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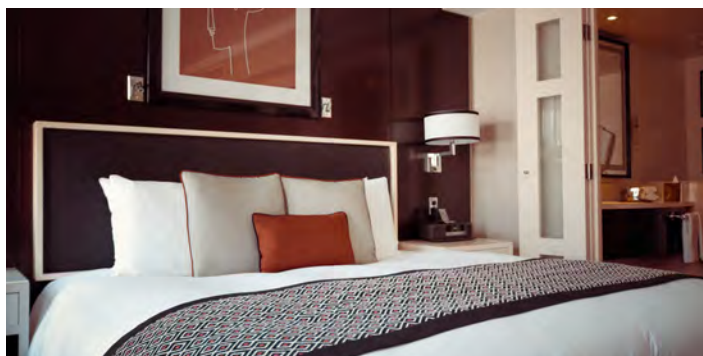
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Companies in the Restaurant, Retail, and Hospitality industries have long recognized the value of adhering to a policy of diversity and inclusion in all aspects of their business because their stakeholders -- customers, suppliers, investors, and regulators -- expect nothing less. The Restaurant, Retail, and Hospitality Practice Area Committee ("RRH PAC") of NAMWOLF offers clients in these industries a one-stop shop for identifying some of the most knowledgeable lawyers practicing in this arena with the added benefit of identifying those lawyers within minority and women-owned firms.

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- Intellectual Property issues including copyright and trademark protection and infringement matters;
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- ♦ Represented national franchisors in connection with the purchasing and leasing of Southern California restaurant sites and retail stores.
- ♦ Represented famous distillery in sale of US and foreign assets to Bacardi.
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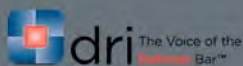
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We are dedicated to delivering cost-effective legal services with optimal results. We have a depth of attorney resources to apply when specific fields of expertise are required. The firm has developed an excellent reputation for its trial attorneys and successes in trial. We provide not only case analysis, but also estimates and budgets upfront, so that our clients can determine an appropriate course of action with full knowledge of the costs involved. When in the best interest of the client, we advocate alternative dispute resolution as a cost-effective alternative to litigation.

Experienced Counsel

Our attorneys have assisted clients in all facets of litigation, including mediation, national and regional coordination, and trial. We have handled matters that concern the restaurant, retail, and hospitality industries, such as premises liability and safety, personal injury, products liability, insurance coverage, transportation/shipping, food contamination, franchising, vendor agreements, indemnification agreements, employment, worker's compensation, environmental, construction, contractual issues, real estate/leasing transactions, and corporate matters, on behalf of major retailers, restaurants/lounges, food companies, beverage distributors, lodging businesses, and manufacturers. We continue to grow and our service areas have expanded to include a new Mississippi office, in addition to our downtown New Orleans office. We also have several attorneys admitted in Texas.

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Product Liability

Courington, Kiefer & Sommers, L.L.C. has substantial experience in defending clients in a wide array of product liability cases. The attorneys of the firm have successfully defended product liability cases in the state and federal courts in Louisiana and Mississippi. Courington, Kiefer & Sommers, L.L.C. can provide the resources and experience necessary to protect and effectively defend suits related to all types of products. We are knowledgeable regarding expert witnesses and have a keen understanding of the law and of scientific analysis. Types of products liability cases we have handled include mass tort and multi-district litigation, design and manufacturing defects, failure to warn claims, construction defects and accidents, consumer product claims, asbestos-related injuries, environmental claims and many more.

Workers' Compensation

At Courington, Kiefer & Sommers, L.L.C., we have defended employers and insurance companies in workers' compensation cases for years. Our attorneys appear routinely before state and federal courts and agencies. We are familiar with the personnel and procedures at the Office of Workers' Compensation. We offer workers' compensation defense for self-insured employers, third party administrators, municipalities, and insurance companies. We defend against all workers' compensation claims, including cases involving: Section 905(b) Americans with Disabilities Act.

A SAMPLING OF OUR EXPERIENCE:

- Defense of major retailers involving personal injuries alleged to be the result of slip/trips and falls, fallen merchandise, and employee negligence;
- Defense of injury claims alleged to stem from defective ozone machine in hotel;
- Hotel litigation involving defective heating and air conditioning system;
- Mold litigation in local hotels;
- Employment discrimination and harassment suits on behalf of major retailers and local establishments;
- Analysis of vendor-vendee agreements;
- Drafted lease agreements for retailers and restaurants;
- Pursuit of indemnification rights arising out of product defects on behalf of retailers;
- Defended major retailer arising out of an accident during a sponsored event;
- Corporate matters including formation of corporate entities;
- Trademark protection;
- Defense of food distributor in alleged contamination case.



