

James K. Landau

Jim Landau is head of commercial litigation at McCarthy Fingar LLP, and is the co-chair of the Cannabis Law Committee of the Westchester County Bar Association. He is particularly focused on helping companies in the cannabis industry transact business where it is legal to do so and writes and speaks frequently on topics relating to cannabis law. Mr. Landau also handles all types of business disputes including corporate dissolution, enforcement and avoidance of non-competition clauses in employment contracts, construction litigation, commercial landlord tenant disputes and commercial torts involving fraud, breach of fiduciary duty and/or misappropriation of trade secrets. Mr. Landau serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Westchester County Bar Association, is co-chair of the Westchester County Bar Association's Appellate Practice Committee and is the Secretary of the White Plains Bar Association. He is also a member of the New York State Bar Association's Committee on the Civil Practice Law and Rules. Mr. Landau has been selected as a Metro New York Super Lawyer® as one of the top attorneys in New York every year since 2012, and as a top-25 attorney in Westchester County for 2018. He is admitted to practice in New York, Pennsylvania, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals and all Federal Districts of New York. Mr. Landau can be reached at (914) 385-1030 and e-mailed at jlandau@mccarthyfingar.com.

Howard Fielstein

Howard Fielstein, CPA/ABV/CFF, CFE, CVA, ASA, is a Partner in Grassi & Co.'s Forensic, Litigation and Valuation Services Practice group. His expertise includes business and intellectual property valuations for various purposes including sales, financing, business planning, dispute resolution and tax compliance. Mr. Fielstein's broad experience also includes financial analysis and calculations regarding investigative/forensic accounting, breach of contract/damage claims, partner/shareholder disputes, intellectual property disputes, matrimonial actions, and business bankruptcies, restructurings and defense of "claw-back" claims.

Mr. Fielstein has an extensive financial background, and has qualified many times as an expert witness and provided testimony in Federal and State Courts. Mr. Fielstein is an approved Accountant and Appraiser in accordance with Part 36 of the Rules of the Chief Judge (NYS). He has been State Court-appointed as a Neutral Appraiser, as an Examiner of businesses in connection with various types of matters in Federal Bankruptcy Court, and was appointed as a Chapter 11 Trustee in a bankruptcy matter. Throughout his career, he has lectured and published articles on various valuation, forensic, and litigation consulting topics.

Douglas S. Trokie

Doug Trokie is a partner at McCarthy Fingar LLP and a member of its Corporate, General Business and Real Estate Transactions groups, as well as a founding member of the cannabis Law Committee of the Westchester County Bar Association. With the advent of legalized medical use marijuana in many states, Mr. Trokie's transactional practice has focused on helping companies in the cannabis and hemp industries prepare for the legalization of adult use cannabis in New York and Connecticut. He has been representing individuals and companies of all sizes for over 30 years and has substantial experience representing clients in corporate transactions, including formation of business entities, private mergers, and acquisitions/sales, as well as drafting all types of business agreements and contracts, including shareholder and operating agreements, employee agreements, and other corporate governance documents. Mr. Trokie's real estate practice includes representing clients in the purchase and sale of commercial and residential real estate and the drafting and negotiation of residential and commercial leases. He is a member of the Business Law Section of the Westchester County, New York State and Connecticut Bar Associations. Mr. Trokie has been selected as a Metro New York Super Lawyer in Business and Corporate Law each year since 2015. Mr. Trokie is admitted to practice in both State and Federal Courts in New York and Connecticut and can be reached at (914) 385-1038 and e-mailed at dtrokie@mccarthyfingar.com.

Robert Bernstein

Robert Bernstein, Partner at Grassi & Co., offers tax and consulting advice to professionals in industries such as Cannabis – medical and adult use; Industrial Hemp companies; CBD companies; Auto dealers, car washes, gas stations, quick lube stations, manufacturers, constructors, real estate owners and developers.

Robert is now applying his talents to the ever expanding cannabis space - medical and adult use as well as Industrial Hemp and CBD companies.

Robert has the expertise needed to help companies navigate through the many challenges that companies in the cannabis/industrial hemp industry face. Robert works with vertically integrated cannabis companies; multi state operators; medical and adult use dispensaries, cannabis technology companies, cannabis landowners, industrial hemp growers – both indoor and outdoor grow as well as, companies in the CBD space. Robert works with private equity firms and family offices investing in this space. Robert has a team dedicated to the cannabis, industrial hemp/CBD space.

Robert has participated in panel discussions regarding cannabis including the 2019 NYSSCPA's cannabis symposium where he chaired a panel discussion on valuation; cyber security; tax issues; and legal issue in the cannabis space.

Robert has been on numerous panels for HighNY (a Cannabis Advocacy Group) Topics include, "How Not to Get Burned Investing in Cannabis". Robert is also a member of WomenGrow, an organization that helps women within the cannabis space to network and build relationships. Robert has been quoted in several publications, including The Street, regarding the cannabis industry.

Prior to joining Grassi & Co., Robert was owner of the Firm Bernstein and Seidman, which was established in 1996. He got his start in the industry working with several top 20 CPA firms and was a former Chief Financial Officer of Ferrari/Maserati of Long Island and Ferrari/Maserati of New England. Robert has excellent working knowledge of numerous software packages unique to specific industries used to track revenue and expenses across multiple platforms.

Robert loves to travel and is very involved in his local synagogue. He became a CPA in 1978 graduating from Pace University and received his JD degree from Touro Law School in 1986, admitted to the Bar of The State of New York in 1987.