



Food & Beverage

The food and beverage industry is among the most globally connected and competitive business sectors, requiring companies to adapt quickly and mitigate risk effectively. At Burr & Forman, we aim to alleviate the pressures faced by our food and beverage clients, which include manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers, retailers, restaurants, and grocers. We focus on navigating the industry's ever-changing regulatory landscape and identifying potential challenges before they occur, so that our clients can focus on growing their business and protecting their brand.

Restaurant Services

We represent clients in all segments of the restaurant industry, with a particular depth of knowledge representing both fast casual and quick-service restaurant owners and operators. Our clients presently own and operate restaurants located throughout the United States.

Beverage Services

Navigating state and federal alcohol and beverage laws can be complicated. At Burr, we provide the right team to guide clients step by step through the issues. We regularly represent clients involved in producing, packaging, distributing, and selling beverages including soft drinks, beer, wine, and liquor.

Franchise & Distribution Services

Burr & Forman attorneys work with a number of franchisors and franchisees advising them on all types of matters related to their business.

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SCOPE OF SERVICES

Beverage Services

Restaurant Services

RELATED INDUSTRIES

Beverage Services

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Comprehensive Experience

Our comprehensive experience in the food and beverage industry includes:

- New store development, including real estate acquisitions, leasing, and site development
- Finance, including lending and manufacturing equipment leasing
- Tax abatements and incentives for new/expanding companies
- General business matters, including contract negotiations and purchase agreements
- Mergers & acquisitions
- Leasing
- Franchise, including drafting and negotiating agreements
- Supply and distribution agreements
- State franchise and business opportunity registration
- Alcohol regulation compliance
- Intellectual property, including trademarks and patents
- Labor and employment, including wrongful terminations
- Litigation
- Federal and state disclosure requirements and compliance
- Environmental and compliance regulation

News

- Ed Christian Featured in Birmingham Business Journal CEO Sit-Down Series Media Mention, *Birmingham Business Journal*, 12.29.2023
- Burr's Ed Christian Graduates from Leadership Birmingham Firm News, 07.25.2023
- Burr & Forman's April Mason Named to *Franchise Times's* Legal Eagles Firm News, 04.20.2023
- "Dazed and Infused: Craft Brewing and Cannabis Trends," Nashville Business Journal Firm News, 10.24.2022
- April Mason Named a 2022 "Legal Eagle" in *Franchise Times* Firm News, 04.04.2022

Events

- The Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) South Carolina Chapter Annual Meeting Speaking Engagement, Central Energy - Columbia, SC, 09.14.2023
- Webinar, "Coffee & Counsel Series with the Hilton Head Island/Bluffton Chamber of Commerce - Restaurant and Hospitality: Top Business and Legal Issues Facing Our Restaurant and Tourism

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Operations"
04.29.2021

- Moderator for Cannabis and Alcoholic Beverages Panel, ABA Business Law Section Spring Meeting Speaking Engagement, Vancouver, Canada, 03.29.2019

Publications

- Is It the End of Non-Compete Clauses? The Federal Trade Commission Proposes a Prohibition and Rescission of Non-Compete Clauses
01.06.2023
- SC Alcohol License Applications: Top 5 Traps for the Unwary
Article, 10.24.2022
- Beverage Wholesalers Deal With Bang Bankruptcy
Articles / Publications, 10.13.2022
- Franchising in a (Nearly) Post-Pandemic World - QSR Online
Firm News, 07.22.2021