

Liquor Licensing and Alcohol



At Saxton & Stump, you'll find a team of legal advisors and partners who understand your business and the highly regulated nature of the alcohol industry in Pennsylvania. Leveraging experience, our Liquor Licensing and Alcohol attorneys form a collaborative relationship with each client and develop an individualized approach.

We represent beverage retailers, distributors, restaurants, hotels, bars, private clubs, music and entertainment venues, breweries, wineries and distilleries. Saxton & Stump recognizes the challenges that these businesses face and provides clients with creative solutions to complex legal matters to protect their interests and help them reach their strategic goals.

Licensing, Permits and Compliance

Laws regulating the alcohol industry at the local, state and federal levels can be complicated and difficult to navigate. Our Liquor Licensing and Alcohol team is familiar with the rules and can provide legal advice to clients facing matters such as:

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Related Services and Industries

[Hospitality](#)
[Intellectual Property](#)
[Labor and Employment](#)

- Pre-application strategy and prequalification analysis
- Liquor license applications and renewals
- Purchase and transfer of liquor licenses
- Additional permits and privileges for licensees
- Health, safety and occupational permits
- Distribution contracts with licensed wholesalers
- Import agreements, taxation and recordkeeping

[Business and Corporate](#)
[Mergers and Acquisitions](#)
[Real Estate](#)

Enforcement Actions and Claims Resolution

Saxton & Stump's attorneys are experienced in defending claims before the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB), the Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement and in state and federal court. Our attorneys provide clients with thoughtful, aggressive and effective representation for:

- Liquor license violation notices and citations
- Defense of nuisance bar allegations
- Non-renewal actions
- Health and safety issues
- License application denials
- Dram Shop liability claims (serving alcohol to underage or visibly intoxicated persons)

Access to a Full-Service Team

Saxton & Stump is a multi-disciplinary law firm, which allows our Liquor Licensing and Alcohol clients to leverage attorneys and consultants who are well-versed in their respective focus areas:

Our [Business and Corporate](#) group can assist on general business matters, forming a new business, business succession planning, financing, governance documents and contract reviews. We also have a team of experienced [mergers and acquisitions](#) (M&A) attorneys who can assist with the purchase and sale of businesses and their assets.

We understand that protecting your company's brand and intellectual property assets is crucial to your company's success. Our Liquor Licensing and Alcohol attorneys also work closely with our [Intellectual Property](#) group on franchising,

trademarks, copyrights, alcoholic beverage recipes and trade secrets. We also provide legal advice on marketing, advertising, social media and other promotional activities.

When [Real Estate](#) issues arise, our team advises clients on purchases, leasing, zoning, and negotiations with neighborhood and civic associations. We can also assist in property transfers, commercial lending, banking and finance and tax-related matters. Our real estate team works closely with our [Construction Law](#) attorneys who provide legal guidance on project planning, contract negotiation and construction dispute resolutions.

Our [Labor and Employment](#) attorneys review employment agreements, non-compete contracts, employee handbooks and human resources policies to ensure compliance with federal and state law. Our Labor and Employment attorneys can advise on issues related to compliance with Department of Labor (DoL), Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) inspections and compliance.

Our strategic partner, [TREW HR](#), offers services including employee recruiting, hiring and background checks, employee relations, best practices and training.