

Key Publications
(as of November 17, 2025)

- December 4, 2024 [“Rescheduling Marijuana Does Not End Insurance Challenges for Cannabis Industry”](#)
Cannabis Business Executive
- July 18, 2023 [“From trailers to marijuana – or, how the dormant Commerce Clause became sexy”](#)
Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle
- June 7, 2023 [“Proceed with Caution: Ninth Circuit Says LPR’s Participation in State-Legal Cannabis Industry ‘Categorically Precludes’ Naturalization”](#)
Leech Tishman Client Alert
- June 2023 [“Pork, Cannabis, State Law & the Dormant Commerce Clause”](#)
Cannabis Law Journal
- May 23, 2023 [“National Pork Producers Does Not Sound Death Knell for Dormant Commerce Clause”](#)
Leech Tishman Client Alert
- April 28, 2023 [“Passage of Re-Introduced CLAIM Act Would Benefit Policyholders in Cannabis Industry”](#)
Leech Tishman Client Alert
- December 1, 2022 [“California Supreme Court Finds Potential CGL Coverage for TCPA Claims, Underscoring Importance of Careful Policy Review”](#)
Leech Tishman Client Alert
- November 16, 2022 [“Citing Dormant Commerce Clause, Federal Court Enjoins Issuance of Certain New York Cannabis Licenses”](#)
Leech Tishman Client Alert (Co-Author: Philip T. Simpson)
- October 11, 2022 [“How Cannabis Businesses Can Leverage Insurance in the Wake of Natural Disasters”](#)
Cannabis Business Times
- September 30, 2022 [“Take Key Steps in Immediate Aftermath of Hurricane to Maximize Insurance Coverage”](#)
Leech Tishman Client Alert
- September 19, 2022 [“Contractual Risk-Transfer Provisions, Insurance Offer Potential Relief to Cannabis-Related Businesses Affected by Recent California Heat Wave”](#)
Leech Tishman Client Alert
- August 12, 2022 [“Pa. Cannabis Banking Law Won’t Allay Finance Industry Fears”](#)
Law360
- July 14, 2022 [“Pennsylvania Governor Signs Cannabis Banking and Insurance Protections into Law”](#)
Leech Tishman Client Alert

- July 6, 2022 [“Provision of Banking and Insurance Services to Cannabis Industry Soon to be ‘Safe’ in Pennsylvania”](#)
Leech Tishman Client Alert
- May 16, 2022 [“States with legalized cannabis will face legal headwinds across NIL landscape”](#)
Sports Business Journal (SBJ Unpacks newsletter)
- April 22, 2022 [“CBP Press Release Underscores Continued Danger of Crossing Borders with Cannabis”](#)
Leech Tishman Client Alert
- March 2022 [“The Cannabis Industry & the SAFE Banking Act: Looking to the Future, Planning for the Present”](#)
Leech Tishman & Symphony Risk Solutions primer (Co-Author: Richard Golz)
- February 2, 2022 [“First Circuit’s Recent Decision Allowing Federal Prosecutions Despite ‘Rohrabacher-Blumenauer’ Far From Red Flag For Legitimate Cannabis Businesses”](#)
Leech Tishman Client Alert
- December 20, 2021 [“Dreaming of a Covered Christmas”](#)
Leech Tishman Client Alert
- December 8, 2021 [“Developing An Insurance Coverage Roadmap”](#)
CannaMatch (Blog)
- October 22, 2021 [“U.S. Postal Service Drops Long-Awaited Hammer on ‘Mailability’ of Vaping Products, Leaving No Doubt New Rule Applies to Cannabis Industry Too”](#)
Leech Tishman Client Alert (Co-Author: Jeffrey T. Criswell)
- October 8, 2021 [“So, You Don’t Think You Need Insurance Yet? Think Again.”](#)
Leech Tishman Infographic
- August 31, 2021 [“Commercial Property Insurance Can Offer Help, Hope in Wake of Hurricane Ida, Other Recent Storms”](#)
Leech Tishman Client Alert (Co-Author: Jeffrey T. Criswell)
- July 2021 [“Women in Cannabis”](#)
Cannabis Law Talk (Podcast)
- July 7, 2021 [“Cannabis Brands Should Proactively Address Insurance, Risk Management”](#)
Leech Tishman Client Alert
- June 29, 2021 [“Cannabis-Related Recalls Require Advance Preparation to Facilitate Rapid Response”](#)
Leech Tishman Client Alert
- June 7, 2021 [“Recent Spate of Cyberattacks Underscores Urgent Need for Cyber Insurance”](#)
Leech Tishman Client Alert

