

## **Restaurants & Clubs**

Gray Reed serves clients in the restaurant industry by providing cost-effective solutions and advice ranging from litigation to the institution and expansion of restaurant businesses. We have experience in all levels and types of litigation issues, employment issues, liability issues, contract negotiations (both internal and external), real estate, transactional work, taxation and immigration issues.

Restaurants and clubs face an array of federal, state and local laws and regulations concerning their premises, employees and services - all of which take time, money and attention away from their effort to provide quality food and drinks. Developing a successful restaurant or club venture - whether it includes a single unique site or partnering with a chain or retail mixed-use purveyors - requires quality legal and business professionals who understand your business.

Restaurants and clubs in particular find that success or failure can stem from how wisely they are legally established at their outset. Flawed financing, lease problems, labor difficulties or franchising infractions, among many other issues, can result in serious trouble for restaurants even after years of operation.

Our Restaurant Law section addresses the legal and business issues important to the restaurant and club industry. Attorneys in our group have experience in restaurant development, from assisting with site selection and approvals, choice of the business entity most advantageous for tax purposes, drafting and negotiating leases, and obtaining the necessary licensing and permitting to open and operate a successful establishment. We provide essential business and legal advice in all areas that are especially important to the restaurant industry. We have represented businesses in all phases of their operations, including leasing, incorporation, licensing, franchising, premises liability, food and beverage liability claims, employment issues, and litigation involving a myriad of business issues.

Our team can serve you at all stages of the business cycle, from the initial planning stages of a venture through the estate and succession planning which an owner may require for the smooth transition of a business to the next generation.

Gray Reed's Restaurant Law section strives whenever possible to avoid litigation for its clients. While the firm's continuing emphasis is on helping clients cost-effectively manage risks and resolve issues before they become problems, in cases where court action is required, Gray Reed's talented litigation lawyers have compiled a record of success in these industries.

With its wide selection of practice areas, Gray Reed offers its restaurant clients a single source of reference for all of their legal needs. The firm brings proven legal proficiency to litigation, real estate, financing, public/private partnership, employment and taxation matters, to name a few.



As an additional service, the attorneys of our firm provide the latest news and legal topics for the Texas restaurant and alcohol industry on [www.TexasRestaurantLaw.com](http://www.TexasRestaurantLaw.com).