

Charles Barker
COMMISSIONER
NEW JERSEY CANNABIS

REGULATORY COMMISSION

Charles Barker is a native New Jerseyan from Passaic City. Prior to being appointed by Governor Phil Murphy to the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission, Barker served as Constituent Advocate and Projects Specialist for the People on behalf of the Office of U.S. Senator Cory Booker. In his four years in that position he managed several policy areas, among them: cannabis, criminal justice reform, economic and small business development, and financial services.

In 2018 Charles served as a Strategic Advisor to Anthony Cureton's successful election campaign. Cureton became the first Black sheriff in Bergen County.

Commissioner Barker, who is of Black and Dominican ancestry, is an alumnus of Rutgers University where he received his Bachelor of Science. He holds a Juris Doctor degree from Brooklyn Law School.