- May 19, 2021 ["10 tips to help your marijuana business survive an IRS audit"](#)
Marijuana Business Daily (Co-Author: Alexander J. Gase)
- May 2021 ["An Interview with Pennsylvania Lieutenant Governor John Fetterman"](#)
Cannabis Law Talk (Podcast)
- April 29, 2021 ["Uncovered IRS Documents Highlight Significant Audit Risk Facing Cannabis Industry"](#)
Leech Tishman Client Alert (Co-Author: Alexander J. Gase)
- April 27, 2021 ["USPS Delays Regulations, But Severe Restrictions on Mailing Vaping Products Loom"](#)
Leech Tishman Client Alert (Co-Author: Jeffrey T. Criswell)
- March 31, 2021 ["Policyholders Have 'A Friend In Pennsylvania': Bucking General Trend, State Court Judge Finds Coverage for COVID-19-Related Loss"](#)
Leech Tishman Client Alert
- March 17, 2021 ["As a Result of 2018 Farm Bill, Prior Hemp-Related Conviction No Longer Predicate Offense Under Federal Sentencing Guidelines, Ninth Circuit Rules"](#)
Leech Tishman Client Alert (Co-Author: James K. Paulick)
- March 12, 2021 ["Opinion: Garland's Appointment a Beacon in Cannabis Insurance Space"](#)
Insurance Journal
- March 11, 2021 ["Friend or Foe? What Merrick Garland's Recent Confirmation May Mean for the Cannabis Industry"](#)
Leech Tishman Client Alert
- March 10, 2021 ["Merrick Garland's Confirmation as Attorney General Offers Hope to Cannabis Industry"](#)
Cannabis Business Times
- February 26, 2021 ["Winter Storms Call for Careful Review of Insurance Coverage"](#)
Leech Tishman Client Alert (Co- Author: Jeffrey T. Criswell)
- February 23, 2021 ["Pennsylvania Announces Grant To Support Hemp Promotion, Education, Exports; Deadline to Apply is March 5, 2021"](#)
Leech Tishman Client Alert (Co- Author: Daniel P. Yeomans)
- 2020 "Hospitality, Restaurant and Bar Industry COVID-19 Resource Center"
leechtishman.com (Editor)
- September 23, 2020 ["Federal Court Refuses to Stay Judgment Finding Certain Pennsylvania COVID-19 Orders Unconstitutional"](#)
Leech Tishman Client Alert (Co-Authors: Steven D. Irwin, Daniel P. Yeomans)

- September 9, 2020 [“‘Open & Certified:’ Pennsylvania Gov. Wolf Sets Table for Increased COVID-19 Restaurant Occupancy Limits”](#)
Leech Tishman Client Alert (Co-Authors: Steven D. Irwin, Daniel P. Yeomans)
- August 21, 2020 [“When Cyber Attacks Result in Physical Damage: Important Insurance Considerations”](#)
The Legal Intelligencer
- July 17, 2020 [“Just-Issued Pennsylvania and Allegheny County Orders Affect Restaurants and Bars Yet Again”](#)
Leech Tishman Client Alert (Co-Authors: Steven D. Irwin, Daniel P. Yeomans)
- July 3, 2020 [“As Clock Strikes Midnight, Restaurants and Bars Closed by Pandemic Should Review Insurance Policies”](#)
Leech Tishman Client Alert
- June 23, 2020 [“Broader Implications of Pennsylvania Supreme Court’s Ruling in Gass: Federal Illegality of Marijuana Likely Not Dispositive”](#)
Leech Tishman Client Alert
- May 18, 2020 [“Do Not Just Assume No Coverage for COVID-19 Losses and Claims; Review Your Policies Carefully”](#)
Leech Tishman Client Alert
- April 3, 2020 [“Pollution exclusion should not preclude coverage for virus-related claims”](#)
The Policyholder Perspective
- February 14, 2020 “Insurance coverage consideration for the cannabis industry in the wake of novel coronavirus outbreak”
Reed Smith Client Alert (Co-Author: Mark A. West)
- February 7, 2020 [“Are you covered? Cannabis industry must prepare for cyberattacks in 2020”](#)
The Policyholder Perspective
- February 6, 2020 “Novel coronavirus: commercial insurance considerations”
Reed Smith Client Alert (Co- Authors: Richard P. Lewis, Mark A. West)
- December 27, 2019 “Tenth Circuit decision clears the way for further judicial consideration of application of recently re-enacted Rohrabacher-Farr Amendment”
Reed Smith Client Alert (Co-Author: Zachary S. Roman)
- November 15, 2019 “As consumer litigation mounts, CBD companies must be prepared”
Reed Smith Client Alert (Co-Authors: Cori Annapolen Goldberg, Kathyleen A. O’Brien, Adam D. Brownrout)

