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A seasoned attorney with more than two decades of public and private sector experience, Fruqan focuses his practice on cannabis law, litigation and regulatory compliance.

Clients in the legal cannabis industry rely on Fruqan, and his detailed understanding of regulatory law, to guide them through all steps of the licensing and compliance process. His advocacy is informed by a strong knowledge of the state's economy and regulatory framework acquired while working in government, where he served as General Counsel for the New Jersey State Senate Majority Office and Assistant Counsel to former New Jersey Gov. John Corzine. Fruqan played a pivotal role in helping to write the 2021 state law legalizing recreational use of cannabis in the Garden State – the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act.

In his commercial litigation practice, Fruqan is tenacious, pragmatic and unflappable. He represents clients in state and federal court, at the trial and appellate levels, working with them to achieve efficient solutions that advance their business goals, whether at trial, in arbitration or at the negotiating table.

Services

- Litigation
- Cannabis Law

Representative Matters

Fruqan has significant state and federal appellate experience that includes arguing a case of first impression before the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals and a seminal case before the New Jersey Supreme Court addressing the constitutionality of a state statute. Both cases yielded oft-cited published opinions.*

- *State v. Crawley, 187 N.J. 440 (2006)*: Developed, briefed and presented the New Jersey Supreme Court with an issue not previously conceived, challenging the constitutionality of New Jersey's obstruction of the administration of law statute. Argued that a statute may not make it illegal for an individual to run from police officers when the officers lacked the reasonable suspicion necessary to compel a stop under *Terry v. Ohio*. . The case ended in a 5-2 decision against Mr. Crawley, it received much attention and is oft-cited and discussed in criminal procedure and fourth amendment presentations. It has been cited nearly 70 times in subsequent cases and commentary.
- *United States v. Rowlands, 451 F. 3d 173 (3d Cir. 2006)*: Briefed and argued this case of first impression before the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals, later filing a related petition with the U.S. Supreme Court. Converted the issue to a law

review article, titled *Forgive Us Our Trespasses: The Need for Federal Expungement Legislation*. This case yielded an oft-cited published opinion.

** Results may vary depending on your particular facts and legal circumstances.*

Before Fox Rothschild

Prior to joining Fox Rothschild, Fruqan was of counsel and Chair of the Cannabis Practice Group in the Morristown office of a regional law firm. He is a former General Counsel to the New Jersey State Senate Majority Office and Assistant Counsel to former New Jersey Governor Jon S. Corzine, and has practiced as an associate and partner in New Jersey law firms. Fruqan was also an adjunct professor for several years at Seton Hall University School of Law.

After graduating law school, he was a law clerk to the Honorable Anne E. Thompson, Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey and then to the Honorable Theodore McKee of the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals.

Beyond Fox Rothschild

Fruqan is a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for New Jersey Local Media, a media conglomerate created to preserve and strengthen community journalism and that owns numerous local newspapers in the North Jersey area. He is also a former president of the Garden State Bar Association, New Jersey's African-American Bar Association.

Bar Admissions

- New Jersey
- New York

Court Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

Education

- Seton Hall University School of Law (J.D., 1998)
- Old Dominion University (B.A., 1995)

Memberships

- Garden State Bar Association
- New Jersey State Bar Association

Board of Directors

- Corporation for New Jersey Local Media

Publications

April 28, 2026

The Presumption of Innocence Podcast Series

July 16, 2024

Banking on Change: How Rescheduling Cannabis Could Impact the Financial Sector

New Jersey Law Journal

Honors & Awards

- **Selected to the “Ones to Watch” list for Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), Corporate Governance and Compliance Law and Government Relations Practice in Morristown, NJ (2024)**
This award is conferred by Best Lawyers. A description of the selection methodology is [available here](#). No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.
- **Selected for inclusion in the "Black Pioneers in the Law Exhibit" by the New Jersey Judiciary Courts (2023)**
- **Selected to the "Cannabis Power List" for Top 100 influential voices in the state cannabis debate (2021, 2022 and 2025)**
- *This award is conferred by Insider NJ. A description of the selection methodology is [available here](#). No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.*
- **Selected to the "Top 20 People, Places and Things to Watch in 2020 in the N.J. Cannabis Industry" list**
This award is conferred by NJ.com. A description of the selection methodology is [available here](#). No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.
- **Selected to the "Super Lawyers" list for Business Litigation in New Jersey (2014)**
This award is conferred by Thomson Reuters. A description of the selection methodology is [available here](#). No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.
- **Named a "Professional Lawyer of the Year" by the New Jersey State Bar Association (2013)**
- **“Leadership Newark,” Class of 2010**
- **Selected to the “40 Under 40 Achievement Award” list presented by The Network Journal (2009)**
- **Winner, Annual Morris County Bar Association Young Lawyer Mock Trial Competition (2001)**