



Legalizing Marijuana: Potholes and Possibilities

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Colorado and Washington are trailblazers in legalized marijuana, but the potholes are plenty. If marijuana may be in your state's future, there are plenty of concerns— what's the real revenue picture; licensing businesses and regulating and testing products; federal issues, enforcement and more.

Panelists (in alphabetical order)

Sergeant Mark Crandall is a 24 year veteran of the Washington State Patrol and serves as Drug Recognition Expert State Coordinator. Today he manages over 200 statewide officers who specialize in the ability to detect, arrest, and prosecute the drug impaired driver. Sergeant Crandall presents nationally and instructs on the many different challenges facing law enforcement and Drug Recognition Experts (DRE). Sergeant Crandall obtained a Bachelor's of Arts in Criminal Justice from Washington State University, is a representative on the Washington Impaired Driving Council, and also a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police-Impaired Driving Section.

Joseph Henschman is the Vice President of Legal & State Projects and Vice President of Operations at the Tax Foundation in Washington, D.C. Joe is an attorney and policy analyst who supervises the Tax Foundation's state policy (since 2009) and legal (since 2007) programs, analyzing state tax trends, constitutional issues, and tax law developments. He holds a law degree from George Washington University and a bachelor's degree in Political Science with a minor in Public Policy from the University of California, Berkeley.

Senator Jeanne E. Kohl-Welles has represented the 36th Legislative District in Seattle in the Washington State Senate since 1994. In addition to her position as Ranking Member of the Senate Higher Education Committee, she sits on the Ways & Means and Law & Justice Committees. She holds a Ph.D. in the Sociology of Education from UCLA. She serves on NCSL's Foundation Board, Women's Leg. Network Board, and is co-chair of the host committee for this 2015 NCSL Summit here in Seattle. She previously served on NCSL's Executive Committee and as President of the Women's Leg. Network. Sen. Kohl-Welles has worked on medical marijuana issues since 1995. Initiative 692, allowing for marijuana use for qualifying patients and that was approved by voters in 1998, was influenced by her 1998 legislation. Subsequent legislation of hers enacted into law resulted in defining of a 60-day supply of medical marijuana and expansion of authorizers for medical marijuana to include all health care professionals with prescriptive authority. Following voter approval of Initiative 502 to legalize marijuana for adult personal use in 2012, she has worked to align the unregulated medical market with the regulated market. Her 2015 legislation creating a research license for producing and possession of marijuana for research purposes, Senate Bill 5121, has been signed into law.

Representative Polly Lawrence was elected in 2012 to represent House District 39, Douglas and Teller Counties. Polly is currently in her second term in the Colorado House of Representatives. She was elected by her caucus to be the Republican Whip in 2014 and 2015 and is currently the Assistant Republican Leader. She has served on both the Judiciary and Transportation and Energy committees and



is currently the Ranking Member on the House Judiciary committee. Prior to running for office, Polly worked in various positions in their family-owned construction company including; human resources, union negotiations, financial, banking and investments, contract management, project management, estimating, proposal writing and business operations.

Daniel Mossinghoff is the co- founder of Mossinghoff Mangnall, P.C. a DUI and criminal defense law firm in Denver Colorado. Dan graduated magna cum laude from Regis University with degrees in both Political Science and Philosophy and from there, he attended the University Of Colorado School Of Law, graduating in 2000. He started his career as a Deputy District Attorney in Arapahoe and Douglas counties. As a prosecutor, he worked in the DUI and juvenile division before being promoted to District Court, where he prosecuted all levels of felonies from simple drug charges to homicide. In 2002 he was honored with the Outstanding Trial Energy Award for Arapahoe and Douglas Counties. For the last six years, he has dedicated himself to representing individuals accused by the state in all criminal matters as a defense attorney.

Jody Newby is a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Cowlitz County, WA, in which she primarily handles major traffic felonies and drug offenses. Ms. Newby also represents the Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys at the Washington Impaired Driving Council and is a Washington State Patrol Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor Fellow. In those roles, she regularly responds to requests for assistance and advice from the law enforcement and traffic safety community, and trains law enforcement and prosecutors on prosecuting impaired driving offenses. Prior to her current position, Ms. Newby received a Politics degree from Willamette University, her Juris Doctorate from Seattle University School of Law, and was a US Fulbright recipient in Iceland.

Representative Daniel Pabon serves as the State Representative for House District 4 in Colorado. He serves on the Finance Committee, Appropriations Committee and Judiciary Committee. He also serves as the minority deputy whip. He earned his mechanical engineering degree while serving as student body president at the University of Colorado. He received his law degree from the University Of Colorado School Of Law. After earning his law degree, Rep. Pabon worked as an attorney for five years at a Denver-based law firm, where he focused his practice on real estate and green building development. He became a member of the U.S. Green Building Council Rep. Pabon left his 17th Street law firm to provide affordable legal services as a neighborhood attorney. His clients include small business owners, residents, and non-profit organizations.

Senator Ann Rivers is serving her first term as 18th District senator after two years in the House of Representatives. She serves on Transportation, Early Learning & K-12 Education, Health Care, Rules, the Joint Legislative Audit & Review Committees and is a board member of the Life Science Discovery Fund. As the Majority Coalition Caucus whip, Ann is part of Senate Republican leadership. Her priorities include responsible state spending, strengthening the economy, and offering every child an opportunity to succeed in school. She attended Central Michigan University where she earned a bachelor's degree in political science (minoring in natural science and history) and a secondary-education teaching certificate. Ann heads a governmental and public-affairs consulting firm in La Center Washington.