- November 14, 2019 “Warning: Broad definition of ‘cannabis’ calls into question ‘hemp exception’ to new ISO cannabis exclusions”
Reed Smith Client Alert (Co-Author: George L. Stewart, II)
- Fall 2019 “[Bipartisan CLAIM Act Offers ‘Safe Harbor’ for Insurers Covering Cannabis Industry](#)”
Insurance Coverage Law Report (Co-Author: Zachary S. Roman)
- November 4, 2019 “[Raccoons as legal roadkill: The Western District of Pennsylvania denies coverage for damage caused by masked bandits](#)”
The Policyholder Perspective (Co-Author: Kateri T. Persinger)
- October 2, 2019 “Tenth Circuit rules that federal Controlled Substances Act does not preclude application of federal overtime requirements to cannabis industry”
Reed Smith Client Alert (Co-Authors: Melissa M. Ferrara, Adam D. Brownrout)
- September 26, 2019 “[In historic vote, U.S. House passes SAFE Banking Act; but, what will U.S. Senate do?](#)”
The Policyholder Perspective (Co-Author: Zachary S. Roman)
- September 20, 2019 “[Key Questions for Vaping Businesses](#)”
Insurance Thought Leadership
- September 13, 2019 “Just when you thought it was safe, federal district court finds cannabis-related contract unenforceable”
Reed Smith Client Alert
- August 30, 2019 “Bipartisan CLAIM Act offers ‘safe harbor’ for insurers covering cannabis industry”
Reed Smith Client Alert (Co-Author: Zachary S. Roman)
- July 23, 2019 “[Review state cannabis regulations for insurance requirements](#)”
The Policyholder Perspective
- June 27, 2019 “Congress votes to protect state cannabis programs”
Reed Smith Client Alert (Co-Author: Adam D. Brownrout)
- May 28, 2019 “On your ‘mark, get so, go: Federal government offers trademark protection for hemp-derived CBD goods”
Reed Smith Client Alert (Co-Authors: Adam D. Brownrout, Darren B. Cohen, Cori Annapolen Goldberg)
- May 3, 2019 “Beware: Per USCIS ‘guidance,’ participation in cannabis industry may bar naturalization”
Reed Smith Client Alert (Co-Author: Zachary S. Roman)

- April 16, 2019 “After amendment, SAFE Banking Act of 2019 would offer safe harbor for insurers too”
Reed Smith Client Alert (Co-Author: Zachary S. Roman)
- March 26, 2019 “[Barr Strikes Right Balance on Federal Cannabis Policy](#)”
Law360 (Co-Author: Zachary Roman)
- February 14, 2019 “Barr confirmed: Will new Attorney General’s actions on cannabis speak as loud as his words?”
Reed Smith Client Alert (Co-Author: Zachary S. Roman)
- February 4, 2019 “More than a fig leaf: MAPLE Act of 2018 offers protection for non-U.S. citizens involved in cannabis industry”
Reed Smith Client Alert (Co-Author: Zachary S. Roman)
- December 27, 2018 “[Federal court’s E-Cig decision provides cautionary tale](#)”
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- December 14, 2018 “[Federal crop insurance grows: Hemp to be covered](#)”
The Policyholder Perspective (Co-Author: Adam D. Brownrout)
- October 25, 2018 “Cross at your own risk? Few certainties at U.S.-Canada border after ‘Neighbor to the North’ legalizes recreational marijuana”
Reed Smith Client Alert (Co-Authors: Jason E. Hazlewood, Zachary S. Roman)
- August 30, 2018 “‘Pollutant’ Definition by Georgia Federal Judge Smells Bad, Lawyers Argue”
Daily Report (Co-Author: Caroline M. Upton)
- August 30, 2018 “In K.V.G., Sixth Circuit suggests insurance policy’s ‘Dishonest or Criminal Acts Exclusion’ may not bar coverage for cannabis-related businesses acting in compliance with state law”
Reed Smith Client Alert
- June 12, 2018 “Hawaii volcanic activity raises a host of insurance coverage considerations for businesses”
FC&S Legal: The Insurance Coverage Law Information Center (Co- Authors: David E. Weiss, Douglas R. Widin, Max J. Louik)
- May 23, 2018 “[CannaBeware: Make sure insurance actually covers the risks your business faces](#)”
The Policyholder Perspective
- March 16, 2018 “[Final Mass. ‘adult-use’ marijuana regulations require ‘Marijuana Establishments’ to have liability insurance](#)”
The Policyholder Perspective (Co-Author: Kristy L. Keiser)

