



## Matthew Ginder

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Matthew Ginder is Partner in the Cannabis Law practice group at Greenspoon Marder. Mr. Ginder represents various cannabis and hemp related businesses where he assists in many areas of the industry, including licensing, regulatory and compliance, and business transactions. He also represents ancillary businesses who provide products or services to the cannabis industry and advises individuals, investors, lenders, startups, and large corporations on direct and indirect participation in state-legal cannabis markets. Mr. Ginder serves on the Legal Committee of the Florida Hemp Council. In 2016, Mr. Ginder co-founded a nonprofit organization called the Organization for Safe Cannabis Regulation (OSCR), which advocates on behalf of cannabis related businesses in Florida. He also represents the firm as a founding member of the National Cannabis Roundtable chaired by former House Speaker John Boehner. In 2018, Mr. Ginder was named one of the "30 Most Powerful Cannabis Attorneys You Should Know" by *mg Magazine*, and is ranked in the *Chambers & Partners USA* guide in the "Cannabis Law: Eastern United States" category. He is frequently sought after to comment on the medical marijuana and hemp markets and has been quoted extensively in several well-known publications, including Fortune, Reuters, Sun-Sentinel, and Law360 to name a few.

Prior to joining Greenspoon Marder, Mr. Ginder worked for a national law firm where he focused his practice on defending broker-dealers and registered representatives in securities related cases filed in federal and state courts, as well as FINRA arbitration proceedings. Additionally, Mr. Ginder represented individuals and entities in commercial disputes involving real estate, investments, and construction.

While in law school, Mr. Ginder clerked for two global law firms where he assisted in the practice of estate planning and commercial litigation.

### Bar Admissions

- Florida

### Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

### Education

- J.D., Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center, *cum laude*
- B.G.S., Indiana University

### Practice Areas

- Cannabis
- Hospitality, Alcohol & Leisure Industry Group

## Professional and Community Involvement

- Florida Hemp Council, Legal Committee
- Cannabis Law Journal, Editorial Board

## Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, "Cannabis 2024: Bold Predictions & Lessons Learned," webinar, Cannabis Lab, January 25, 2024
- Speaker, "Will Florida Get to Vote on Adult Use?" Cannabis Business Association, Webinar, November 16, 2023
- Speaker, "Cannabis Industry Finances & Legal Update" Jewish Federation of Broward County, April 20, 2021
- Speaker, "Practical Business and Legal Considerations," Dade County Bar Association's (DCBA) A Review of Florida's Cannabis Laws Event, February 26, 2020
- Speaker, "Cannabis Law" Panel, South Florida Banking Institute Event, February 19, 2020
- Speaker, "Cannabis Stocks: Back Down to Reality? What Investors Should Know About Cannabis Stocks In 2020," NobleCon, February 17, 2020
- Speaker, "Legislative Updates & Regulations in Cannabis, Hemp & CBD," Cannabis LAB Event, February 13, 2020
- Speaker, Kahner Global Cannabis Private Investment Summit, February 11, 2020
- Speaker, "Health Care" Panel, Florida Priorities Summit, November 19, 2019
- Speaker, "Legislative Updates: What Is Working In Different States," CLAB's 4th Annual Cannabis Law and Business Conference, October 28, 2019
- Speaker, Ralph E. Boyer Institute on Condominium and Cluster Development CLE, October 3, 2019
- Speaker, "Hemp, CBD & Marijuana with a Perspective on Banking," Community Bank Executive Forum, September 19, 2019
- Speaker, "Florida Cannabis Update," Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance's International Action Team Meeting, June 2019
- Speaker, "An Overview of the Legal Marijuana Industry," Cannabis Private Investment Summit, February 26, 2019
- Speaker, "Marijuana Midterms: Effects on Cannabis Companies in Florida and Federal Possibilities," Cannabis LAB Conference, November 7, 2018
- Speaker, "Navigating Opportunities in the Florida Green Rush," Sup-X: The Startup Expo, July, 28, 2018
- Speaker, "How Medical Practices Can Prepare from a Legal and Compliance Standpoint to Offer Cannabis to Their Patients," Florida Medical Group Management Association (MGMA) Annual Conference, June 21, 2018
- Speaker, "Cannabis Industry and Its Impact on South Florida," JFBC Mega Networking Event, June 5, 2018
- Speaker, "Cannabis Legalization and the Waterfall Effect: How Each State Impacts the Next," *National Law Journal* Webinar, April 18, 2018
- Speaker, "MMTC's: Issues, Restrictions, Timelines & More," Florida For Care Spring Policy Conference, April 18, 2018
- Speaker, "The Legal Marijuana Industry in the U.S.," Cannabis Private Investment Summit, February 21, 2018
- Speaker, "Why Florida?," Institutional Capital & Cannabis Conference East, January 23, 2018
- Speaker, "Overview of Federal and Florida Marijuana Laws," United Way of Broward's Tocqueville Tuesday, December 12, 2017
- Speaker, "2018 Legislative/Department of Health Update and New MMTC Applications – What Attorneys Need To Know," Cannabis Law, Accounting and Business Conference & Expo, October 26, 2017
- Speaker, "Licensing," Broward County Bar Association's Bench and Bar Convention, October 20, 2017
- Speaker, "Florida Cannabis Update," Broward Section of the American Planning Association's Legislative Luncheon, August 2, 2017
- Panelist, "Legal Areas of Practice Affected by Cannabis Law," Palm Beach County Bar Association Cannabis Law Summit, April 20, 2017
- Panelist, "The International Exportation Marketplace – Trends for the Coming Year" Cannatech, March 20, 2017
- Speaker, "Cannabis Legalization and the Waterfall Effect: How Each State Impacts the Next," *National Law Journal* Webinar, February 16, 2017
- Speaker, "Cannabis Issues at the State and Local Government Level," Democrat Young Professionals Luncheon, January 12, 2017

