

## Medical Marijuana

FormanWatkins lawyers counseled the official campaign in support of the ballot initiative establishing Mississippi's medical marijuana program, which was overwhelmingly adopted by Mississippi voters on November 3, 2020. FormanWatkins lawyers also filed an amicus brief in the Mississippi Supreme Court on behalf of a national non-profit organization in opposition to a challenge to the ballot initiative.

Under the medical marijuana ballot initiative, the Mississippi Department of Health is charged with developing certain regulations governing the medical marijuana program. The Department of Health has until July 1, 2021 to develop the regulations, and must begin issuing licenses to cultivators, processors, and retailers of medical marijuana by August 15, 2021.

FormanWatkins is well-positioned to advise and advocate for business clients seeking to engage in any layer of the medical marijuana industry during and after its formation in Mississippi.