- March 13, 2018 ["Ten important steps a cannabusiness should consider when purchasing insurance"](#)
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- March 5, 2018 ["Should the Cannabis Industry Fear the Sixth Circuit and K.V.G.?"](#)
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- February 13, 2018 ["Recent New York decision offers hope for long-overdue end to Resolute's free pass"](#)
The Policyholder Perspective (Co-Authors: Ann V. Kramer, Paul Breen, George L. Stewart, III)
- January 22, 2018 ["The Impact of the Sessions Memo on Contracts with Cannabis Businesses"](#)
Cannabis Business Executive (Co-Author: Gregory D. Vose)
- January 5, 2018 "Justice Department Kills the Weed Buzz, Leaves Treasury Guidance in a Haze"
Reed Smith Client Alert (Co-Authors: Travis P. Nelson, Spencer A. Anderson)
- November 2017 ["Covered? Insurance can get tricky for cannabis-related businesses. Ensure your policy is adequate for your dispensary with these expert tips"](#)
Cannabis Dispensary (Co-Author: Zachary S. Roman)
- November 30, 2017 ["'Myopic' ruling limits policyholders' ability to recover for common law bad faith in West Virginia"](#)
The Policyholder Perspective (Co-Author: Jorge M. Rojas)
- November 13, 2017 ["Marijuana and the 'Illegal/Dishonest Acts Exclusion': Making Sense of K.V.G. Properties, Inc. v. Westfield Insurance Company"](#)
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- October 17, 2017 ["In Wake of Disasters, Do Not Just Assume No Coverage Available for Cannabis-Related Losses"](#)
The Policyholder Perspective (Co-Author: Cristina M. Shea)
- October 9, 2017 ["'Smoking Gun' Still Not Necessary To Prove Insurer Violated Pennsylvania's Bad-Faith Statute"](#)
The Policyholder Perspective (Co-Authors: George L. Stewart, III, M. Patrick Yingling)
- September 29, 2017 "Pennsylvania Supreme Court Agrees That, to Prevail on Claim for Statutory Bad Faith, Policyholder Need Not Prove Insurer Acted with Self- Interest or Ill Will"
Reed Smith Client Alert (Co-Authors: George L. Stewart, III, M. Patrick Yingling)
- August 29, 2017 ["How Does Marijuana's Legalization in Pa. Impact Insurance Coverage?"](#)
The Legal Intelligencer
- July 21, 2017 ["When Assessing Insurance Needs, Medical- Marijuana Dispensaries Must Consider Pennsylvania Regulations"](#)

