

Retail, Restaurant, and Hospitality

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Overview

The question “how can we serve you?” drives the business decisions of our retail, restaurant, and hospitality clients. It also drives the team of skilled attorneys dedicated to serving them.

Our attorneys have decades of the experience required to successfully guide retail, restaurant, and hospitality companies of any size through a variety of complex claims. We have represented locally owned restaurants to nationally recognized brands, boutique hotels to multi-national chains, mom and pop shops to large nationwide retailers. We regularly serve franchisors and franchisees and understand the dynamics involved in these business arrangements.

Through regular communication and active listening, our attorneys provide creative solutions specific to the requirements of each individual client. We understand our clients want to avoid litigation when possible and utilize all forms of alternative dispute resolution, but we are prepared to rigorously defend them in court if other attempts at settlement are unsuccessful. As needed, our Retail, Restaurant, and Hospitality Law team collaborates with the firm’s experienced attorneys from other practice groups to tailor a comprehensive defense to the individual needs of each client.

The firm has successfully defended clients in this industry at the trial court level (including motions for summary judgment and jury trial) and appellate court level as well as before state industrial commissions.

We assist our clients in matters involving:

- Premises liability (slip and fall, falling merchandise, and other personal injury claims)
- Foodborne illness
- False arrest and malicious prosecution
- Dram shop
- Negligent security and intentional torts
- Employment discrimination
- ADA/accessibility
- Workers’ compensation

Additionally, our attorneys actively participate in and present to industry organizations such as the National Restaurant and Retail Defense Association.