



**Aliya J. Nelson**

Aliya J. Nelson is an attorney, executive and thought leader. She is currently a partner at Greenspoon Marder with a focus on transactional and licensing matters for clients in cannabis, media, technology, sports and real estate. In recognition of her achievements in the law, in 2022, Ms. Nelson was named a Notable Woman in Law by Crain's and became a member of CHIEF.

Ms. Nelson recently became the President of the United States CannaBusiness Chamber of Commerce, an organization dedicated to the development of a cannabis industry in the United States that reflects the principles of social and economic equity. As an attorney that is active in the cannabis industry, she has prepared applications for cultivation and dispensary licenses and currently represents license holders and investors in multiple CAURD licenses in NY, license holders and investors in dispensary and craft grow organizations in Illinois, the New York CannaBusiness Chamber of Commerce and management, consulting and technology companies.

As an executive, Ms. Nelson has served as chief executive officer and managing principal of experiential marketing and multicultural advertising agencies. She has also served as the Executive Director of a non-profit think tank and advocacy group.

In addition to her professional accomplishments, Ms. Nelson has been actively engaged throughout her life as a director, executive and member of a number of civic, charitable and philanthropic organizations. She is a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Ms. Nelson is a graduate of the United Way's Linkages professional board training program and is a former member of the Board of Directors of the Classical Theatre of Harlem, Behind the Book, Inc. and the New Rochelle Boys and Girls Club.

Ms. Nelson is a graduate of Rutgers College with degrees in Political Science and Art History and attended the Rutgers Art History Institute in Paris, France. She also received her Juris Doctorate degree from Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University.