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For over twenty years, d'Arcambal Ousley & Cuyler Burk, LLP (DO&CB) has provided exceptional legal counsel to Fortune 500 companies and large financial institutions. For each client engagement, DO&CB emphasizes cost-effective approaches, early case assessments, and strategic planning and expertise. Our lawyers previously practiced in corporate legal departments and large law firms, so we understand the voice of the customer and its business and legal objectives. DO&CB is women-owned with offices in New York City, New Jersey and Philadelphia.

Here is what we do for our clients in the Restaurant, Retail, and Hospitality industry:

- On behalf of our clients, including several large hotel corporations as well as smaller boutique hotels and owners with properties in New York City, Westchester, Long Island and New Jersey, DO&CB litigates all types of civil matters involving contract disputes, real estate, licensing agreements and other commercial litigation.
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- We defend claims involving, among other things, personal injury, vehicles, trucking incidents, recreational equipment, industrial machinery, asbestos exposure and defects in retail consumer goods.
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- We work with corporate clients directly as well as through their insurance companies and third-party administrators and are approved defense counsel for numerous insurance companies. We also work extensively with self-insured companies and are familiar with the particular reporting requirements of excess carriers.
- We resolved numerous personal injury actions for low dollar amounts and/or a small fraction of plaintiffs' inflated demands by using surveillance, social media, prior medical history and/or financial information obtained in discovery to dispute damages.

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ELS clients enjoy the benefit of our lawyers’ experience gained with AmLaw 100 law firms, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), in representing individuals, and as federal law clerks. With that training as our foundation, we produce great results for our clients. Additionally, the leanness of our f-attorney firm also allows for greater client focus and structured rates that facilitate client budgeting.

ELS has a dynamic Restaurant, Retail & Hospitality practice representing: national retail chains, a multinational beverage company, convenience food chains, local and family owned restaurants, restaurant groups, food and beverage operators and specialty service companies.

ELS is a woman and minority-owned business certified by the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC), the Georgia Minority Suppliers Development Council (GMSDC), and the National Association of Women and Minority Owned Law Firms (NAMWOLF).

ELS TEAM HIGHLIGHTS



Jamala S. McFadden is experienced in assisting employers identify, minimize, and resolve employment law issues in routine business operations, litigation, and mergers and acquisitions. She is an alumna of Sutherland Asbill & Brennan where she practiced for more than nine years. She began her legal career as a law clerk to a federal district court judge. Jamala earned her B.A. from the University of Illinois and her law degree from the University of Michigan Law School where she served as an Executive Editor of the *Michigan Law Review*. Jamala is admitted to practice in Michigan, Illinois, and Georgia.



Chandra C. Davis began her career as an elbow law clerk to federal district and appellate court judges. As an associate with McGuireWoods, Chandra provided advice and counsel and litigated employment matters on behalf of Fortune 500 companies. She served as a trial attorney with the EEOC managing hundreds of matters for litigation purposes. Chandra is also an experienced mediator. Chandra earned her B.A. from Emory University and a M.Ed. from the University of Georgia. She earned her law degree from the University of Michigan Law School where she served as an editor of the *Michigan Law Review*.



Halima Horton White has 15 years of experience representing and advising employers. Halima honed her skills primarily at large law firms. She spent more than 11 years at McGuireWoods where she was a partner for five years. She represented Fortune 500 companies and other businesses in traditional labor matters, employment matters and other litigation. Halima earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and her law degree from Vanderbilt University Law School where she was a member of the *Vanderbilt Law Review*.

ELS SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

Single-Plaintiff Employment Litigation

Our attorneys have significant experience with single-plaintiff discrimination, harassment and retaliation matters, wage and hour issues and leave and accommodation issues (including litigation under the Family Medical Leave Act). For example, one of our attorneys recently defended all of the Kellogg Company's single-plaintiff employment matters, nationwide (excluding wage and hour matters). We have significant experience representing a large bank in single-plaintiff employment matters, alleging discrimination, harassment and retaliation.

Agency Representation

We represent clients before various federal and state agencies, including the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC") and the Department of Labor. In fact, one of our partners served for four years as a trial attorney with the EEOC and has an insider's knowledge that has served our clients well. Most recently, we were engaged by a national retailer to represent it with respect to handling agency charges filed against the company nationwide, in addition to handling employment-related attorney demand letters.

Workplace Investigations

We have extensive experience conducting workplace investigations, including fact interviews, identification and review of documents, preparing investigation reports, and providing recommendations and implementation planning.

