

## **JASON BROWNE'S HISTORY WITHIN THE MEDICAL CANNABIS MOVEMENT OF CALIFORNIA.**

For a detailed summary of my experiences related to medical cannabis, please read my Curriculum Vitae. The following is an expose into some of the more interesting and memorable contributions I've made since 1995/1996, when the Compassionate Use Act was placed on the ballot and then became the law of the land, here in California. I have previously served as an instructor for Oaksterdam University and Cannabis Career Institute, and I continue to offer my services as an expert witness, educator and industry consultant.

- Co-authored the first ID cards for qualified patients and their primary caregivers in the state of California (City of Arcata, 1997).
- Co-authored supportive resolution and subsequent city ordinance with the City Council of Arcata in 1997 and 1998.
- Co-founded and served the first cannabis dispensary and patient collective in Humboldt County (Humboldt Medical Cannabis Center), from 1997 – 2001.
- Operated the first collective cannabis garden in Tehama County (1998). This was also the first and only medical cannabis garden to pass an official inspection by the California Department of Justice and Attorney General's Office.
- During our second year, ours was the first and only medical cannabis garden to receive an official inspection by our local police and district attorney's office, with photos taken, evidence tags placed on plants, interviews conducted, medical claims investigated and culminating in the removal of the tags and a letter of compliance issued to our garden.
- Served on the "215 Committee" for the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors for 2-3 years, where we successfully lobbied the county department of public health to assume responsibility for making the ID cards from the Arcata Police Department (expanding the ID card service county-wide), years before California finally started issuing ID cards throughout the state.
- Attended the first California cannabis providers' consortium, where representatives of most existing cannabis dispensaries met to discuss ways of networking our resources and policing ourselves, as an industry.
- Hosted patient intakes for Dr. Tod Mikuriya in Arcata and Red Bluff, several times, over a period of several years. This enabled many patients to get their approvals without traveling across the state and encouraged other cannabis specialists to set up their own practices and take up the slack.
- Co-founded Medical Cannabis Association, a California based trade association aimed at regulating the cannabis industry from within.

- Attended meetings with the initial Board of Officers for Classic Pharmaceuticals, an organization founded by Tod Mikuriya, aimed at re-introducing cannabis-based medicines into the American Pharmacopeia.
- Taught courses on two different occasions for the “Medical Marijuana School”, at Chico State University.
- Sat on panels during public presentations and debates surrounding the medical cannabis laws, at Humboldt State University.
- Testified as an expert witness in the first major medical cannabis case in Shasta County (People v. Levin) that our side won.
- Initiated and received the first court-ordered return of property against the Arcata Police Department, for items seized during a raid where there was no intent to prosecute.
- Testified as a percipient witness against a corrupt law enforcement officer in the Medical Board Hearing of Tod Mikuriya.
- Co-founded Patients’ Health Defense, a San Francisco based patient union promoting a model of direct access for bay area patients.
- Presented information to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors regarding the adoption of Measure S. Also educated them regarding the plight of patients caught between overzealous law enforcement officers and greedy cannabis dispensaries.
- Presented points and authorities to the Hoopa Tribal Council regarding anti-discrimination measures and the cultivation of medical cannabis on tribal lands.
- Corresponded with state legislators and state attorneys general regarding implementation models for the Compassionate Use Act in California.
- Maintained collective cannabis garden for 16 years, in compliance with California laws.
- Presented information to the Red Bluff City Council and facilitated the addition of physician exemptions, as amendments to the officers’ field manual of the Red Bluff Police Department, when the city adopted the state minimum threshold of 8 ounces and 6/12 plants per patient.
- I was the first person in Tehama County to apply for and receive the state ID card, when they were finally made available throughout most of California.
- Our garden collective was among those featured in the documentary film “Dispensing Cannabis, the California Story”.

- Presented information to the Del Norte County Board of Supervisors in support of them not reducing county guidelines to California's minimum threshold. In the end, after much public outcry, the Board decided not to reduce the guidelines, and instead opted out of having county guidelines at all.
- Assisted local north-state patient with getting conviction overturned by California Appeals Court, in a case in which I had testified as the defense expert, where local judge and prosecutor had misled jurors about the laws of California.
- Assisted with the Production of the 2010 WHEE Festival in Red Bluff, California. I provided stage equipment, helped manage the stage and served as liaison to the performers (my first career interest and primary motivation to this day was and is working in the music production industry).
- Served briefly on the Executive Board of Americans for Safe Access (ASA National).
- Occasionally serve as an instructor at cannabis schools throughout California, and other States.
- Currently serve as a consultant with Full Circle Cannabis Consultations, a firm dedicated to promoting better business practices and better farming practices throughout the cannabis industry.
- Continue to serve as an expert witness to the courts. I have testified as an expert witness since 1998.
- Continue to serve as a business formation and commercial licensing consultant for California's cannabis industry.
- Co-founded California Liberty Alliance (a 501-C-4) and California Liberty Alliance P.A.C. in 2014, mothballed both organizations in 2016, and have re-launched them in 2019 under a new name and with a new board of directors. I currently serve as an executive director of Cannabis Liberation League – CA and the CLL-CA PAC. These organizations operate independently and work together to protect and defend the rights of cannabis users and to promote a vibrant cannabis industry throughout California.
- Founded Emerald Coast Holding Company in late 2016. We are currently accepting angel investment and royalty-based financing, offering common stock in the cannabis real estate and equipment holding sectors. Our goal is to formally launch operations in 2020 / 2021.

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