- Moderator, "Focus on Election Updates, Challenges and Regulations in Florida," Legal Learning Series Cannabis Law and Business Conference, November 4, 2016
- Panelist, "The Future of Medical Marijuana in Florida," United For Care Final Policy Conference, September 16, 2016

## Recognitions

- *Cannabis Law Report*, "Global Top 200 Cannabis Lawyers," 2023-2024
- *Chambers and Partners*, "Cannabis Law: Eastern United States" 2021-2023
- *National Law Journal*, "Cannabis Trailblazer," 2022
- *Chambers & Partners*, "Cannabis Law: Corporate/Transactional," 2019-2020
- *mg Magazine*, "Powerful Cannabis Attorney," 2018

## Publications

- Author, "4 Questions to Ask Before Selling Hemp Derived Cannabinoids," *Marijuana Venture*, September 9, 2022
- Author, "Three Florida Supreme Court Rulings Will Shape the Future of Florida's Marijuana Market" *Greenspoon Marder News*, July 5, 2021
- Author, "It's Not All Oranges in Florida: Citizens Will Vote in November to Broaden the Sunshine State's Limited Medical Cannabis Law," *Cannabis Law Journal*, September 1, 2016
- Author, "Florida Medical Marijuana Update," *Greenspoon Marder Client Alert*, October 2016

## In the News

- Quoted, "Florida Cannabis Attorneys Prepare for More Work If Voters Approve Recreational Marijuana This Year," *Daily Business Review*, April 2, 2024
- Quoted, "Florida House advances more restrictive dispensary, vape shop proximity rules," *Green Market Report*, January 29, 2024
- Quoted, "Florida Cannabis Attorneys Bullish on Business, Whether or Not Recreational Use Hits Ballot in 2024," *Daily Business Review*, May 12, 2023
- Quoted, "Green Thumb deal to sell medical marijuana at Florida gas stations on hold amid litigation," *MJ Biz Daily*, April 7, 2023
- Quoted, "How Joe Biden's marijuana reform announcement could be a big win for businesses," *South Florida Business Journal*, October 12, 2022
- Quoted, "SAFE Banking Act Refiled on Heels of \$17.5 Billion in U.S. Cannabis Sales in 2020" *Cannabis Business Times*, March 18, 2021
- Quoted, "Who's Next? States Eye Pot Reform After Election Day Sweep," *WeedWeek*, November 5, 2020
- Quoted, "U.S. House Passes SAFE Banking Act as Part of New Coronavirus Relief Bill: UPDATE," *Cannabis Business Times*, May 18, 2020
- Quoted, "Florida Cannabis Legalization Campaign Could Face New Legislative Hurdles to Secure Spot on 2022 Ballot," *Cannabis Dispensary Magazine*, May 14, 2020
- Mentioned, "Law360 Names Attys Who Moved Up The Firm Ranks In Q1," *Law360*, April 28, 2020
- Quoted, "Applications for Hemp Growers Open in Florida," *South Florida Business & Wealth*, April 27, 2020
- Quoted, "Florida Priorities Summit: Elected Leaders Need To Take More Ownership Of Big Issues," *Miami Herald*, November 19, 2019
- Quoted, "Clearing The Smoke of Confusion on Medical Marijuana Business Development in Tampa Bay," *Tampa Bay Business Journal*, October 25, 2019
- Quoted, "How The SAFE Banking Act Could 'Dramatically Change' The Way Cannabis Companies Do Business," *South Florida Business Journal*, September 25, 2019
- Quoted, "The Uphill Climb Into South Florida's Cannabiz," *South Florida Legal Journal*, September 20, 2019
- Quoted, "What Legalizing Recreational Marijuana Would Mean for Florida," *Sun Sentinel*, August 30, 2019
- Quoted, "Florida Appellate Court Rules Medical Cannabis Market Structure Unconstitutional," *Cannabis Dispensary*, July 15, 2019

