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Irina Dashevsky is a partner and co-chair of the Cannabis Law practice group at Greenspoon Marder. Ms. Dashevsky advises clients on legal, regulatory, and legislative developments in the highly regulated and competitive cannabis industry. She is also a seasoned commercial litigator. Ms. Dashevsky represents a range of cannabis clients, including public multi-state operators, state-licensed dispensaries, cultivators, infusers, distributors, new social equity entrants, ancillary businesses, and those looking to enter the cannabis space. Her practice includes nearly every aspect of the cannabis industry, from state-level licensing, real estate, regulatory and compliance to litigation and M&A. Ms. Dashevsky is a sought-after resource for her knowledge of the rapidly evolving cannabis industry across the U.S., and in particular in Illinois and New York, and her ability to help cannabis and hemp related businesses navigate the complex legal landscape.

Over the past several years, Ms. Dashevsky has been at the forefront of cannabis law and holds an active role in Illinois' cannabis law community as a champion for the industry. She was recognized among *Law360's* "Rising Stars" in Cannabis Law for 2021. Considered a thought leader, Ms. Dashevsky frequently publishes and presents about legal issues facing the cannabis industry. Notably, Ms. Dashevsky also serves as a member of *Law360's* 2021 Cannabis Editorial Advisory Board. She is currently a member of the Illinois Women in Cannabis organization and previously served as Chair for the Steering Committee for the Chicago Bar Association Leadership Institute.

As a seasoned litigator, Irina Dashevsky has extensive experience managing and resolving consumer finance and real estate related disputes for clients throughout all stages of litigation in federal and state court. She has handled a wide range of matters, including insurance coverage defense, consumer finance defense, contract disputes, government contracts and regulation, gaming, real estate and complex mortgage foreclosures. Ms. Dashevsky concentrates on representing financial institutions in individual and class action lawsuits arising under myriad state and federal consumer protection statutes, including the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, the Truth in Lending Act; and the Telephone Consumer Protection Act.

Prior to joining Greenspoon Marder, Ms. Dashevsky was a partner at Locke Lord and served as Co-Chair of Locke Lord's Cannabis Industry Group and as Co-Editor of the firm's Cannabis Law Blog.

Bar Admissions

- Illinois

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois

Education

- J.D., *magna cum laude*, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, 2009

- B.A., Political Science Honors Program, High Honors, DePaul University, 2005

Other Languages

- Russian
- French

Practice Areas

- Cannabis
- Litigation
- Regulatory Compliance & Defense
- Class Action Defense
- Financial Services
- Hospitality, Alcohol & Leisure Industry Group

Professional and Community Involvement

- Chicago Bar Association Leadership Institute, Steering Committee, Chair
- Illinois Women in Cannabis, Member
- Law360 Cannabis Editorial Advisory Board, Member

Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, "Tax Planning for Cannabis M&A Transactions: Existing Regulatory Landscape, Deal Structures, IRC Section 368, and More," Strafford, November 14, 2023
- Speaker, "Get Candid with the Woman Driving the Deals," Cannabis Drinks Expo, August 1, 2023
- Speaker, "Challenges of Starting a Cannabis Business," Cannabis Law, Accounting and Business Conference and Expo, June 3, 2022
- Speaker, "Doing Deals in Cannabis: What You Need to Know," West LegalEdcenter/Celesq, December 29, 2021
- Speaker, "Welcome to the Cannabis Industry," Cresco Labs SEED Virtual Education Program, November 9, 2021
- Speaker, "Tale of Three Cities: Comparing and Contrasting the Latest Regulatory Schemes," GM Panel, October 21, 2021
- Speaker, "Doing Deals in Cannabis: What You Need to Know" Chicago Bar Association, October 7, 2021
- Speaker, "280E: Beyond the Basics and Recent Updates," Grown In Cannabis & Capital Summit, June 16, 2021
- Speaker, "Cannabis in Interstate Commerce: Of Trade Bans, Closed Markets and Baking at Home," International Cannabis Bar Association and Sacramento County Bar Association, Cannabis Law Section, May 4, 2021
- Speaker, "Illinois Cannabis Licensing," Illinois Women in Cannabis (IWC) Second Annual Conference, March 22, 2021
- Speaker, "Cresco Labs SEED Phase 1 Incubator Series," October 29, 2019
- Speaker, "Cannabis Industry Event," DePaul University, November 14, 2019
- Speaker, "A Budding Industry: Cannabis and Commercial Real Estate," Crew Dallas, September 18, 2019
- Speaker, "The Land of Lincoln (and Weed): An Analysis of Illinois's Recreational Marijuana Law," Celesq AttorneysEd Center Webinar, July 23, 2019

