northwest Justice Project

September 21, 2021

Dorsey Attorney Sativa Rasmussen's Remarks on Growing Cannabis Practices

September 21, 2021

Sativa Rasmussen Comments on New Legal Practice Area: Cannabis

April 16, 2021

Dorsey Attorney Sativa Rasmussen Discusses Washington's Hemp Licensing Law

November 2, 2020

Dorsey Attorney Sativa Rasmussen Discusses Cannabis Regulation

September 22, 2020

Dorsey Attorney Sativa Rasmussen Comments on Oregon Fires Damage to Cannabis

September 2020

Dorsey Attorney Sativa Rasmussen Comments on Cannabis Regulatory Evolution

February 14, 2020

Dorsey & Whitney Picks Up Cannabis Atty Sativa Rasmussen

February 13, 2020

Cannabis Career Watch | New Hires and Promotions February 14, 2020

February 12, 2020

Leading law firm hires veteran cannabis lawyer Sativa Rasmussen