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The course will be held Friday, Feb 22 from 2-6pm at the Mayflower Renaissance Hotel, 1127 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20036

The primary areas of law that will be discussed at the seminar include: the legal definition of a qualified medical marijuana patient; the exceptions to the criminal law for qualified patients; civil rights of medical marijuana patients, such as employment, housing, and child custody; and distribution systems of medical marijuana in the respective jurisdictions.

Also to be discussed are: federal rescheduling of marijuana; the federal government's various responses to medical marijuana in the states, such as criminal prosecutions, raids and forfeiture actions; and the court's treatment of federalist issues, such as the Commerce Clause, the Tenth Amendment, federal supremacy and federal preemption.

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# CONFERENCE AGENDA

## FRIDAY

**7:00 am (Promenade Foyer)—Registration opens**

**9:00 am-9:30 am (Grand Ballroom)— Keynote by Dr. John Schwarz**

**9:30 am-10:00 am (Grand Ballroom)—A History of Medical Cannabis Research and the Endocannabinoid System** featuring Dr. Sunil Aggarwal and Dr. Mark Ware. Overview of the history of medical cannabis research and the endocannabinoid system.

**10:00 am-10:30 am (Grand Ballroom)—Cannabis, The Exit Drug** featuring Philippe Lucas and Amanda Reiman

**10:30 am-11:00 am (Grand Ballroom)—Is Medical Marijuana a Thing of the Past?** Featuring Wendy Chapkis.

**11:00 am-11:30 am (Grand Ballroom)—An Integral Frame for MMJ Organizations** featuring Regina Nelson.

**11:30 am -1:00 pm (Grand Ballroom)—The Science of Medical Cannabis** featuring Dr. Donald Abrams, IACM, Dr. Mark Ware, The Canadian Consortium for the Investigation of Cannabinoids (CCIC), Dr. Jahan Marcu, Dr. Sunil Aggarwal, ASA Board member, Dr. Michelle Sexton, ASA Board, and Mary Lynn Mathre, Patients Out of Time. Panelists will comment on presentations of the day, highlight scientific findings, and comment on future research directions in medical cannabis and cannabinoid medicine.

**1:00 pm-2:00 pm (State)—Lunch**

**2:00 pm-6:00 pm (East)—Poster Exhibitions** featuring work by Dr. Jahn Marcu, Dr. Sunil Aggarwal, Dr. Michelle Sexton and Dr. Robert Melamede

**2:00 pm-6:00 pm (Promenade Ballroom)—Continuing Medical Education Course (CME)**

**2:00 pm-6:00 pm (Chinese)—Continuing Legal Education Course (CLE)**

**3:30 pm-5:30 pm (Grand Ballroom)—ASA members meeting**

**6:30 pm -8:30 pm (State)—ASA reception**

## SATURDAY

**8:00 am (Promenade Foyer)—Registration opens**

**9:00 am -9:30 am (Grand Ballroom)—Welcome** from Steph Sherer. Founder and Executive Director of ASA

**9:30 am-10:45 am (Grand Ballroom)—Medical Cannabis Policy in the US: A History of Resistance** featuring Valerie Corral, Women's Alliance for Medical Marijuana, Stephen DeAngelo Harborside, Joseph Casias, Joseph Casias vs Walmart, Don Duncan, ASA and Mary Lynn Mathre, Patients Out of Time. Behind every progress in the medical cannabis movement is a tale of courage and persistence. This panel will explore current medical cannabis policy in the US as well as an historical overview of patient advocacy that has made this progress possible.

**10:45 am-11:00 am—Break**

**11:00 am-12:15pm (Grand Ballroom)—International Medical Cannabis Policy** featuring Philippe Lucas, Boaz Wachtel, Tjalling Erkelens and George Pappas. Several countries around the globe are developing medical cannabis programs for their citizens. This panel will provide an overview of current international medical cannabis policy, with detailed reports on Canada, Israel and the Netherlands.

**12:15 pm-1:30 pm (State)—Lunch**

**1:30 pm- 4:15 pm Stakeholder Meetings:**

**2:45 pm-3:00 pm—Break**

STAKE HOLDER GROUPS

**(TBA)—Patient Advocacy** featuring Steph Sherer, ASA, Darrell Rogers, Alliance for Natural Health USA, and Bill McColl, Aids United. This stakeholder meeting is for those in the medical cannabis movement that self-identify as a patient or patient advocate. This meeting will include presentations from patient and consumer advocacy organizations about the role of patient advocacy in passing federal laws and a discussion about the role of patient advocates in the medical cannabis movement.

**(TBA)—Drug Policy Reform** featuring Neil Franklin, Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, Aaron Houston, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, and Bill Piper, Drug Policy Alliance. This stakeholder meeting is for those that self-identify as drug policy reformers and see medical cannabis as a part of broader drug policy reform. In this meeting leaders in the drug policy reform movement will be leading a discussion about



the role of drug policy reformers in the medical cannabis movement and about their role moving forward.

**(TBA)—Medical Professionals** featuring Mary Lynn Mathre, Patients Out of Time and Dr. David Bearman, American Alliance for Medical Cannabis. This stakeholder meeting is for medical professionals that are a part of the medical cannabis movement. This discussion will be centered on the issues medical professional face in the realm of medical cannabis as well as an overview of current medical cannabis projects lead by medical professionals.