Recognitions

- Best Lawyers®, "The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch," Commercial Litigation, 2024-2025
- *Lawdragon*, "500 Leading Litigators in America," 2023-2025
- *Chambers and Partners*, "Cannabis Law: Eastern United States" 2024
- *U.S. News and World Report*, "Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch," Commercial Litigation, 2021-2023
- *Law360*, "MVP Awards," Cannabis Law, 2023

- *Crain's Chicago Business*, "Notable Women in Law," 2022
- *National Law Journal*, "Cannabis Law Trailblazer," 2022
- *Chicago Business Journal*, "Women of Influence" 2021
- *Law360*, "Rising Star," Cannabis, 2021

In the News

- Quoted, "Florida Still Attracts Cannabis Investors," *mg Magazine*, January 8, 2025
- Featured, "Understanding Legality of Non-Alcoholic and Cannabis-Infused Beverage Trends," *Modern Restaurant Management*, July 29, 2024
- Quoted, "Virginia's adult-use cannabis bill could become law, even if the governor fails to act," *Market Watch*, March 6, 2024
- Featured, "MVP: Greenspoon Marder's Irina Dashevsky," *Law360*, October 9, 2023
- Featured, "Uncharted territory - Irina Dashevsky (JD '09) makes a name for herself in the "cannabiz", *Loyola Law Magazine 2023*, July 2023
- Quoted, "For would-be pot retailers, the lottery was the easy part," *Crain's Chicago Business*, July 18, 2023
- Quoted, "Landlords Take Center Stage In NYC's Illicit Cannabis Battle," *Law360*, March 22, 2023
- Quoted, "What's Next for the Cannabis Industry Following the Midterm Elections?" *Cannabis Business Times*, November 18, 2022
- Featured, "13 Ladies Who Litigate," *MG Magazine*, November 8, 2022
- Quoted, "Dip or Dank? Cannabis Market Downturn Lures Outside Investors—including Diddy," *ALM*, November 8, 2022
- Quoted, "Uber Eats and Circle K Are Making Cannabis More Convenient," *MG*, October 21, 2022
- Quoted, "Q&A: Why Businesses Like MLB and Uber Eats Are Flocking to Cannabis Brands," *Daily Report*, October 21, 2022
- Featured, "Q&A: Higher Law: The Rush to Partner With Cannabis & CBD | MedMen's Unexpected Lease Dispute Argument | Frontier Risk Group's New Legal Leader | So You Want to Be a Cannabis Lawyer?," *Higher Law*, October 20, 2022
- Quoted, "Biden pardons thousands convicted on federal marijuana possession charges," *Los Angeles Times*, October 6, 2022
- Featured, "Meet The Law Firm That Blazed A Trail In The Cannabis Industry," *Benzinga*, September 20, 2022
- Featured, "Women of Influence Spotlight," *Chicago Business Journal*, October 22, 2021
- Quoted, "Is a lottery the fairest way to issue pot-shop licenses? Plenty say no," *Crain's Chicago Business*, October 21, 2021
- Quoted, "Greenspoon Marder Argues Veteran Points Facially Unconstitutional in Illinois Cannabis Licensing Process" *Cannabis Business Times*, September 21, 2021
- Featured, "Greenspoon Marder Nabs Ex-Locke Lord Cannabis Law Attys" *Law360*, July 7, 2021
- Quoted, "High Court Keeps Tight Grip On Medical Pot Licenses," *Law360*, June 24, 2021
- Quoted, "Why Some Pot Licenses Could Turn Pumpkins," *Crain's Chicago Business*, February 12, 2021
- Quoted, "Illinois To Allow Application Do-overs; Some Argue It's Not Enough," *WeedWeek*, September 23, 2020
- Quoted, "Lawsuits Stack Up Over Illinois Pot Dispensary Licensing," *Law360*, September 14, 2020
- Quoted, "Why Litigation Threatens Illinois Weed Growth," *Crain's Chicago Business*, September 11, 2020
- Quoted, "Pot Holes: Social-equity clauses could face challenges in court," *Chicago Daily Bulletin*, June 27, 2019

Published

- Author, "Recent Bills Show Congress' Growing Maturity On Cannabis," *Law360*, June 16, 2023
- Illinois Update: Deadline Approaching for Social Equity Criteria Lottery Conditional Licensees
- Cannabis IP: Is There a Major Shift Ahead?
- Schedule I to Schedule III: Cannabis Reclassification on the Horizon!
- Another Wobbly Domino: Virginia Passes Legislation to Launch Adult-Use Market

