

Alcoholic Beverage

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The alcoholic beverage attorneys of Miller Nash specialize in representing breweries, cideries, distilleries, and wineries, ranging from startups to large alcohol beverage manufacturers. Our team advises clients regarding general day-to-day business advice, alcohol-specific issues, and complex regulatory matters. We are knowledgeable in many facets of the alcoholic beverage industry, including distribution agreements, franchise laws, licensing and regulatory compliance, intellectual property, and managing disputes.

We provide our alcoholic beverage clients with the following legal services:

- Advice regarding distribution relationships (supplier/wholesaler relations, supplier direct sale/shipment to consumers, supplier direct distribution to retailers)
- Branding, trademark, and label protection
- General business issues (formation, financing, commercial transactions, mergers and acquisitions, purchases, and sales)
- State and federal liquor licensing
- Washington and Oregon business and regulatory compliance
- Contract drafting and review
- Federal Certificate of Label Approval (COLA) and FDA registration
- Contract brewing, custom crush, and alternating proprietorship arrangements
- Real estate acquisition, financing, sales, and leasing
- Environmental and natural resource issues
- Labor and employment matters
- Advertising and promotions
- Tax matters
- Franchising
- Data security and compliance
- Succession planning
- Dispute resolution (mediation, arbitration, litigation)