

William C. Tilburg, J.D., M.P.H.

Accomplished executive with 10 years of regulatory, legislative, and health policy experience. Expert knowledge of Maryland state and local legislative and regulatory processes. Exceptional written and oral communication skills and the ability to convey complex legal and health policy issues in easy-to-understand terms for policymakers, health officials, and general audiences.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission, Linthicum, MD

Executive Director

January 2020 – Present

Acting Executive Director

August 2019 – December 2019

Developed and implemented regulations governing more than 150 medical cannabis businesses and 125,000 patients; expanded agency staff from 15 to more than 60 employees; effectively managed an operating budget in excess of \$11 million; and oversaw increase in annual retail sales from \$100 million to \$500 million.

- Plan, direct and administer all activities for the MMCC, and effectively manage staff of over 60 employees.
- Serve as principal adviser to the 13 appointed commission members, Secretary of Health, and Office of the Governor on all cannabis-related matters.
- Represent the MMCC before federal, State and local officials, legislative committees and other executive agencies concerning program activities.
- Plan, coordinate, supervise and evaluate the work of 6 subordinate managers, who oversee communications, enforcement, finance, information technology, policy and government affairs, and quality assurance programs.

Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission, Linthicum, MD

Directory, Policy and Government Affairs

January 2018 – April 2020

- Advised MMCC commission members on the impact of federal and state laws, regulations, and policies related to the cultivation, manufacture, distribution, use, and possession of cannabis.
- Served as liaison and agency point-of-contact for medical cannabis businesses, lobbyists, legislators, and other state agencies.
- Drafted legislative and regulatory proposals on behalf of the Maryland Department of Health and the MMCC.
- Presented to local, state, and federal legislative and regulatory bodies on the Maryland Medical Cannabis Program and best practices in regulating medical cannabis.
- Analyzed developments in federal and state legislation, and interpret impact on state medical cannabis program.
- Provided legal and policy assistance to State and local legislators on federal, State, and local laws governing medical cannabis in Maryland.

University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD

Managing Director, Legal Resource Center for Public Health Policy January 2017 – Present

Deputy Director

September 2013 – December 2016

Staff Attorney

September 2011 – September 2013

- Provided legal and policy assistance to state and local governments, health officials, and health advocacy organizations on issues related to public health and healthcare.
- Developed organization and stakeholder policy materials, including fact-sheets, issue briefs, toolkits, and webinars.
- Managed federal, state, and private grants totaling \$1.5 million per year, and supervised and directed the activities of 5 employees and 10 law students.
- Monitored and summarized all health-related legislation introduced to the Maryland General Assembly, and provided weekly updates to policymakers and advocates.
- Planned and hosted conferences, meetings, and webinars, including the 2016 National Public Health Law Conference and the 2017 Maryland State Tobacco Control Conference.

Network for Public Health Law, Baltimore, MD

Senior Staff Attorney

September 2013 – Present

- Provided legislative and policy support to state and local governments and health advocacy organizations in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.
- Educated state and local governments and businesses on environmental health, tobacco, health care, and medical and recreational cannabis laws and regulations.
- Wrote policy articles for peer-reviewed health journals including the American Journal of Public Health and the Journal of Law, Medicine, and Ethics.

University of Maryland, College Park, MD

Adjunct Professor/Lecturer

September 2011 – Present

- Teach courses on environmental law, healthcare and the law, and public health law at the University of Maryland.
- Instruction includes a comprehensive study of legal, regulatory, and ethical issues affecting the environment, healthcare, and public health in the United States.
- Mentor and supervise law students who are engaged in health-related legislative and regulatory projects at the school of law.

EDUCATION

University of Maryland School of Public Health, College Park, MD

Master of Public Health, with *Honors*, August 2017

University of Maryland School of Law, Baltimore, MD

Juris Doctor with *Honors*, May 2011

Providence College, Providence, RI

Bachelor of Arts in History, *Magna cum laude*, May 2005

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

Maryland State Bar, 2011 – Present