**(TBA)—Industry** featuring Michael McGuffin, American Herbal Products Association, Dr. Jahan Marcu, Green Standard Diagnostics, Inc. This stakeholder meeting will be hosted by the American Herbal Products Association's (AHPA) Cannabis Committee. The agenda for the committee meeting will include a discussion of the committee's recommendations to regulators on industry standards, an overview of AHPA and projects moving forward.

**(TBA)—Veterans** featuring Michael Krawitz, Veterans for Medical Marijuana. This will be a discussion on the special needs for subcategories of medical cannabis patients that are also veterans. Part of this meeting will be focused on developing strategies on expanding protections for veterans.

**(TBA)—Labor** featuring Dan Rush, UFCW. This stakeholder meeting is for UFCW members and staff. This will be a discussion on labor's role in the medical cannabis industry and developing strategies regarding working within the medical cannabis industry.

**(TBA)—Legal Professionals** featuring Joe Elford, ASA and Alex Kreit, professor at Thomas Jefferson School of Law. This stakeholder meeting is for legal professionals and others with an interest in the legal issues surrounding medical cannabis. This meeting will include updates on recent federal and state cases. Strategies for defending criminal cases and achieving reform through impact litigation will also be discussed.

**4:15 pm-4:30 pm—Break**

**4:30 pm- 6:00 pm (Grand Ballroom)—Exciting Developments in the Medical Cannabis Movement** featuring Dr. Michelle Sexton, ASA Board Member, Jill Limeroux, ASA's Patients First Program Director, Michael McGuffin, Herbal Products Association, Dan Rush, UFCW, Bianca Barnhill, ASA Board Member, Joe Elford, ASA, and Tanya Blasbalg, Canadian Consortium for the Investigation of Cannabinoids

(CCIC). Eighteen states and the District of Columbia have medical cannabis laws, and more states are continuing to follow in this direction. ASA would like to highlight some new special projects that will impact our work on the federal and state level. Discussion will include an overview of the Patients First Program, the American Herbal Pharmacopoeia: Cannabis Monograph, The Cannabis Committee at the American Herbal Products Association, the I Choose Cannabis campaign, the creation of the Medical Cannabis and Hemp Division of the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, the decision of the recent ASA vs DEA rescheduling hearing, and the Continuing Medical Education (CME) program by the CCIC.

**7:00 pm-8:00 pm (Chinese)—VIP Reception**

**8:00 pm-10:00 pm (State)—Awards Dinner**

## **SUNDAY**

**10:00 am-12:00 am (Grand Ballroom)—Stakeholder Presentations.** This panel will cover the various medical cannabis stakeholders prospective including Patients, Veterans, Medical Professionals, Drug Policy Reform, Labor, Legal and Industry.

**12:00 pm-1:15 pm (State)—Lunch in Regional Break outs**

**1:15 pm- 2:30 pm—TRAINING/WORKSHOPS**

**(Grand Ballroom) Training: Citizen Lobbying** featuring Steph Sherer, ASA. Learn the ticks of the trade of having a successful lobby meeting. Everyone who will be lobbying on Monday needs to come to this workshop, where you will have the chance to practice for your meetings with legislators on Monday.

**(Chinese) Training: Strategic Messaging and Spokesperson Training** featuring Kris Hermes of ASA. Workshop participants will be trained on becoming spokespeople on the issue of medical marijuana. If we expect to be heard and understood by mainstream media, we need to speak and communicate our message in such a way that it stands out among today's tidal wave of information. Participants will learn the elements of a successful interview, how to effectively use sound bites, and how to tie these messages to our strategies and goals.

**(Promenade)—Workshop: Bringing Medical Cannabis Politics into the Mainstream** featuring Jim Greig, Voter Power Foundation, Robert Jacob, Sebastopol Vice Mayor, and Lanny Swerdlow (invited). This panel will discuss how to integrate mainstream politics into medical cannabis policy as well as offer an overview of the basic infrastructures in politics, which

includes PACs, democratic clubs, running for office, and getting medical cannabis champions elected.

**2:30 pm-2:45 pm—Break**

**2:45 pm : 4:00 pm—TRAINING/WORKSHOPS**

**(Grand Ballroom)—Training: Running an effective meeting; Facilitation and Consensus Building** featuring Steph Sherer, ASA. One of the most overlooked skills in organizing is running effective meetings which allow individuals voices to be heard but that also accomplish objectives. This training will go over tried and true skills on successfully facilitating meetings, either in person or via conference calls, as well as running a consensus process during the meeting.

**(State)—Workshop: Fundraising for Grassroots** featuring Hunter Holliman of ASA, Tony Bowles of SF ASA, and members of San Diego ASA. We all know that building and sustaining your organization or campaign take money. What are the best strategies when it comes to grassroots fundraising? Learn the basics of effective fundraising from experienced activists that you can start implementing immediately in your own community.

**(Chinese)—Workshop: Creating Campaigns for Initiatives and State Legislation** featuring Matt Allen, Massachusetts Patient Advocacy Alliance, Don Duncan, ASA, Melissa Fults, Arkansans for Safe Access and Kari Boiter. Election Day and the day the legislature votes on a bill is the last day of what can take years to build. Hear from experienced advocates from around the country on building up campaigns to pass state legislation and initiatives.

