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I am a third-generation attorney who maintains a business law practice in Oklahoma's hemp and medical marijuana industries (also admitted in Texas and Colorado [single client]). I represent OMMA-licensed businesses and ancillary businesses within the cannabis space. I am blessed with several national and statewide recognitions, *National Law Journal Cannabis Trailblazer*, American Lawyer Women Leaders in the Law, Global Top 200 Cannabis Legal Professionals, and Top Cannabis Business Law Firm (*Journal Record's* 2020, '21, and '22 Reader's Choice Awards).

When did you start your business?

I began practicing law in 1986, and in the summer of 2018, after Oklahoma passed SQ 788, I shifted the focus of my law practice to the cannabis industry and have never looked back. I love it!

How many employees do you have?

I realized my dream to become a solo

practitioner in 2019. I have 2 paralegals.

What services do you offer?

I offer a full menu of legal services for cannabis businesses, including entity selection and formation, contract preparation, SOPs, investment negotiations, mergers and acquisitions, and handle all other corporate, transactional, and regulatory matters. I also serve as outside general counsel for several clients. I am a certified civil mediator and conduct mediations for cannabis businesses (non-clients) to resolve issues outside the courtroom.

What was your mission or vision at the start of your company?

My mission is to help others—to assist businesses in legally operating within the cannabis space and help patients gain access to the highest quality medicine available.

What are your company's goals?

My goal is to represent each client to the best of my ability, with

excellence, efficiency, and integrity, and when appropriate, to connect my clients for their mutual benefit. I counsel clients in best practices and sound decisions concerning operations within the legal Oklahoma and Texas supply chains.

What made you choose to start a company in this industry?

I am passionate about the healing power of cannabis and believe outstanding legal services and education are necessities for cannabis businesses to thrive. My background and experience enable me to provide such services, and I am blessed with amazing clients who I enjoy representing.

What makes your business important to the community?

Sarah Lee Gossett Parrish PLLC is important to Oklahoma because we provide experience, encouragement, and expertise for every stage of medical marijuana and hemp businesses. We are an incubator for clients' ideas,



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and assist them in implementing their plans with excellence, efficiency, and integrity, in compliance with Oklahoma law.

How do you give back to your community?

I give back to the community through pro bono work and providing discussions of relevant legal information and topics of interest to cannabis businesses via speaking engagements, webinars, guest columns in periodicals both digital and written, and my Canna Law Biz blog posts, which can be found at cannalawbiz.wpcomstaging.com.