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Omar is on the Ganjier Council and helped develop a curriculum for training Ganjiers (cannabis sommeliers) in addition to a methodology for judging fine cannabis and concentrates (Systematic Assessment Protocol).



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Outline

How did we get here?

- History of cannabis prohibition under federal law
- History of cannabis prohibition under California law
- US Department of Justice Memoranda shape California regulation
- History of cannabis regulation in California

Where are we?

- Regulation by the California Department of Cannabis Control
- Registration of cannabis trademarks by California Secretary of State
- OCal comparable-to-organic and cannabis appellations
- Federal toleration of activities in strict compliance with state law
- Legal ethics: duty to advise clients on conflicts of laws

Where are we headed?

• Selected Issues: Interstate Commerce, SHIP Act, § 280E, Safe Banking



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