

MJ's Market: The Fight for Fairness in the Cannabis Industry

Overview: MJ's Market, a locally owned cannabis business, has been at the center of two major legal battles—one in the U.S. District Court and the other in Massachusetts Superior Court. These cases underscore the company's fight against corporate monopolization and local government actions that jeopardized its ability to operate. MJ's Market seeks to expose anticompetitive practices and protect small businesses' rights in the cannabis industry.

Federal Case: Challenging Corporate Monopolization

Case: U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts

Case No.: 4:2023cv40037

Defendants: Jushi Holdings, Inc., Jushi MA, Inc., Nature's Remedy of Massachusetts, Inc.

Key Allegations:

• Anti-Competitive Practices:

Defendants allegedly filed baseless zoning appeals and legal objections to delay MJ's Market's progress, despite the company's compliance with all zoning laws.

Merger Agreement Motivation:

A merger agreement between Nature's Remedy and Jushi Holdings allegedly included a \$15 million payout contingent on MJ's Market not opening within a specified distance. MJ's Market argues that this financial incentive drove the defendants' obstruction tactics.

Impact:

- Lost Revenue: MJ's Market claims \$45 million in lost revenue due to delayed operations.
- **Legal and Operational Costs:** The company also cites significant expenses related to defending against alleged obstruction efforts.

Legal Focus:

• The case hinges on proving the defendants engaged in "sham litigation" under antitrust laws, violating federal regulations designed to ensure fair competition.

State Case: Fighting Local Government and Competitors

Case: Massachusetts Superior Court Case No.: 2384CV02794

Defendants: Town of Tyngsborough, Yellow House Cannabis, Sanctuary Medicinals, and related entities

Key Issues:

• Breach of Contract:

The Town of Tyngsborough refused to extend a Host Community Agreement (HCA) despite MJ's Market securing all necessary permits and defending zoning appeals at the Town's request.

Unfair Treatment:

The Town allegedly prioritized "big money players" like Sanctuary Medicinals and Yellow House Cannabis over MJ's Market, granting a new HCA to competitors using MJ's design plans.

Unjust Enrichment:

The Town allegedly benefited from MJ's efforts to defend its zoning appeal but ultimately denied the company the opportunity to operate.





Court Rulings:

- The court allowed key claims to proceed, including:
 - o **Declaratory Judgment:** Confirming MJ's Market's rights under the HCA.
 - o Breach of Contract and Good Faith: Recognizing potential misconduct by the Town.
 - Unjust Enrichment: Finding grounds for the Town's alleged unfair gain from MJ's Market's efforts.

The Broader Fight

Systemic Issues:

 These cases reveal how corporations and municipalities can exploit resources and regulations to stifle small businesses. They underscore the importance of holding these entities accountable for anticompetitive and unfair practices.

MJ's Market's Stand:

Despite being forced to close its doors, MJ's Market is committed to seeking justice. The lawsuits aim not
only to recover damages but also to set a precedent for fairness in the emerging cannabis industry.

What's Next:

- **Discovery Phase:** Further evidence is expected to shed light on the defendants' internal communications and motivations, potentially strengthening MJ's Market's claims.
- **Settlement Negotiations:** While MJ's Market remains open to resolving the disputes, it is prepared to see the cases through to ensure justice.
- **Public Awareness Campaign:** MJ's Market plans to engage the community, media, and industry stakeholders in its fight for fairness.

About MJ's Market

Founded in 2018, MJ's Market is a family-run cannabis business committed to serving its community with integrity and transparency. Despite being forced to shut down due to industry-driven legal battles, MJ's Market remains dedicated to advocating for fair competition and holding corporations accountable.

Call to Action

MJ's Market invites supporters to amplify this story and stand with them in challenging anti-competitive practices and government favoritism. Together, we can ensure a fair playing field for all businesses, regardless of size.

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