

Foodservice & Hospitality Law

The members of Plunkett Cooney's Foodservice & Hospitality Industry Group represent a diverse group of clients, including restaurants, hotels/motels, country clubs/golf courses, bars/pubs, theaters, casinos, cruise lines, food producers, food packagers, food additive manufacturers, food distributors, grocery stores, drug stores, convenience stores, food court operators, public school districts, big box retailers and various liquor licensees.

Plunkett Cooney's multi-disciplined group of attorneys appear in court and before regulatory boards to address such issues as liquor liability, liquor licensing, premises liability, security guard liability, labor/employment law, food safety claims, product liability, transportation liability, criminal acts by employees and third parties and any related appellate law matters.

The members of the Foodservice & Hospitality Law Industry Group also have extensive expertise in the areas of corporate and transactional law. These services include real estate, franchise law, tax law, corporate law, corporate compliance, contract review/negotiation/drafting, government relations, private equity financing and bankruptcy/insolvency.

The firm is known as a leading provider of litigation services, and as a result of this hard earned reputation, Plunkett Cooney has been designated as regional litigation counsel for some of the top insurance providers to the foodservice and hospitality industry. Our ranks also include a number of City Attorneys, whose experience in representing and advising various municipalities give them an in-depth understanding of such issues as governmental affairs, liquor licensing and zoning issues and how to successfully navigate them.

At the heart of any exceptional restaurant, club or vacation destination is an uncompromising commitment to quality service and excellence. Our attorneys, many of whom have previously worked in the foodservice and hospitality industry, understand the importance of this truism and have created their own "secret formula" for supporting clients who expect and demand world class legal service.

The scalability of our services is another key to our clients' success. Whether applying for liquor licenses, defending against slip and fall lawsuits or negotiating new real estate leases, Plunkett Cooney can "right size" its services to deliver the right results for your business. In addition, our regional presence in the Midwest allows us to seamlessly service these geographic markets.

Our attorneys are active in such industry organizations as the Michigan Restaurant Association, the Michigan Hotel, Motel & Resort Association and the Michigan Golf Course Owners Association. They attend national events like the National Restaurant Association Convention and the Multi-Unit Foodservice Operators (MUFSO) Conference.