

Food and Beverage

The food and beverage industries are evolving with respect to health, product development and sales, safety, and energy use. Chambliss provides legal counsel to food and beverage manufacturers, restaurant groups, and beverage bottlers and distributors in analyzing and addressing these and other issues.

Chambliss provides advice and representation regarding:

- Regulatory compliance, including compliance with FDA regulations and submission of comments on rule-making initiatives
- Product labeling and advertising
- Product distribution
- Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) development and compliance
- Quality assurance and industry certification standards
- Litigation, alternative dispute resolution and regulatory proceedings
- Employment issues, including discrimination and wrongful termination claims, wage and hour compliance, affirmative action, and workers' compensation
- Health benefit and retirement plans
- Occupational safety and health, including OSHA compliance and plant inspections
- Energy and environmental matters
- Real estate acquisition and leasing
- Corporate matters, including governance and shareholder matters
- Debt and equity financing
- Business planning
- Asset and stock acquisitions
- Equipment and construction contracts
- Supplier agreements

Experience

Served as counsel for large food manufacturer in significant acquisition of intellectual property, product lines, and related tangible assets

Advised multistate manufacturing company with respect to various corporate, employment, and litigation matters

Provided comments to various federal agencies on proposed regulations

Advised a regionally recognized restaurant group with respect to significant corporate structure decisions, exempt offering and related financing, and trademark protection and licensing

Provided legal counsel to regional bottler of industry-leading soft drinks regarding significant financing transactions and related shareholder matters

Advised regional beverage distributor on a broad range of regulatory compliance, financing, employment, and contract matters