**(Promenade)—Workshop: Implementation and Regulation** featuring Limerourex, ASA, Tim Smale, Remedy Compassion Center, Mike Liszewski, ASA, Ken Wolski, Coalition for Medical Marijuana New Jersey, and Rachel Kurtz. Passing a voter initiatives or a piece of legislation is the first step in an intensive process called implementation and often includes developing regulations. Hear from experienced advocates about strategies for success in the implementation process.

**4:00 pm-4:15 pm—Break**

**4:15 pm-5:30 pm—TRAINING/WORKSHOPS**

**(Grand Ballroom)Training: Citizen Lobbying** featuring Caren Woodson, SF ASA. Learn the ticks of the trade of having a successful lobby meeting. Everyone who will be lobbying on Monday needs to come to this workshop, where you will have the chance to practice for your meetings with legislators on Monday.

**(Promenade)—Training: Gathering Data in your**

**Advocacy** featuring Amanda Reiman, Drug Policy Alliance. Gathering data is not only important for the larger medical marijuana advocacy movement, it is an essential part of being a responsible part of the medical marijuana industry. Cultivators, dispensary owners, and others who work in the field should know how to evaluate their programs and improve their service to patients. This workshop will introduce participants to the basics of survey design and data collection, including how to ask the right questions, collecting data and making the most of your results. Participants will have an opportunity to design their own survey around a question they want to answer in their medical cannabis business.

**(Chinese)—Workshop: Utilizing Social Media in your Advocacy** featuring Jonathan Bair, Talana Lattimer, ASA and special guest. Social Advocacy is the leading edge of online advocacy. New social media tools not only allow advocacy campaigns and activists to educate, engage and mobilize the public to participate in campaigns, but they also can be used to target policy makers, directly. This session will provide you with an extensive overview of the strategies and tactics that can turn Twitter, Facebook and other social media into tools for changing policy.

**5:45 pm -6:30 pm Closing Panel**

**MONDAY**

**7:00 am-8:30 am (State)—Breakfast/** Distribute lobbying materials and depart the Mayflower

**9:30 am—Press Conference**

**10:30 am-1:00 pm—Free time on Capitol Hill** (if you do not have meetings scheduled with your elected though ASA you can use this time to drop by your reps offices and see if you can meet with someone in the afternoon)

**1:00 pm - 5:00 pm—Congressional Visits** (times will be given when you check in)



## PRESENTER BIOS

**Donald I. Abrams, M.D.**, is chief of the Hematology-Oncology Division at San Francisco General Hospital and a Professor of Clinical Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco. He has an Integrative Oncology consultation practice at the UCSF Osher Center for Integrative Medicine. Dr. Abrams was one of the original clinicians to recognize and define many early AIDS-related conditions. He has long been interested in clinical trials of complementary and alternative medicine interventions for HIV/AIDS and cancer, including evaluations of medicinal marijuana. In 1997 he received funding from the National Institute on Drug Abuse to conduct clinical trials of the short-term safety of cannabinoids in HIV infection. Subsequently he was granted funds by the University of California Center for Medicinal Cannabis Research to continue studies of the effectiveness of cannabis in a number of clinical conditions. He completed a placebo-controlled study of smoked cannabis in patients with painful HIV-related peripheral neuropathy as well as a study evaluating vaporization as a smokeless delivery system for medicinal. His last NIDA-funded trial investigated the possible pharmacokinetic interaction between vaporized cannabis and opioid analgesics in patients with chronic pain. He co-authored the chapter on "Cannabinoids and Cancer" in the Oxford University Press Integrative Oncology text that he co-edited with Andrew Weil. He is one of the editors of the NCI PDQ® CAM Cannabis and Cannabinoids website.

**Sunil Kumar Aggarwal, M.D., Ph.D.**, is a graduate of University of Washington's NIH-supported Medical Scientist Training Program and an Associate Member of the New York Academy of Medicine. He completed his internship in Internal Medicine at Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle and is currently a Resident at the NYU Rusk Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine. As a NSF Graduate Research Fellow, Dr. Aggarwal conducted and published studies of medical cannabis use under the first-ever granted federal Certificates of Confidentiality which protected 176 study subjects recruited from sites of cannabis delivery and medical consultation. He has authored or co-authored papers and book chapters on cannabinoid medical science, dosing, and human rights. He was a delegate to the AMA Medical Student Section and successfully lobbied the Washington State Medical Association and AMA to change their position on the federal scheduling status of cannabis and served as an expert reviewer for their report on medical cannabis science.

**Matthew Allen** has worked as an organizer on a variety of social and political issues. In 2006 Matt began work on changing sentencing for low-level drug offenders and formed a coalition in support of diversion-to-treatment legislation that grew to include the National Alliance of Social Workers, Boston Public Health Commission, the Massachusetts Bar Association and trade groups representing over 80 substance abuse prevention providers. Over the past several years he has focused on medical marijuana reform. As Executive Director of Massachusetts Patient Advocacy Alliance, he travels the state speaking with patients suffering from serious conditions who could benefit from safe access to medical marijuana, working with them to bring their stories forward. He is currently earning a graduate degree from Northeastern in Urban and Regional Studies.