- Cannabis Rescheduling Deep Dive: Part I – Introduction & Impact on State-Legal Businesses
- New York Passes Long-Awaited Crackdown on Unlicensed Cannabis Retailers
- The Ms Have It! Otherwise, Mixed Results for Cannabis in Midterm Election
- Federal Appellate Court Rejects Maine's Cannabis-Related Residency Requirements
- A New Deal? Massachusetts Enacts Cannabis Reform Law that Limits Community Impact Fees and Clarifies Licensing Guidelines
- Patience is a Virtue: New York Senate Bill Sets Out Harsh Penalties For Anyone That Jumps the Gun on Cannabis Sales...or Transfers, Gifts and Trades
- People With Marijuana Convictions to Get Head Start on Dispensary Ownership in New York
- Blurred Lines: New York Passes Bill To Allow Hemp Farmers to Grow and Process Marijuana
- New York Cannabis Business End Game: Real Estate

News

- Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Receive Multiple Rankings in Chambers USA 2025 Guide
- Greenspoon Marder Secures Legal Victory in Class Action Lawsuit for Cannabis Client
- Illinois Update: Deadline Approaching for Social Equity Criteria Lottery Conditional Licensees
- Greenspoon Marder Congratulates Amethyst Health & Minority Owner Ayr Wellness in Securing Registered Organization License
- Seven Greenspoon Marder Partners Selected as 2025 Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators in America
- Greenspoon Marder's Cannabis Practice Group Named Finalist in the New Jersey Legal Awards 2024
- 21 Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Listed in The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch® 2025 Edition
- Greenspoon Marder Cannabis and Immigration Practice Groups Receive Rankings in The Legal 500 USA for 2024
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- Greenspoon Marder Partner Irina Dashevsky Selected Among Law360's 2024 Cannabis Editorial Board
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- Greenspoon Marder Cannabis and Immigration Practice Groups Rank in the Legal 500 U.S. For 2023
- Greenspoon Marder Cannabis Co-Chair Irina Dashevsky Selected Among Law360's 2023 Cannabis Law Editorial Board
- Greenspoon Marder Announces Five Attorneys Have Been Recognized & Named in Lawdragon Magazine's Inaugural Guide of "500 Leading Litigators in America"
- Greenspoon Marder Supports Benzinga Cannabis Capital Conference 2022
- Greenspoon Marder Partner Irina Dashevsky Selected to Crain's Chicago Business' 2022 Notable Women in Law List
- 18 Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Listed In The Best Lawyers In America: Ones To Watch® 2023
- Irina Dashevsky Named Co-Chair of the Cannabis Law Group at Greenspoon Marder
- Greenspoon Marder Cannabis and Immigration Practice Groups Rank in the Legal 500 U.S. For 2022
- Greenspoon Marder Partner Irina Dashevsky Selected Among Law360's 2022 Cannabis Law Editorial Board
- Three Greenspoon Marder Partners Recognized in The National Law Journal's 2022 Inaugural List of Cannabis Law Trailblazers
- Greenspoon Marder Partner Irina Dashevsky and Associate Fabian Limon Featured Speakers at Chicago Bar Association's "Doing Deals in Cannabis: What You Need to Know" CLE Seminar
- Greenspoon Marder Partner Irina Dashevsky Selected as Chicago Business Journal's Women of Influence honoree for 2021
- Nine Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Listed In The Best Lawyers In America®: Ones To Watch 2022
- Greenspoon Marder Partner Irina Dashevsky Named As A 2021 Law360 "Rising Star" in Cannabis
- Greenspoon Marder Expands Cannabis Law Practice in the Midwest and Names New Cannabis Group Chair

Videos

- Cannabis Quick Hits - "All About Top Crop Cannabis/Dark Matter and Cannabis Litigation"
- Cannabis Quick Hits - "Cannabis... Where are we?"
- Cannabis Quick Hits - Marijuana at Mini-Marts? Cannabis Reclassification and What it Means for the Future of the Industry.
- 2022 Year in Review & 2023 Forecast: Cannabis Law
- What Type of Capital is Right for You? | Benzinga Capital Conference
- Benzinga Cannabis Capital Conference 2022- Interview with Irina Dashevsky
- Immigration Coffee Talk: When Immigration, Criminal and Cannabis Law Collide
- Cannabis Quick Hits: Traveling with Marijuana
- Immigration Coffee Talk: Crisis in Ukraine