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- July 6, 2017 “For Medical-Marijuana Dispensaries, Obtaining Insurance Requires Careful Consideration”
Reed Smith Client Alert (Co-Author: Zachary S. Roman)
- February 21, 2017 “[Keeping the Bad Faith](#)”
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- February 13, 2017 “[Eighth Circuit pollution-exclusion opinion a cautionary tale for natural gas industry](#)”
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- January 25, 2017 “Policyholders Beware: AIG-NICO Deal Requires Caution”
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- March 7, 2016 “[3rd Circ. Says Insurers Can’t Evade Defense Obligations](#)”
Law360 (Co-Authors: Andrew J. Muha, Douglas R. Widin)
- February 22, 2016 “Finding coverage for ‘additional insured,’ Third Circuit cautions that ‘insurer cannot bury its head in the sand’”
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- January 7, 2016 “[Lessons For 2016 From Pa. High Court Insurance Decisions](#)”
Law360 (Co-Authors: Andrew J. Muha, Brian T. Himmel, Traci S. Rea)
- November 30, 2015 “NY Court Draws Right Conclusion In Employer Insurance Case”
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- October 28, 2015 “Third Circuit Announces Coverage-Defeating First Publication Rule”
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- October 22, 2015 “Third Circuit Holds That Terms of Insurance Policy Renewal ‘Must be the Same or Nearly the Same as the Initial Contract’”
Reed Smith Client Alert (Co-Authors: Courtney C. T. Horrigan, Douglas R. Widin, Kateri T. Persinger)
- October 13, 2015 “A Review of Notable Supreme Court Insurance Decisions”
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- October 13, 2015 ["If not 'determinative,' then at least compelling: Other, specific exclusionary language available on market undermines application of pollution exclusion"](#)
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- September 30, 2015 ["Disease Outbreaks May Bode Ill For Your CGL Coverage"](#)
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- September 1, 2015 ["Risk and insurance lessons learned from the Ebola outbreak of 2014"](#)
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- August 27, 2015 ["Host of insurance-coverage questions tied to Legionnaires' disease"](#)
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- June 2, 2015 ["Pennsylvania Supreme Court's decision in Politsopoulos represents victory for policyholders across Pennsylvania"](#)
The Policyholder Perspective (Co-Author: George L. Stewart, III)
- May 28, 2015 "'The' insured versus 'any' insured: The Pennsylvania Supreme Court limits the application of the employer's liability exclusion"
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- May 4, 2015 ["Read Insurance Policy as Drafted, Not as Insurance Company 'Wishes It Had Drafted It'"](#)
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- January 7, 2015 ["Wisconsin Supreme Court's misapplication of the pollution exclusion and disregard for policyholders' business and purpose in purchasing insurance"](#)
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- December 18, 2014 "Congress' Failure to Extend Terrorism Risk Insurance Act Requires Policyholders to Act Diligently Before January 1"
Reed Smith Client Alert (Co-Authors: Amber S. Finch, Ann V. Kramer, Douglas R. Widin, Gary Thompson, Kit Chaskin)
- December 17, 2014 "Pa. Supreme Court Agrees that Policyholders May Assign Their Bad Faith Claims"
Reed Smith Client Alert (Co-Authors: Brian T. Himmel, George L. Stewart, III, John N. Ellison, Lisa A. Szymanski, Luke E. Debevec)
- December 11, 2014 ["Policyholders Should Note 3rd Party Liability Pass In NY"](#)
Law360 (Co-Authors: Andrew J. Muha, Ann V. Kramer)
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- November 12, 2014 “[A free pass for NICO and Resolute?](#)”
The Policyholder Perspective (Co-Author: Ann V. Kramer)
- November 12, 2014 “Untouchable? – New York Court Rules that Policyholders Have No Claims against Reinsurer (NICO) or Third-Party Claims Administrator (Resolute)”
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- November 11, 2014 “[General Liability Insurance and Disease-Related Claims](#)”
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- October 23, 2014 “[Perception versus Reality: ACE Adds an Ebola Exclusion Just in Case](#)”
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- October 23, 2014 “As Fear of Ebola Widens, Corporate Policyholders Seek To Prevent Loss While Insurers Seek To Exclude Loss”
Reed Smith Client Alert (Co-Authors: Courtney C. T. Horrigan, David E. Weiss, John N. Ellison, Kevin B. Dreher)
- October 21, 2014 “[All Businesses Should Review Insurance Coverage in Face of Ebola Crisis](#)”
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- October 16, 2014 “Financial Cost of Ebola Crisis Sparks Insurance Coverage Questions”
Reed Smith Client Alert (Co-Authors: Courtney C. T. Horrigan, David E. Weiss, John N. Ellison, Kevin B. Dreher)
- August 26, 2014 “Interpretation of Employer’s Liability Exclusions”
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- 2014 The Reference Handbook on the Commercial General Liability Policy
American Bar Association (Assisting Editor First Edition)