**Bianca Barnhill** was a successful model for Ralph Lauren and Giorgio Armani for 15 years before her career was cut short by a diagnosis of ColoRectal cancer. Two years post-cancer she discovered cannabis as an alternative to the 13 medications she was taking. Since making this discovery and meeting other patients, Bianca has worked for her family's magazine "High Times" as a West Coast Correspondent, utilizing her mainstream network to speak out on this issue. In that time she has gotten Melissa Ethridge, Oliver Stone, Snoop Dogg, Wiz Khalifa, NAS, and Damien Marley to do interviews. As she became an activist, she found ASA shared her personal mission to change laws and create new rights by bringing the patients voice to the struggle for safe and legal access.

**David Bearman, M.D.**, a pioneer in the free and community clinic movement, is one of the most clinically knowledgeable physicians in the U.S. in the field of medicinal marijuana. After retiring as Deputy Director of the Santa Barbara Regional Health Authority in 2001, Dr. Bearman began a private practice in the field of pain management. He has served as an expert witness in numerous court cases and has written articles for journals and magazines as well as the book *Demons, Discrimination, and Dollars: A Brief History of American Drug Policy*. His career includes public health, administrative medicine, primary care, pain management and cannabinology. Dr. Bearman has taught courses on psychoactive drugs at UCSF, UCSB and SDSU, and has worked at all levels of government including USPHS, Director of Sutter County







Health Department, and Director of SDSU Student Health Services. He has over 40 years of experience providing drug abuse treatment and prevention. Dr. Bearman was recently recognized by NORML with the Peter McWilliams Award for his work in promoting medical cannabis.

**Kari Boiter** is ASA's 2013 Patient Advocate Award winner. She spent the last three years as Executive Legislative Assistant to a ranking budget chair in the Washington State House of Representatives, helping craft several legislative proposals on cannabis. In her free time, Kari founded Free Chris Williams, which is dedicated to an imprisoned medical marijuana provider who faced a 90-year mandatory minimum sentence after being convicted at his federal trial. Kari accepted a position with the November Coalition last fall and was recently elected President of the Cannabis Defense Coalition's Board of Directors.

**Wendy Chapkis, Ph.D.**, is a Professor of Sociology and Director of Women and Gender Studies at the University of Southern Maine. Among her books is *Dying to Get High: Marijuana as Medicine* (co-authored with Richard J. Webb, New York University Press, 2008). She is also the author of numerous articles, including "The Trouble with Mary Jane's Gender: gender politics in the marijuana policy reform movement," forthcoming in the Humboldt Journal of Social Relations special issue on "Current Perspectives on Marijuana and Society;" and "Cannabis, Consciousness and Healing," which appeared in the December 2007 issue of *Contemporary Justice Review*. Dr. Chapkis has served as the Vice-President of the national Society for the Study of Social Problems and is currently on the editorial board of *Contexts*, a journal of the American Sociological Association.

**Valerie Leveroni Corral** is the Director and Co-founder of the Wo/Men's Alliance for Medical Marijuana, the longest running medical marijuana collective in the nation. Founded in 1993, WAMM provides medical marijuana and care on a donation basis to seriously ill patients. WAMM's services have expanded as patient's need emerged to include bedside care, shopping, cooking, and emotional support. WAMM propagates organic medicine in the collective garden, develops all organic products, and provides a holistic approach to healing. Weekly meetings provide a forum for patients to connect, as well as a means to collect anecdotal evidence on patient experiences. WAMM has developed a sister non-profit called Raha Kudo, the Design for Dying Project to meet the needs of dying members. Valerie learned following an auto

accident in 1973 that marijuana could control her seizures. In 1992 Valerie was thrust into the medical marijuana debate as the first patient to challenge California's marijuana laws and subsequently co-authored Prop 215, the Compassionate Use Act. She has conducted research projects and has peer reviewed published findings in *Journal of Cannabis Therapeutics*. She is co-plaintiff in lawsuits against the federal government enjoined with the City and County of Santa Cruz, including a 2010 settlement with the federal government allowing collectives to continue WAMMs work without federal interference. Valerie has advised the US Congress on marijuana policy, as well as government agencies in the Middle East, the British Commonwealth and other EU countries.

**Steve DeAngelo** is the Executive Director of Harborside Health Center, in Oakland, which has been extensively covered in national and international news media. He is a cannabis industry leader, movement strategist and lifelong activist who writes and speaks widely on the subject. His accomplishments include organizing I-59, Washington D.C.'s medical cannabis initiative; Hemp Tour, which brought hemp to the heartland; and Ecolution, Inc., which produced hemp garments and accessories 1990-2000. A summa cum laude graduate of the University of Maryland, Steve is a founding, charter member of ASA (Americans for Safe Access), is on the board of the Emerald Growers Association, and starred in the Discovery Channel mini series "Weed Wars," which is currently rolling out internationally.

**Don Duncan** has served on the Board of Directors since he co-founded American for Safe Access in 2002. As California Director, he is coordinating the grassroots and grasstops campaign to fully implement the states medical cannabis laws, respond to federal interference, and build a broader and more powerful coalition for medical cannabis in California. Don was instrumental in galvanizing grassroots resistance to federal raids and in seeding local self-regulatory alliances for medical cannabis providers statewide. He has worked closely with elected officials, law enforcement, collective operators, and community members in local implementation efforts in several California cities and counties, and is currently working with lawmakers in Sacramento to adopt legislation to expand rights for patients. Don co-founded one of the oldest and most reputable families of medical cannabis dispensing collectives in California, helping to open legal facilities in Berkeley, West Hollywood, and Los Angeles. He is a medical cannabis consultant and has been featured in major media coverage of the issue.

