

Restaurant Team

Womble Carlyle's Restaurant Team handles every legal need a restaurant can encounter. Our team includes attorneys from a wide range of practice areas, all with specific experience addressing the unique and diverse needs of restaurant owners and operators, whether they are franchisors, franchisees, or independents. We represent restaurateurs in every aspect of their businesses, including the following:

Business Transactions

- Business organization
- Corporate finance (equity and debt)
- Mergers, acquisitions, and divestitures
- Real estate transactions
- Licensing transactions
- Bankruptcy and reorganization

Business Operations

- Supply chain management
- Advertising counseling and clearance
- Promotions
- E-commerce
- Green practices
- Labor and employment
- Tax matters

Regulatory Matters

- FDA compliance
- Anti-trust

Franchising & Distribution

- Structuring franchise and distribution relationships
- Franchise and distribution agreements
- Franchise disclosure documents and registration
- Business opportunities
- Terminations
- Transfers

Intellectual Property

- Trademarks
- Patents
- Trade secrets
- Licensing

Dispute Resolution

- Litigation
- Arbitration
- Mediation

Womble Carlyle's Restaurant Team current clients include Five Guys Burgers & Fries, the nation's fastest-growing restaurant franchise, and we have helped Five Guys fuel and manage its tremendous growth. While we have large national clients, including Krispy Kreme, a large portion of our work is done for regional and local restaurants in the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic.

We understand the business and legal needs of the middle market, including restaurant companies without large in-house legal departments. Part of the value we bring to restaurants is our ability to serve as a "one-stop shop."

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