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Akerman Partners Irán Hopkins and Joshua Mandell Discuss Business of Cannabis in *Los Angeles Times* Panel

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Real Estate partner [Irán Hopkins](#) and Litigation partner [Joshua Mandell](#) spoke to the *Los Angeles Times* B2B Publishing team as part of a panel on the cannabis sector. As the quickly-growing industry continues to evolve and expand, so too does the legal landscape surrounding the business of cannabis. Hopkins and Mandell address cannabis company qualities investors should look for, the latest regulatory risks and challenges, tax considerations, risk management, and real estate, among other issues.

“Federal politicians talk about cannabis on a daily basis, and more than ever before, federal legalization or decriminalization looks increasingly likely within the next few years,” Hopkins and Mandell said. “Real change at the federal level will undoubtedly unleash tremendous interest to get into the industry that will generate new competition and opportunities.”

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