**Joseph Elford** is Chief Counsel for Americans for Safe Access. After graduating from Yale Law School in 1996, Joe served as a law clerk for the Honorable Vaughn Walker of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California before working in criminal defense. In 2003, after assisting in all facets of the highly publicized prosecution of Edward Rosenthal and, later, his appeal, Joe joined ASA as the organization's attorney. In addition to compelling the California Highway Patrol revise its policy regarding the seizure of medical marijuana from qualified patients through a civil action in 2005, Joe successfully argued the appeal of Jovan Jackson, overturning his conviction and establishing the legality of dispensaries under California law. Joe has also trained public defenders throughout the state how to defend medical marijuana patients.

**Tjalling Erkelens** is the CEO of Bedrocan, a company that has produced medicinal-grade cannabis under contract with the Dutch Health Ministry since 2002. Tjalling's interest in plants began as a freelance writer covering agriculture and horticulture, and in 1984 he cofounded a company that specialized in indoor cultivation and processing of cannabis under highly standardized conditions. Tjalling's commitment to sustainability in cannabis production is why Bedrocan's facility uses 100% wind power, and composts its cannabis waste. He coaches a team of teenage cyclists and regularly leads them on rides of 60 km or more through the north of the Netherlands.

**Neill Franklin** is Executive Director of Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP). A former narcotics agent with the Maryland State police, Neill was proud of his work and the hundreds of arrests he made, but two people changed his belief in the drug war. The first was Kurt Schmoke, former mayor of Baltimore, who while he was in office declared the drug war a failure because it is counterproductive and creates excessive violence. As a result, Neill began to research and evaluate his own experiences in law enforcement. Then in October 2000, not long after Mayor Schmoke's announcement, Neill had a close friend killed while making a drug deal as an undercover agent in Washington, DC. He began to speak publicly following his friend's murder and became Executive Director of LEAP in 2010.

**Melisa Fults** is a grandmother, entrepreneur and cannabis activist in Arkansas. Melissa became involved with Arkansans for Compassionate Care in 2010 while searching for a way to help save her son's life. After seeing the results in her own son's life, she and hus-

band, Gary, decided to step out into the spotlight and help bring a medical cannabis program to Arkansas. Melissa is now part of the steering committee for the new 2014 campaign.

**Jim Greig** is an Oregon medical marijuana patient, a member of the Board of Directors for Voter Power Foundation, Director of Patient Advocacy for Oregonians for Law Reform, and an ASA Organizer. During the 2010 election cycle, he was the Co-Director for the Regulate Medical Marijuana PAC for Measure 74. Jim is a published author who is currently lobbying to add PTSD to the Oregon approved-condition list, lower sentences for marijuana possession, and add a regulated medical marijuana supply system.

**Kris Hermes** is media spokesperson for ASA. Kris brings nearly 20 years of social justice activism experience to the fight for safe access to medical marijuana. He has worked in various cities around the U.S. generating media and mobilizing people to effect change in federal and state policy on issues involving hunger, poverty and access to health care. Over the last few years, before joining ASA, he dedicated much of his time to legal activism, helping support those arrested during mass demonstrations and acts of civil disobedience. Previously as ASA's Legal Campaign Director, Kris and the legal staff led the organization in numerous victories that have provided greater protection for thousands of patients.

**Hunter Holliman** is National Field Coordinator for Americans for Safe Access. After completing graduate studies in Human Rights and Drug Policy, Hunter worked at a prominent medical cannabis dispensary in San Francisco as a Community Liaison and Cannabis Consultant. He was also a member of the San Francisco ASA Chapter Steering Committee before relocating to DC in late 2012 to work for ASA.

**Aaron Houston** is executive director of Students for Sensible Drug Policy, where he oversees the work of a national staff that coordinates students on more than 200 campuses around the world. Named a "Rising Star of Politics" by Campaigns & Elections' Politics Magazine in 2008, Aaron is a nationally recognized expert on drug policy and marijuana law who played a key role in pushing the Department of Justice to formally issue written guidelines on medical marijuana in October 2009. Aaron has appeared on NBC's Today show, The Colbert Report, FOX News, CNN, and NPR, and his efforts on Capitol Hill were chronicled in a 2007 Showtime original documentary, In Pot We Trust. Aaron attended the University of Colorado at Denver.

**Robert Jacob** is Vice Mayor of the City of Sebastopol, California and the founder and Executive Director of Peace in Medicine, a non-profit healing center and medical cannabis dispensary with locations in Sebastopol and Santa Rosa. His professional background in corporate operations and project management includes managing construction of three international hospitals and the successful development of two proprietary businesses. Robert also developed and led several non-profit organizations serving disenfranchised youth and patients. Named in the Top 40 Under Forty list by the North Bay Business Journal, Robert is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Sebastopol Rotary Club, and CERT, the Sebastopol Community Emergency Response Team. Robert was elected to the Sebastopol City Council in November 2012 and was unanimously selected to serve as Vice Mayor.

