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Matthew R. Abel studied at Wayne State University Law School, Central Michigan University, and Castleton State College. He is Michigan's leading marijuana lawyer, founder and senior partner at Cannabis Counsel, PLC. He has been a criminal defense lawyer in Michigan for 24 years. Mr. Abel's Detroit-based law office capably handles marijuana possession, trafficking and distribution cases throughout the state of Michigan. His marijuana-specific practice areas include smuggling issues on the U.S.-Canadian border, asset forfeiture that victimizes clients and questionable drug testing procedures.

When he is not passionately advocating for the rights of doctors, patients, cultivators and caregivers, Matthew R. Abel is an equally passionate activist for changes in marijuana laws. His quest for justice for marijuana defendants led to his participation in the political process as a Green Party candidate. Mr. Abel has stood for public office seven times in Michigan.

Mr. Abel is a lifetime member of the NORML Legal Committee and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and a member of Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan, the National Lawyers Guild, American's for Safe Access, and the legal committee of the ACLU of Michigan. He has taught Michigan Medical Marijuana Law for Oaksterdam University in Michigan and the Medical Cannabis College and currently is a member of the faculty at Med Grow Cannabis College.