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### EDUCATION

- Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, (J.D., 1999)
- Smith College, (B.A., 1994)

### PRACTICE AREAS

- Cannabis Law
- White Collar Crime and Investigations
- Health Law

Elizabeth Kase is an attorney Ruskin Moscou Faltischek where she is the co-chair of the firm's Cannabis Law practice group and a member of the White Collar Crime and Investigations practice group and the Health Law department. Her practice focuses on providing counsel to businesses and individuals regarding New York's newly-adopted Marijuana Regulation and Taxation ACT (MRTA). Previously, she served as an Assistant District Attorney in New York County where she prosecuted hundreds of cases pertaining to narcotics, street crime, domestic violence, white collar crime and sex crimes.

Since the inception of New York's Compassionate Care Act in 2014, Elizabeth has represented clients in the emerging NY cannabis marketplace. She provides counsel to entrepreneurs, corporations, hospitals, physician groups, patients, and nursing homes about the legalities and conflicts of laws pertaining to medical and adult-use cannabis, compliance, business organization, and regulations in New York and Massachusetts and federal law. She lectures extensively about the status of the laws, legal ethics, and compliance in the cannabis space. She has published numerous articles pertaining to criminal law, cannabis law, and cannabis/derivative products. Elizabeth is widely recognized for her distinguished experience and was named a "Trailblazer in Cannabis Law" in the National Law Journal.

Elizabeth is also well known for her tireless advocacy and commitment to her clients, defending large-scale federal and state criminal matters including public corruption cases, conspiracies, mortgage fraud, health fraud, immigration fraud, embezzlement schemes, sex crimes, and narcotics cases, as well as complex DWIs.

Recognized for her professional accomplishments and contributions to Long Island, Elizabeth was awarded at Long Island Business News' (LIBN) "Top 50 Influential Women on Long Island." Elizabeth has been designated a New York Super Lawyer since 2016 and recognized by The Nassau County Bar Association for her zealous advocacy as *pro bono* staff attorney at The Safe Center of Long Island. She proudly serves as Village Justice of Baxter

Estates in Port Washington, New York since 2011. Elizabeth is a graduate of Smith College and Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law where she also teaches trial advocacy.

Elizabeth is admitted to practice New York, Massachusetts, Supreme Court of the United States, and both the Southern District and Eastern District of New York.

### Awards

- 2021, Long Island Business News Corporate Citizenship Award - Leadership Excellence
- 2019, named to The National Law Journal Trailblazers in Cannabis Law List
- 2016-2021, New York Metro Super Lawyers
- 2016, Long Island Power Women In Business, Star Network
- 2014-2021, Access to Justice Pro Bono Honoree
- 2016, Outstanding Women in Law, Hofstra Law School
- 2015, Top Legal Eagles, Long Island Pulse Magazine
- 2014, Pro Bono Attorney of the Month, Nassau County Bar Association
- 2013, Top 50 Influential Women on Long Island, LIBN
- 2007, Top 40 Under 40, LIBN

### Speaking Engagements

- "Cannabis in the Catskills: NY Cannabis Farm to Table, What the Controlled Market Place Will Look Like" (October 2021)
- "ABC's of CBD: Cannabis Law Primer" Nassau County Bar Association (October 2020)
- "Cannabis and the Law: The Highs and the Lows - Exploration of the Laws and Regulations Governing Recreational and Medical Marijuana, CBD and More" Nassau County Bar Association CLE Program (January 2019)
- "Practical Implications of Decriminalized Marijuana for the Legal Practitioner" New York State Bar Association CLE Seminar (October 2018)
- "Marijuana Law Forecast: Hazy, Hot and Confusing" Nassau County Bar Association CLE Program (June 2018)
- "How To Foster Responsible Cyber Citizenship In Our Youth" presented at the Portledge School (May 2018)
- "The Interests of Child and Parent in Tape Recording Conversations: The New Issues Caused by People v. Badalamenti", Panelist, Nassau County Bar Association Dean's Hour CLE Program (April 2017)
- "Is Medical Marijuana a Prescription for Driving While Impaired?" presented at the 5th annual Man vs. Machine, DWI College, St. Francis College (March 2017)
- Medical Marijuana In New York, New York State Bar Association (October 2016)
- Medical Cannabis Legal Primer: Guidance and Assurance for the Healthcare Professional, CWCBExpo (June 2016)
- Medical Marijuana and Medical Practitioners, NCBA (February 2016)
- Medical Marijuana and New York State Law, Beth Israel Hospital (December 2015)
- Social Media Safety, St. Mary's Elementary School PTO (November 2014)

## Publications and Media

- Author *Nassau Law* article titled "Cannabis and COVID-19: A Hazy 2020 Vision" (November 2020)
- Co-Authored *NY Daily News* Op-Ed article titled "Child sex abuse victims face a lifetime of challenges; so do those falsely labeled as predators" (March 2019)
- Quoted in *City & State New York* article titled "Recreational Marijuana FAQ" (February 2019)
- Quoted in *New York Law Journal* article titled "Marijuana Legalization in NY Could Come Later Than Hoped, Lawmakers Say" (February 2019)
- Quoted in *Newsday* article titled "What does legalized recreational pot mean for workplace rules?" (January 2019)
- Co-Authored *Nassau Lawyer* article titled "Does the Warrantless Utilization of DNA Against a Non-Consenting Third Party Violate the Fourth Amendment?" (November 2018)
- Quoted in *Long Island Business News* article, "Former Real Estate Firm's CFO Charged With \$3.5M Embezzlement" (September 2018)
- Co-Authored Op-Ed piece titled "2018: The Year New York Implements Meaningful Criminal Justice Reform?" in *New York Law Journal* (January 2018)
- Co-Authored article titled "Reform on the Way for New York's Medical Marijuana Program?" in *New York Law Journal* (October 2016)
- Quoted in a feature on *volteface.me* titled, "How Cannabis Legalization Can Help Remedy Social Injustices" (August 2016)
- Co-Authored chapter titled, "The New Compassionate Care Act: High Ambitions, Joint Risks, and Blunt Facts" in Thomson Reuters *Westlaw Special Report: "A Non-smoking State: New York's Medical Marijuana Law Explained"* (June 2016)
- Quoted in *LOHUD* article, "Marijuana Growers' Criminal Pasts Missing From Records" (May 2016)
- Co-Authored *The Risk Management Quarterly Journal* article, "How High is the Risk to Your Organization? Risk Management and Medical Marijuana" (April 2016)
- Quoted in *LA Times* article, "LAPD reviewing 2012 inquiry into Stephen Collins sex abuse claims" (October 2014)
- Quoted in *USA Today* article, "Questions about Stephen Collins case still unanswered" (October 2014)
- Quoted in *USA Today* article, "How does the Bill Cosby lawsuit change things?" (December 2014)