**Michael Krawitz** is executive director of Veterans for Medical Marijuana Access. A 49-year-old resident of Elliston, Virginia, Michael suffered an automobile accident in 1984 while serving in the United States Air Force. Michael has been rated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) as being totally and permanently disabled. Michael uses marijuana to treat chronic pain and trauma associated with his accident. He also uses marijuana to treat central serous retinopathy. However, because of his medical marijuana use, he has been denied pain treatment by the VA. Michael is one of the named plaintiffs in ASA's lawsuit challenging the DEA's denial of the latest rescheduling petition.

**Alex Kreit** is an associate professor and director of the Center for Law and Social Justice at Thomas Jefferson School of Law. After graduating from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, Alex clerked for the Honorable M. Blane Michael on the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. He then worked as an associate at Morrison & Foerster in San Francisco where his practice focused on securities and appellate litigation. Alex's articles have appeared in numerous journals, and he is author of the casebook *Controlled Substances: Crime, Regulation, and Policy* and co-author of the treatise *Drug Abuse and the Law* with Gerald Uelmen. Alex is currently President of the San Diego Lawyer Chapter of the American Constitution Society. From 2009 to 2010 he served as chair of the City of San Diego's Medical Marijuana Task Force, a position appointed by the San Diego City Council.

**Rachel Kurtz** is the chair of the political committee for the Coalition for Cannabis Standards and Ethics.

**Jill Lamoureux** is the Patients First program director for Americans for Safe Access. Formerly a cannabis business operator in Colorado, she was the only industry representative to serve on the medical marijuana advisory committees for both the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and the Colorado Department of Revenue. Jill has presented on cannabis operations, financing and regulation in multiple venues including finance conferences, continuing legal education courses, law review panels, and most recently at RAND's public policy workshop. As director of ASA's Patients First program, Jill is focused on bringing patient issues to the regulatory arena and providing training for operators and best practice guidelines for policy makers.

**Talana Lattimer** is the Social Media Director at Americans for Safe Access, where she builds social advocacy campaigns to impact policy initiatives. She has served as a media trainer and public speaker for various social change organizations. Before joining ASA, Talana worked for the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE), where she developed and executed social media strategies and multimedia projects. Talana also worked on media and communications campaigns for the Terry McAuliffe gubernatorial campaign, the Department of Commerce, Marguerite Casey Foundation's Equal Voices for America Campaign, and American University. She has been a producer for CNN, CBS News, XM Sirius Satellite Radio, Black Entertainment Television, and others.

**Mike Liszewski** is Policy Director at Americans for Safe Access. After a few years of working in the financial and education technology industries, Mike became a community organizer for Banner Neighborhoods in southeast Baltimore where he developed programs for elementary and middle school-aged youth. As a law student at University of the District of Columbia, he helped lead a successful lobbying campaign that defeated a "gang injunction" bill, represented D.C. high school students in disciplinary and special education matters, and clerked for DC Council Committee on Health as it was considering B18-622, the District's medical cannabis law. Mike served as a student member of SSDP's Board of Directors (2010-2012) and the ACLU-NCA (2010-2011). Shortly before joining ASA's staff, he co-drafted the original version of what was eventually passed and signed into law in D.C. as the Good Samaritan Overdose Prevention Amendment Act of 2012. As Policy Director at ASA, Mike has worked with patients and legislative offices at the state, local and national level to create laws for safe access to medical cannabis.



**Philippe Lucas, M.A.**, is a Research Affiliate with the Center for Addictions Research of British Columbia and a founding Board member of the Multidisciplinary Association of Psychedelic Studies Canada and the Canadian Drug Policy Coalition. In 1999 Philippe founded the Vancouver Island Compassion Society, one of Canada's longest running non-profit medical cannabis dispensaries. His research interests, projects and publications include the therapeutic use of cannabis, Canada's federal medical cannabis program, and the use of cannabis, ibogaine, and ayahuasca in the treatment of addiction. Currently, he is a Primary or Co-Investigator on a number of studies examining cannabis substitution theory, and Coordinator and Co-Investigator of an observational study of ayahuasca-assisted treatment for addiction and stress. Philippe has testified before the Canadian Senate and House of Commons on cannabis-related issues, advised the Israeli Ministry of Health on their medical cannabis program, given expert testimony before the BC Supreme Court, and is a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for his work on medical cannabis and drug policy reform.

**Jahan Marcu, Ph.D.**, is the Vice-Chair of the Americans for Safe Access Multidisciplinary Scientific Advisory Board. Dr. Marcu is currently investigating the pharmacology of cannabinoid receptors at Temple University. He received his Ph.D. for studying the structure and function of the CB1 receptor, and the role of the endocannabinoid system in bone. Before earning his Ph.D., Jahan worked at the California Pacific Medical Center Research Institute studying the anti-cancer properties of compounds from the cannabis plant, the findings of which were published in the *Journal of Molecular Cancer Therapeutics*. He is a frequent speaker on cannabinoid science and a contributing author or editor of several publications including: O'Shaughnessy's: The Journal Of Cannabis In Clinical Practice, projectCBD.org, the West Coast Leaf newspaper, the Philadelphia Examiner, and the sensible science blog at [freedomisgreen.com](http://freedomisgreen.com). A court-qualified cannabis and synthetic cannabinoid expert, Jahan has served as a volunteer for Americans for Safe Access since 2003.

