

Noon Time Legal Seminar, Tuesday, January 21, 2020

12:00-1:00 p.m. \$30 Attorneys (MCLE credit); \$15 Public

Nevada County Superior Court, Law Library, 201 Church Street, Nevada City

Just Say Know: An Update on Local, State, and Federal Cannabis Laws

Presented by Heather Burke, Attorney

Open to attorneys and the public. Attorneys will receive one hour of MCLE credit. To enroll, please call 530-265-7161 or email Law.Library@nccourt.net. Arrive by 11:45 a.m. to complete registration and payment.

Most cannabis consumers have not heard of cannabis appellations yet, but they *will*, as California is working under a tight two-year mandate to establish special geographic regions for the cultivation of cannabis similar to the wine regions of the Napa Valley or Bordeaux, France. Heather will be presenting on the infancy of this regulatory program and how Nevada County cannabis farmers, wine growers, agriculturalists, and connoisseurs can take part in defining the cultivation regions in the Sierra Nevada Foothills. Heather will also cover business strategies in the cannabis business, such as choosing the right type of entity, the importance of entity governance, and creating successful written agreements. If you are interested in cannabis in Nevada County, this presentation is for you.

About Heather Burke

Heather is a Partner of *Origin Group Law LLP* in Nevada City, where her practice focuses on legal issues affecting northern California cultivators. She co-founded *The OG Law and Collaboration Center* in Nevada City, California, a community collaboration center designed to support cannabis farmers throughout northern California.

Graduating from Humboldt State University in 2005, Heather has consistently set new legal precedent in California cannabis law. She was instrumental in the seminal California cannabis case, *People v. Jovan Jackson*, which established the rule that large-scale collectives and cooperatives may operate lawfully in California. She also co-drafted a proposed initiative for California cannabis legalization in 2016, entitled *The California Craft Cannabis Initiative*, and drafted the legal pleadings that resulted in a five-day evidentiary hearing regarding cannabis' Schedule I status in *U.S. v. Pickard* in the United States District Court, Eastern District of California.

In November of 2018, Heather was featured in MG Retailer's article, "30 Powerful Cannabis Attorneys You Should Know." In 2015, she was awarded NORML's John Mark Flowers Scholar and was named one of Skunk Magazine's Women of Weed. In 2017, the Nevada County Cannabis Cup named Heather "Attorney of the Year." In addition to her vibrant law practice in the Sierra Nevada, Heather is a regular speaker and panelist at cannabis conferences throughout California. She pens a popular blog about legal issues affecting cannabis growers.