Workplace Trainings

We provide trainings on workplace policies, anti-discrimination and retaliation laws, diversity and inclusion, harassment, reporting procedures, and conducting effective internal investigations.

Employee Relations and Compliance

We provide counsel regarding all aspects of employment law, including application of Title VII, the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Fair Credit Reporting Act, and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act. We also provide wage and hour audits and draft employee handbooks.

Employment Agreements and Independent Contractors

We have extensive experience drafting and negotiating employment agreements for employees, consulting agreements for independent contractors, and restrictive covenants such as non-competition and non-solicitation agreements.

Joint Ventures/Law Firm Partnerships/Special Counsel Matters

Our firm has served in a joint venture capacity with other law firms to handle multi-plaintiff litigation and other employment law projects, including a recent overhaul of a government employer's personnel policies and procedures. We have handled workplace investigations for clients of other law firms. Additionally, we serve and local counsel, co-counsel and provide subject-matter expertise to clients of firms that have no (or limited) expertise in employment law.



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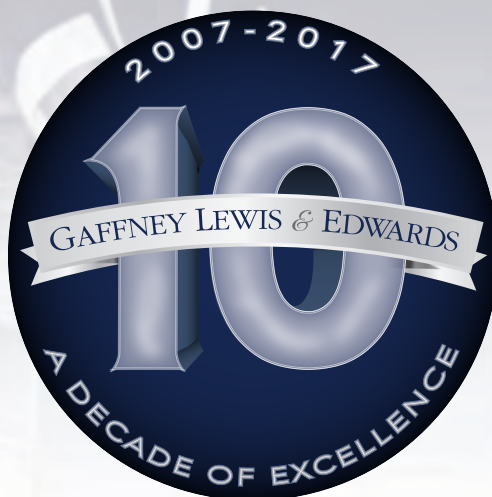
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Our track record achieving successful results in federal and state courts, as well as arbitration and mediation, comes from combining top notch legal skills with a singular understanding of our client's business. We negotiate and draft purchase and sale agreements and management agreements for a variety of hospitality clients. In addition, we advise clients regarding federal and state regulatory and statutory changes that affect their businesses, such as providing assistance regarding wastewater discharge compliance, representing wholesalers in the sale of distributorships and brand transfers, helping individuals navigate the requirements for opening a bar or restaurant and buying and selling a liquor license. We have also litigated disputes arising out of purchase and sale agreements, management agreements, vendor and customer contracts, and government enforcement actions. By appreciating the unique challenges hospitality, sports and entertainment businesses face, we are able to pursue our clients' claims vigorously and defend them against private and public claims cost-effectively, as well as protect their interests in deals.

OUR SERVICES:

- **Business Counseling:** We counsel start-ups and established industry clients on day-to-day business and legal challenges, as well as important industry issues, such as drafting and negotiating distribution and franchising agreements. We also counsel clients on the legality of different marketing, advertising, and labeling practices.
- **Corporate:** We assist businesses at every developmental stage, starting with the formation and incorporation of the business. We work as a team with management, supplementing their in-house staff and providing advice on corporate governance, mergers and acquisitions, sales of business, brand swaps, best business practices, and employment agreements, among other topics.
- **Licensing:** We represent our clients in both federal and state licensing matters, from the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, the Ohio Division of Liquor Control and the Kentucky Alcohol Beverage Control to the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau and the Federal Trade Commission. While regulations and licensing laws vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, our attorneys can guide you through even the most difficult licensing processes, from initial issuance or license purchase negotiation to license transfers.
- **Litigation and Advocacy:** Disputes can arise in even the best run businesses, and with extensive governmental regulations, jurisdiction-specific franchise statutes, disparate manufacturing and retail partners, and unforeseen distribution hassles, the hospitality industry has its share of litigation matters. We are prepared to litigate regulatory infractions, contract disputes, trade secret issues, termination actions, regulatory enforcement actions, supplier consent during sale of distributorship, and brand extensions.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS:

- Negotiated deal points on behalf of documentary filmmaker.
- Negotiated and drafted management and lease agreements for multi-site urban meeting and entertainment center.
- Negotiated management agreements, real estate purchase agreements and lease agreements for restaurants, bars and hotels.
- Settled substantial tax dispute for major developer involving multi-million dollar portfolio of properties in vicinity of casino projects on Philadelphia waterfront.
- Represented musician in connection with brand management and contract negotiations.
- Advised internet travel site on array of commercial, online business, insurance, trademark and vendor issues.
- Represented gourmet food distributor in purchase of competing vendor.
- Defended major retailer in multiple cases arising out of online sales.