**Mary Lynn Mathre, MSN, RN**, is President of Patients Out of Time, a 501c3 non-profit organization she co-founded in 1995 to educate health care professionals and the public about the therapeutic use of cannabis ([www.medicalcannabis.com](http://www.medicalcannabis.com)). She has been a registered nurse for more than 35 years since beginning her career in the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps. Her practice was focused on medical-surgical nursing and nurs-

ing education until becoming interested in medicinal cannabis while working on her Master's thesis in 1985; she changed to an addictions specialty in 1987 and is a certified addictions registered nurse (CARN). She served as the Director of NORML's Council on Marijuana & Health from 1986 to 1992 and on NORML's Board of Directors from 1988 to 1994. She is the editor of *Cannabis in Medical Practice: A Legal, Historical and Pharmacological Overview of the Therapeutic Use of Marijuana* (1997) and co-editor of *Women and Cannabis: Medicine, Science and Sociology* (2002). A founding member and president of the newly formed American Cannabis Nurses Association, she has authored numerous articles, drafted cannabis resolutions for several professional organizations, served as an expert witness on medicinal cannabis at legislative hearings and in court cases, appeared on numerous radio shows and presented at numerous regional, national and international conferences on medicinal cannabis.

**William D. "Bill" McColl** is the political director of AIDS United and has been an advocate on behalf of criminal justice reform, alcohol and other drug treatment and reform issues and the HIV/AIDS community for 18 years. His most recent work encompasses implementation of health care reform, strengthening the Medicaid, Medicare and the Ryan White CARE Act systems, ending the ban on federal funding for syringe exchange and implementation of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy. Prior to joining AIDS United, Bill worked to shape national policies on syringe exchange, treatment instead of incarceration, and drug policy reform as the national affairs director at Drug Policy Alliance. As director of government relations and later executive director of NAADAC: The Association for Addiction Professionals, he worked on alcohol and substance abuse parity legislation and state level licensing issues. A native of Michigan and former Air Force officer, he earned his law degree at the University of Maryland School of Law where he wrote the first major law review article on drug courts.

**Michael McGruffin** has served as the President of the American Herbal Products Association (AHPA) since 1999 and a member of the Board of Trustees for 10 years prior. He is a leading expert on dietary supplement regulation who has been published in scholarly and scientific journals, including the *Food and Drug Law Journal* and *Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics*. Michael has served as Managing Editor of AHPA's *Botanical Safety Handbook* (1997) and *Herbs of Commerce*, 2nd edition (2000). He has represented the herbal industry at state and federal hear-

ings on regulatory issues and served as a member of the FDA's Food Advisory Committee Working Group on Good Manufacturing Practices for Dietary Supplements (1998-99), the FDA's Food Advisory Committee's Dietary Supplements Subcommittee (2003-5) and currently serves on California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Analysis Food Warning Workgroup and the Advisory Board of the USC School of Pharmacy Regulatory Science Master's Degree Program. He also serves on the boards of the American Herbal Pharmacopoeia, the American Association of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, and United Plant Savers.

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**Bill Piper** is director of national affairs at the Drug Policy Alliance, responsible for developing and implementing strategies for ending the federal war on drugs. He lobbies Congress in support of cutting drug war waste, preventing drug overdoses and the spread of HIV/AIDS and hepatitis C, protecting state medical marijuana programs from federal interference, reforming draconian sentencing laws, and re-prioritizing federal law enforcement agencies. Bill appears fre-

quently on radio shows and OpEd pages and has been quoted in dozens of regional and national newspapers. He is the author of DPA's 2008 report, "A Four-Pillars Approach to Methamphetamine: Policies for Effective Drug Prevention, Treatment, Policing and Harm Reduction," and co-author of DPA's 2003 report, "State of the States: Drug Policy Reforms, 1996-2002." Prior to joining the DPA, Piper was director of research for the Initiative and Referendum Institute, a national nonprofit working to preserve and expand the rights of voters. Before that, he worked for U.S. Term Limits, the largest grassroots organization working to enact term limits on elected officials. A graduate of Indiana University, he has more than twelve years of political experience in Washington, D.C.

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**Dan Rush** is the National Director for the Medical Cannabis and Hemp Division of the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union (UFCW) which has 1.3 million members. Dan is the spokesperson for the Californians to Regulate Medical Marijuana and the board secretary of the Coalition for Cannabis Policy Reform (CCPR). In 2010 he established UFCW5's Cannabis Division and organized the very first union members in the medical cannabis industry.

Dan is a native of Oakland, California, a Central Committee Delegate of the California Democratic Party, and an expert on statewide ballot initiatives. He coordinates the annual National Labor-Community Awards in San Francisco, the largest event of its kind in the United States.

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**Steph Sherer** is a medical marijuana patient and co-founder and Executive Director of Americans for Safe Access. She has over eleven years of experience servicing and managing non-profit businesses and community organizations, including event planning, consulting, fund development, public relations, and project management. She has worked with community development, education, social justice, human rights, peace, social change, and youth programs. Steph is a nationally recognized activist whose community awards include the San Diego Peacemaker of the Year Award in 2003. She is a guest lecturer at University California, Berkeley and George Washington University, DC.

