



## Natalie C. Diaz

Associate

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### Overview

Natalie C. Diaz is an associate within the Cannabis, Hemp, and Psychedelics (“CHAP”) Practice Group at Mandelbaum Barrett PC. With a sharp understanding of the intricacies within the CHAP industries, Natalie guides both individuals and businesses through various legal matters including license acquisition, regulatory compliance, commercial real estate, and corporate transactions. Her dedication lies in providing robust legal representation while ensuring her clients possess a comprehensive understanding of their rights within these sectors.

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 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 within the cannabis community. In her personal life, she devotes her time to volunteering, practicing yoga, engaging in fitness activities, exploring nature through hiking, traveling to experience diverse cultures, and supporting environmental preservation efforts.

### Publications

[“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

## **Education**

Widener Delaware Law School, Wilmington, DE, Juris Doctor

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

## **Speaking Engagements**

Primerus 2024 Northeast Regional Meeting – “Cannabis Licensing 101”