

# John D. Williams

Of Counsel

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John concentrates his legal practice in alcoholic beverage law and cannabis law. He represents clients in various sectors of these highly regulated industries, and he has served the full range of related businesses including breweries/distilleries, cultivators, manufacturers, wholesalers, distributors, delivery services, and retailers. His legal practice includes business formation, licensing, regulatory compliance, and defense of government actions (violations, license suspensions, disciplinary hearings, etc.).

John is a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association Cannabis Law and Psychedelics Committee and Chair of its Hemp Subcommittee. He is also a participating member of several alcoholic beverage and cannabis trade associations, and he lectures frequently on various aspects of alcoholic beverage law and cannabis law. Prior to establishing his current solo practice in Newton, New Jersey, John served as County Counsel for Sussex County, and before that his practice encompassed years of diverse legal experience.

## Memberships

- New Jersey Cannabis Business Development Association - General Counsel
- New Jersey Association of Club Executives - General Counsel
- New Jersey State Bar Association - Member, Cannabis Law Special Committee; Member and Chair, Hemp Subcommittee
- Sussex County Bar Association - Past President

## Articles

- New Jersey's Intoxicating Hemp Industry Evolves Amid Legal Uncertainty - *New Jersey Lawyer*, August 2025

## Speaking Engagements

- “Municipal Cannabis and Hemp,” New Jersey League of Municipalities Lunch and Learn Webinar , 4/22/2026

## Industries

- Cannabis

## Bar Admissions

- New Jersey, 1994

## Court Admissions

- United States Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey
- United States Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- United States Supreme Court

## Education

- *Rutgers University*
  B.A., 1989
  magna cum laude
- *Seton Hall University*
  J.D., 1994

## Clerkships & Internships

- Appellate law clerk for Hon. David Landau, J.A.D.