



## FRANCHISE LAW ATTORNEYS

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## Franchise and Distribution Law Practice Overview

Offit Kurman represents privately held business owners in a broad cross-section of companies in the franchise and distribution industry, from start-up franchisors to established national and international brands, as well as area developers, multi-unit owners and others.

### What We Do

Offit Kurman offers clients the talents of veteran attorneys who have a depth of experience resolving the full spectrum of issues that can arise in the franchise and distribution industry. In addition, select team members cover the gamut of issues in franchise and distribution law for the firm's blog, Franchise Alchemy.

#### BUSINESS

Our distinctive strengths related to franchise compliance include:

- Franchise agreements and disclosure documents
- Limited liability companies and corporations
- State franchise registrations
- Securities counseling
- Trademark applications
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Trademark portfolios
- License, technology, distribution and supply agreements
- International agreements
- Labor and employment
- Commercial leases

#### BUSINESS

We represent the various parties in franchise and distribution relationships in federal and state courts across the country and in alternative dispute resolution proceedings and administrative proceedings. We regularly handle matters related to:

- Franchisee and distributor terminations
- Bankruptcy litigation
- Breach of contract
- Intellectual property
- Unfair competition
- Labor and employment
- Encroachment
- Commercial litigation
- Non-solicitation / noncompete infringement
- Real estate matters
- Labor and employment
- Commercial leases

### Related Services

Automotive Dealerships

Intellectual Property

Mergers and Acquisitions

Real Estate Law and Transactions

Business Law and Transactions

Labor and Employment Law

Construction Law

### How We Do It

Offit Kurman's franchise team members are active members and leaders in the American Bar Association's Forum on Franchising, the International Franchise Association and other trade associations and in state bar associations. Members of our team frequently publish and speak on franchise law matters, and they have been recognized by Super Lawyers, Best Lawyers, Franchise Times and Who's Who Legal as top franchise lawyers.