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Overview

Natalie C. Diaz, an associate in the Cannabis, Hemp, and Psychedelics (“CHAP”) Practice Group at Mandelbaum Barret PC, advises individuals and businesses on licensing, regulatory compliance, commercial real estate, and corporate transactions, and guides clients within highly regulated industries with clarity, confidence, and strategic insight.

With a strong understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks governing the CHAP industries, Natalie advises clients through complex matters while ensuring they have a clear understanding of their rights and obligations. Natalie earned her Juris Doctor from Widener University Delaware Law School, supported by scholarships from diverse bar associations. Before embarking on her legal studies, she was a legal assistant for approximately three years where she accumulated valuable experience in employment law, personal injury cases, and administrative law. She also played a role in advocating for policy reforms benefiting college athletes.

Throughout her time in law school, Natalie undertook internships at the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey and the New Jersey Division of Law, where she worked alongside the Deputy Attorneys General. Her noteworthy contributions include providing legal aid to victims of domestic violence and individuals navigating special needs education law during the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Beyond her professional endeavors, Natalie is deeply committed to advocating for social justice and equality, particularly within the cannabis community. In her personal life, she devotes her time to volunteering, staying active through fitness, exploring nature through hiking, traveling to experience diverse cultures, and supporting environmental initiatives.

Publications

[“New York’s Cannabis Consumption Lounges: A New Category of Experience-Driven Hospitality,”](#) *Modern Restaurant Management* (January 14, 2026)

[“Can New Jersey Lead the East Coast in Psychedelic-Assisted Therapy?”](#) NJ.com (December 23, 2025)

[“Parsing 3rd Circ. Ruling On Cannabis, Employee Private Suits,”](#) *Law360* (February 3, 2025)

[“Navigating Local Hurdles: Challenges Facing Cannabis Applicants in New Jersey,”](#) *New Jersey Law Journal* (July 16, 2024)

Areas of Practice

[Cannabis, Hemp & Psychedelics](#)

Admission

New Jersey New York

Education

Widener Delaware Law School, Wilmington, DE, Juris Doctor

Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, Bachelor of Arts, Major in Criminal Justice

Speaking Engagements

NJSBA Annual Meeting – May 2026 – Panel discussion, “New Jersey Cannabis and Psychedelics at an Inflection Point: Enforcement, Litigation and Market Stress”

[Cannaspirations Podcast \(Cannaspire\)](#) February 2026 – Panel discussion on cannabis rescheduling, intoxicating hemp regulation, and expert witness testimony

Primerus 2024 Northeast Regional Meeting – “Cannabis Licensing 101”