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Akerman Lawyers Named to *The National Law Journal's* Trailblazers List

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Cannabis practice chair [Jonathan Robbins](#), partner [Irán Hopkins](#), and special counsel Ari Gerstin, were named to *The National Law Journal's* Cannabis Law Trailblazers list. The inaugural list profiles lawyers who are shaping the fast-growing industry, from helping regulate the market to providing licensing to new companies.

Robbins counsels clients on the evolving, complex legal and business issues impacting companies with interests in the regulated substance industries. He also represents public and private companies and individuals in complex regulatory and litigation in the financial services and regulated substances sectors. He is a go-to resource for broker-dealers and registered persons in securities-related cases filed in both federal and state courts.

Hopkins is a regulatory expert in the evolving California cannabis industry and works with key stakeholders in all aspects of state and local licensing, the establishment of compliant operations across the supply chain and in different jurisdictions, and getting products to market. She is also highly experienced in negotiating and documenting complex domestic and cross-border real estate, corporate, and commercial transactions.

Gerstin provides counsel to clients on the legal and business issues impacting companies with interests

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