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Akerman Partner Jonathan Robbins Explains Industry Efforts to Legalize Marijuana in Florida

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Florida voters will have an opportunity on Election Day to legalize recreational marijuana for adults 21 and over, which follows years of work by proponents to craft a proposal that could gain court approval. Amendment 3 was cleared to appear on the ballot after the state Supreme Court in April rejected a challenge brought by the state's attorney general and ruled that the proposal didn't violate a state rule restricting ballot measures to only one subject.

Cannabis Practice Chair Jonathan Robbins spoke with *Law360* about the Florida effort to legalize recreational marijuana.

Law360 wrote: "Robbins represented a coalition of medical marijuana companies and patients in support of the amendment after Florida's Republican Attorney General Ashley Moody brought an unsuccessful challenge, but the amendment was primarily defended in court by a political action committee called Smart & Safe Florida, which sponsored the amendment."

"I think what Smart & Safe did was smart: They tracked the language of the medical marijuana ballot measure from 2016 and tweaked it a little bit to address the issue of adult recreational use, because they knew the attorney general would come in and

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oppose it on single-subject rule grounds,” Robbins said.