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Jonathan Robbins Elaborates on Leasing Challenges Faced by Cannabis Businesses with *Law360*

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Jonathan Robbins, chair of Akerman's Cannabis Practice, spoke to *Law360* about the challenges that cannabis businesses face when negotiating leases to establish their farms to grow cannabis.

Robbins elaborated on the unique logistics required to run a business in the cannabis space, such as dealing with the increased carbon dioxide levels and the presence of propane, which may lead to a fire. "There's always a risk of fire and explosion. As this becomes a ... highly regulated market, you're going to be dealing with [Occupational Safety and Health Administration] standards."

Additionally, he discussed the responsibilities that landlords may face when leasing buildings to marijuana business. "Landlords who are not plant-touching other than leasing the property are now going to have to deal with their banks and insurance carriers to make sure they don't have a problem."

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