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Arundhati (Aruna) Mohankumar has been practicing law in New Jersey for 11 years. She began her legal career as a law clerk to the Honorable Carmen Alvarez, Presiding Judge of the Appellate Division of the New Jersey Superior Court (retired). Aruna then spent four years at the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General as deputy attorney general, working primarily in the Health and Human Services Section of the Division of Law. From 2020 to 2023, she served as judicial law clerk to the Honorable Lois H. Goodman, U.S. Magistrate Judge for the District of New Jersey (retired).

Aruna joined the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission as deputy counsel in 2023. In that role, she advised agency leadership on complex statutory and regulatory issues involving New Jersey's medicinal and adult-use cannabis industries, drafted legal guidance and memoranda, and collaborated closely with the agency's Licensing and Compliance offices. She was promoted to chief counsel in June 2026. Aruna also serves as the Commission's ethics liaison officer, overseeing the agency's ethics program.

Aruna received her bachelor's degree in economics from Oberlin College and her juris doctorate with honors from Rutgers School of Law—Newark.