



CANNABIS CONTROL APPEALS PANEL

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Cannabis Control Appeals Panel Appoints New Executive Director, Chief Counsel

SACRAMENTO - The Cannabis Control Appeals Panel has appointed Anne Hawley as its new Executive Director and Christopher Phillips as its new Chief Counsel, effective August 31, 2018.

Hawley has more than 25 years of government and private industry experience. Most recently, she served in several positions in the Office of Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr., where she collaborated closely with state leadership on project management, human resources, crisis management, and public speaking. She was previously a consultant for DeBoo Communications Inc. and was principal at Anne Hawley Design. Ms. Hawley began her career in 1993 serving in several positions in the White House during President Bill Clinton's Administration, including Deputy Assistant to the President, Director of Scheduling and serving as a management consultant to the U.S. Department of Transportation and the U.S. Department of Labor.

Christopher Phillips most recently served in several positions at the California Public Employees Retirement System, including staff attorney and senior staff attorney. He was previously an owner/attorney at Phillips Law and an associate attorney at Bowman & Associates in Sacramento. Mr. Phillips received his Juris Doctor from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law.

"We welcome the addition of Anne and Christopher," said Sabrina Ashjian, Chair of the Cannabis Control Appeals Panel. "Now we can begin hiring staff so that we have a full complement before we receive our first appeal."

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The Cannabis Control Appeals Panel was created in 2018 to hear appeals of any decision by state cannabis licensing authorities relating to the order of any penalty assessment, issuing, denying, transferring, conditioning, suspending or revoking any license provided under Medical and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act.