**Tim Smale, M.B.A.**, is the co-founder and Executive Director of Remedy Compassion Center in Auburn, Maine. He has 30 years domestic and international experience with non-profit and for-profit organizations, from small businesses to Fortune 100 companies, including a leading medical cannabis consulting organization. He has a BBA from the University of Toledo and an MBA from Bowling Green State University. After rising to high levels of management at Dana Corp. and Pilkington plc, in 1998 Tim was named CEO of a national non-profit, The Independent Glass Association where he introduced new programs and services and managed national conventions. Later he joined The Dwyer Group, a leading franchising company in seven different industries, serving as

Director of Business Development and Franchise Systems Manager. After more than twenty years of suffering migraine headaches, he discovered cannabis helps his pain and nausea tremendously and often stops a serious migraine. What he learned about the safety, efficacy, and history of medicinal cannabis led Tim and his wife, Jenna, to open Remedy Compassion Center in 2011 to serve patients in Maine as part of that state's successful, highly regulated program. Tim also serves on various American Herbal Products Association committees developing recommendations for regulators and actively supports ASA. Dr. John Schwarz is the co-founder of 'Superstring Theory' and a Theoretical Physics professor at California Institute of Technology.

**Boaz Wachtel** is an Initiator (1995-2013) and co-strategist with Israel's Ministry of Health (MOH) of Israel's Medical Cannabis program that currently includes over 11,000 patients served by eight specialist physicians authorized to issue licenses and eight licensed cultivators. A researcher on addiction, harm reduction, and cannabis, he has published more than two dozen articles, papers, and book chapters. He was a founding member of the 'Israeli Foundation for Drug Law Reform' (1994) and a public representative to the Knesset (Israeli Parliament) Drug Committee "Examining the legal status of Cannabis." He submitted to the MOH the cannabis 'Drug Master File' (safety and efficacy data) and has since represented patients to the MOH. He was a co-producer with Maripham Holland of "The Medicinal Uses of Cannabis" from 2000-2002, and an organizer with MOH of the Medical Cannabis Education Seminar for Doctors in 2007. In 2009, he became a founding member of the Centralized National Medical Cannabis distribution Center in Abarbanel Hospital. He has been a Member of the Board of the Israeli AIDS committee since 2006 and is a Member of the Steering Committee of ENCOD, the European Coalition for Just and Effective Drug Policies. He is a founder and former Chairman (1999-2006) of Israel's Green Leaf Party, which won 1% of the national vote in 1999, 1.2% in 2003 and 1.4% in 2006. Boaz is a Certified Clinical Research Administrator with Israel's MOH and Bar-Ilan University, and is a certified Consultant with the EU Research & Development Program at Tel Aviv University. He served as Assistant Army Attaché in the Israeli Embassy in DC from 1983-1988.

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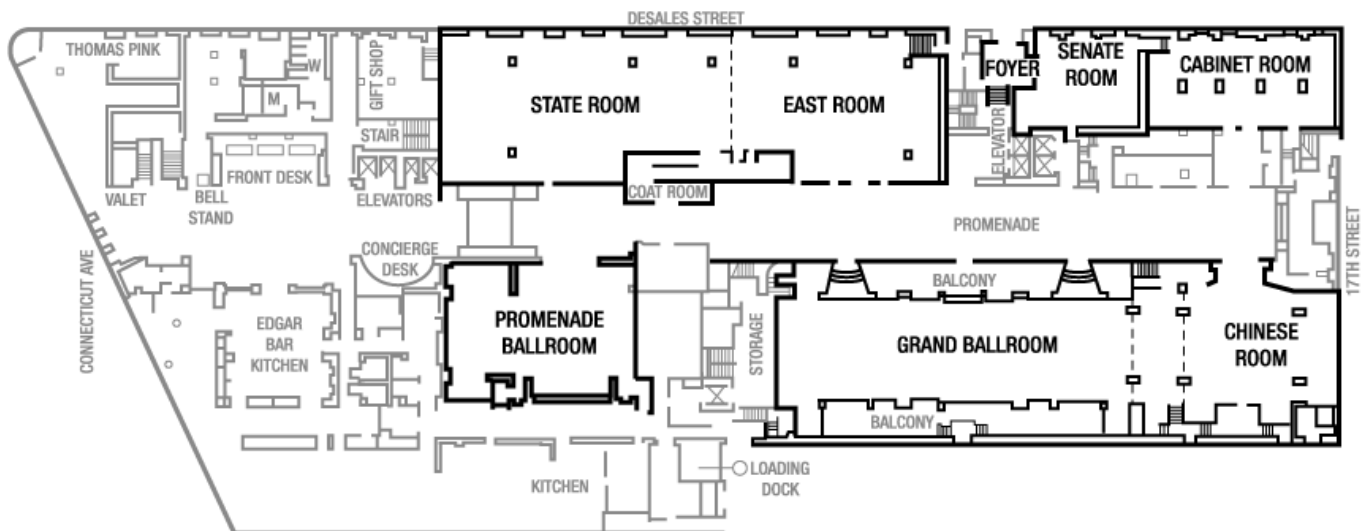
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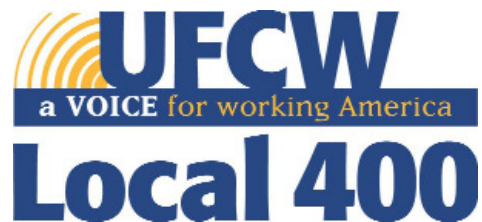
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