



# Benjamin Pirie

 Special Counsel

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**“I take a holistic, outcome-based approach to client service. By getting to know my clients’ businesses from the top down and understanding what they’ve set out to achieve, I’m able to carefully tailor business solutions that meet their needs. And because their time and money are precious, my ultimate objective is to provide value when assisting clients in reaching their goals.”**

Ben Pirie counsels cannabis businesses on a wide range of corporate and regulatory needs. He is passionate about building long-lasting relationships with clients as they reach toward their goals in one of the most dynamic industries in the world. Ben advises on mergers and acquisitions, negotiating complex contracts and corporate governance, as well as regulatory compliance in the emerging cannabis and hemp industries.

Since the passage of Oregon’s Measure 91, Ben has helped cannabis clients from labs to retailers to obtain and keep every type of recreational marijuana license from the Oregon Liquor Control Commission. He is experienced in structuring complex transactions that provide cannabis brands with access to interstate markets without violating state laws or federal enforcement priorities. Ben is active in engaging with federal, state, and local regulators in order to ensure common sense, business-friendly regulation of the marijuana industry.

Ben’s practice has scaled with the cannabis industry. As a solo practitioner in 2015, he organized the LLCs that received some of the first OLCC retail licenses. Today, he counsels multinational companies navigating mergers and acquisitions worth tens of millions of dollars. Ben’s understanding of a broad array of issues facing cannabis companies allows him to act as liaison between industry stakeholders and the full array of services offered by Miller Nash.

Ben has been recognized nationally for his work in the cannabis industry by *Chambers USA*, with clients stating he’s “a well-organized, levelheaded attorney with great follow-up manners.”

## Education

J.D., Lewis & Clark Law School, 2012

- Business Law Certificate
- Moot Court Honor Board
- Teaching Assistant, Legal Analysis and Writing

B.A., Duke University, art history and chemistry, 2004

## Bar Admissions

Oregon, 2012

## Professional Activities

- Multnomah Bar Association, member
- Oregon State Bar, member
  - Business Law Section, Executive Committee, member
  - Cannabis Law Section, Executive Committee, member

## Recognition & Honors

- Recognized as a “Leader in Their Field” by *Chambers USA* for Cannabis Law, 2019-present
- Selected for inclusion in Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch
  - Corporate Law, 2022
  - Corporate Governance and Compliance Law, 2021