- Quoted, "Did BSO Deputies Legally Rid CBD Oil Distribution Center in Oakland Park?," *Local 10*, May 15, 2019
- Quoted, "SunTrust Terminates Banking Services for Florida Medical Marijuana Business Association," *Cannabis Business Times*, March 29, 2019
- Quoted, "A New Cash Crop: Florida Readies For Billion-Dollar Hemp Market". *South Florida Sun-Sentinel*, February 22, 2019
- Quoted, "Tips On Buying Hemp Products For Anxiety, Insomnia And Pain". *South Florida Sun- Sentinel*, February 22, 2019
- Quoted, "Latest Court Ruling in Florida Reiterates Unconstitutionality of Medical Marijuana Law," *Cannabis Business Times*, January 10, 2019
- Quoted, "Latest Court Ruling in Florida Reiterates Unconstitutionality of Medical Marijuana Law," *Cannabis Dispensary Magazine*, January 10, 2019
- Featured, "30 Powerful Cannabis Attorneys You Should Know," *mg Magazine*, November 5, 2018
- Quoted, "Florida Governor Appeals Judge's Order To Open Up Medical Cannabis Market," *Marijuana Business Daily*, October 22, 2018
- Quoted, "Florida's Cannabis Market Holds Promise of Bright Future," *Real Money*, August 08, 2018
- Quoted, "Advice For Entrepreneurs, 'Green Rush' Opportunities Heard at SUP-X Startup Expo in Fort Lauderdale," *Sun Sentinel*, July 26, 2018
- Quoted, "Medical Marijuana Clinic Opens South Florida Offices," *South Florida Business Journal*, July 12, 2018
- Quoted, "Fla. Gov. Asked to Drop Smokable Med. Marijuana Appeal," *Law360*, May 31, 2018
- Featured, "Medical Cannabis," *First Coast Connect*, May 29, 2018
- Quoted, "How to Invest in Cannabis," *Equities.com*, May 23, 2018
- Featured, "The Latest On Medical Marijuana in Florida," *South Florida Business Journal*, January 4, 2018
- Quoted, "Tempered Growth in Florida," *Marijuana Business Daily*, August 4, 2017
- Featured, "Cfn Media Interviews Greenspoon Marder," *420Meta*, July 10, 2017
- Quoted, "What Happened at This Year's NJ Business Daily Expo?" *ECannabis.com*, June 7, 2017
- Quoted, "Legislation Could Ease Litigation On Fla. Medical Pot Laws," *Law360*, May 17, 2017
- Quoted, "As Florida Debates Medical Cannabis Rules, Some CBD Firms Already Selling Full-Strength MMJ," *Marijuana Business Daily*, May 8, 2017
- Quoted, "How Israel Plans to Get Into the \$50 Billion Medical Marijuana Market," *Fortune*, March 23, 2017
- Featured, "Israeli Medical Cannabis Firms Aim For New High," *Reuters*, March 23, 2017
- Quoted, "Public Hearing On Medical Marijuana Shows Support For Broader Market," *South Florida Business Journal*, February 8, 2017
- Quoted, "Florida On Path to Implement Medical Cannabis Legalization," *Cannabis Industry Journal*, February 8, 2017
- Quoted, "Senate Bill Aims At A Freer Medical Marijuana Market," *Florida Watchdog*, February 8, 2017
- Quoted, "Work Expands for Florida Law Firms on Medical Marijuana Bandwagon," *Daily Business Review*, February 8, 2017
- Quoted, "On A Roll: John Morgan, Others On Fate of Florida's Medical Marijuana," *Orlando Business Journal*, November 8, 2016
- Quoted, "Fla. Medical Marijuana Measure May Boost Business For Firms," *Law360*, October 25, 2016
- Florida Supreme Court Approves Adult-Use Marijuana Initiative for November 2024 Ballot
- Navigating Florida's Marijuana Landscape: A Closer Look at THC Caps and Policy Implications
- Florida's Marijuana Ballot Initiative is Under Review: How the State's Supreme Court Decision Could Dictate the State's Future of Adult-Use
- Deadline Set in Florida for Applications to Compete for 22 New Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Licenses
- Industry-Led Efforts Begin Campaign to Legalize Adult Use of Marijuana in Florida for 2024
- FDA Sets its Sights on Companies Selling Products Containing Delta-8 THC in the Latest Round of Warning Letters
- Three Florida Supreme Court Rulings Will Shape the Future of Florida's Marijuana Market
- The 2020 Election Takeaway For Marijuana: Ballot Initiatives Work
- Supreme Court of Florida to Review Whether the State's Medical Marijuana Licensing Scheme is Constitutional

- Florida Appellate Court Agrees with Trial Court that Medical Marijuana Licensing Scheme Conflicts with Florida's Constitution
- Florida's Legislature Passed a Commercial Hemp Bill, Paving the Way for a New Industry in the State
- Florida Legislature Repeals Ban on Smoking Medical Marijuana
- Florida's New Governor, Ron DeSantis, Announced His Position to Expand Florida's Medical Marijuana Program
- Florida's Restrictive Medical Marijuana Regulations — The Basics
- Counties and Municipalities are Grappling with How to Regulate Dispensaries under Florida's New Medical Marijuana Law

## News

- Greenspoon Marder Partners Elissa Miller and Matthew Ginder Selected to Forbes 2024 'America's Top 200 Lawyers' List
- Greenspoon Marder Partner Matthew Ginder Selected Among Global Top 200 Cannabis Lawyers for 2023-2024
- Greenspoon Marder Cannabis and Immigration Practice Groups Rank in the Legal 500 U.S. For 2023
- Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Ranked in Chambers USA 2023 Guide
- Greenspoon Marder Ranked in Chambers and Partners USA 2023 Guide
- Deadline Set in Florida for Applications to Compete for 22 New Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Licenses
- Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Ranked In Chambers and Partners USA For 2022
- Greenspoon Marder Practice Groups Ranked In Chambers and Partners USA For 2022
- Three Greenspoon Marder Partners Recognized in The National Law Journal's 2022 Inaugural List of Cannabis Law Trailblazers
- Three Florida Supreme Court Rulings Will Shape the Future of Florida's Marijuana Market
- Greenspoon Marder Practice Groups Ranked In Chambers and Partners USA For 2021
- Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Ranked In Chambers and Partners USA For 2021
- Greenspoon Marder Ranked By Chambers And Partners USA In Nationwide: Cannabis Law For 2020
- Greenspoon Marder Supports The Dade County Bar Association's "A Review Of Florida's Cannabis Laws: Practical Business And Legal Considerations" Panel Discussion
- Greenspoon Marder Partner Matthew Ginder Featured Speaker At The South Florida Banking Institute's "Cannabis" Panel
- Greenspoon Marder Partner Matthew Ginder Featured Speaker At NobleCon
- Greenspoon Marder Supports The Cannabis Lab's "Legislative Updates & Regulations In Cannabis, Hemp & CBD" Panel Event
- Greenspoon Marder Promotes Six Attorneys To Partner In 2020
- Greenspoon Marder Supports The CLAB's 4th Annual Cannabis Law & Business Conference & Expo
- Greenspoon Marder Senior Counsel Matthew Ginder Featured Speaker At The Ralph E. Boyer Institute On Condominium And Cluster Development CLE
- Greenspoon Marder Ranked By Chambers and Partners USA As A Band 1 Law Firm In Nationwide: Cannabis Law For 2019
- Greenspoon Marder Supports the Institutional Capital & Cannabis Conference East (IC3) in New York
- Greenspoon Marder Attorney Matthew Ginder was a Featured Speaker at the Seminar Group "The Business of Marijuana in Florida"
- Greenspoon Marder Attorney Matthew Ginder Featured Speaker at the Cannabis Law, Accounting and Business Program
- Greenspoon Marder Attorney Matthew Ginder Featured Speaker at Florida Medical Group Management Association
- Greenspoon Marder Senior Counsel Matthew Ginder Featured Speaker at the Jewish Federation of Broward County's Mega Networking Event
- Greenspoon Marder and The National Law Journal to Host Cannabis Legalization Webinar
- Greenspoon Marder Supports The Institutional Capital & Cannabis Conference East (IC3)
- Greenspoon Marder Attorney Matthew Ginder Speaker At United Way Of Broward's Tocqueville Tuesday
- Greenspoon Marder Hosts the American Planning Association's (APA) Legislative Luncheon in Broward
- Greenspoon Marder Supports Palm Beach County Bar Association's Cannabis Law Summit
- Greenspoon Marder and The National Law Journal To Host Cannabis Legalization Webcast
- Greenspoon Marder Attorneys to be Featured Speakers at the Democrat Young Professionals Luncheon

- Greenspoon Marder Hosts the United For Care Final 2016 Policy Conference
- Greenspoon Marder Sponsors the Cannabis World Congress & Business Expo in Los Angeles
- Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Join the Editorial Board of The Cannabis Law Journal

## Videos

- Webinar: Cannabis Banking: Post-Election Briefing
- Greenspoon Marder Hosts the Cannabis Private Investment Summit Florida



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