Griesing Law, LLC is a women-owned and operated law firm with offices in Philadelphia, New York and Cincinnati. We represent Fortune 500 corporations, government entities, closely-held companies, non-profits, and individuals in alternative dispute resolution, complex commercial litigation, corporate transactions, employment, family law, government affairs, hospitality, technology, trusts and estates, and workers' compensation matters. We also provide diversity and inclusion training to our clients. Prior to launching Griesing Law, LLC, the founding team worked at top AmLaw 100 firms. Our lawyers are licensed to practice in KY, NJ, NY, OH, PA and SC.



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Restaurant, Retail, & Hospitality Areas of Experience

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- Constitutional Law
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- Premises Liability
- Insurance
- Commercial Law
- Construction Litigation
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- Workers' Compensation
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Our Approach

We bring commitment, tenacity, and creativity to every matter which we undertake. We work closely with our clients to make sure our solutions exceed their expectations. By combining our knowledge of the underlying substantive issues with a thorough understanding of the client's business needs, we achieve efficient and superior results. Our success is measured by the satisfaction of our clients.

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ABOUT THE FIRM:

Liebler, Gonzalez & Portuondo is a full-service law firm established in 1997. Our firm prides itself on being one of the largest minority owned firms in Florida. In addition to being certified by the National Minority Supplier Development Counsel, this firm has been recognized by the Daily Business Review as the "Most Diverse Law Firm" in South Florida in January of 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

Our founding Partners have been working together for over twenty years in the successful representation of numerous large financial institutions and sophisticated business entities. Each partner in LGP leads a dynamic team of highly qualified associates, paralegals and legal assistants, in the representation of its clients with the expertise of highly qualified lawyers, while at the same time providing cost effective solutions to each client's business and legal needs.

PRACTICE AREAS:

Financial Institution Litigation - LGP represents clients in all aspects of litigation, including the defense of lender liability claims and of deposit/branch based claims, defense of claw back and Ponzi related claims, consumer finance claims (*including residential mortgages, credit cards, consumer loans*), violations of Federal and State securities laws, and the enforcement of commercial loans.

General Civil Litigation - LGP represents a wide spectrum of businesses. LGP acts as outside counsel for financial institutions, developers and businesses in general in the practice areas of commercial and contract litigation, construction and surety bond litigation, and real property litigation.

Consumer Class Action Defense - LGP defends clients in a variety of consumer class action suits, including Multi-District Litigation.

Commercial Transactions, Banking and Corporate Law - LGP structures and documents commercial transactions including transactions secured by real estate and various types of personal property. LGP also assists investors in the formation of business entities.

Real Estate Litigation - LGP represents owners, tenants and developers in all aspects of complex litigation and alternative dispute resolution, including ADA claims, complex commercial lease disputes, purchase contract disputes and premise liability.

Workouts and Loan Restructurings - LGP has extensive experience in the restructuring of defaulted loans, loan modifications and forbearance transactions.

Special Assets - LGP's special assets and asset recovery teams work closely with financial institutions to quickly and successfully resolve complex matters concerning automobile and vessel seizures, civil forfeiture actions, fraudulent mechanic's lien claims, multi-jurisdictional investigations and deceptive trade practices claims by utilizing a specialized range of provisional and prejudgment remedies. LGP lawyers act quickly to increase cash flow and preserve the value of the distressed asset.

Bankruptcy - Our extensive experience in bankruptcy is often employed in LGP's representation of financial institutions, property owners and landlords.

Labor & Employment - LGP has the depth of experience to handle virtually any employment issue a small or big company may face, including class and collective actions. In a pro-active effort to comply with the myriad of local, state and federal laws, we counsel and advise our clients on their day-to-day workplace issues and train management on ways to avoid lawsuits.

Restaurant, Retail & Hospitality - LGP defends claims involving general tort liability, slip and fall, negligent maintenance, negligent security and wrongful arrest/false imprisonment. Our team is skilled in identifying third parties obligated to indemnify claims, promptly resolving frivolous claims and evaluating potential exposure for meritorious claims.

Labeling Practice Group - LGP has defended numerous putative class actions (including attempted multi-district litigation) based on claims of improper labeling, marketing and other deceptive sales practices.

Complex Subpoena - LGP manages the document production, any objections to the subpoena, depositions and any examination of the former client at trial. Using this approach ensures that the conflicted attorney does not risk disqualification from the larger litigation.

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Real Estate Law and Transactions - LGP represents clients in all aspects of the acquisition, sale, development, syndication, and leasing of commercial and residential properties. These clients include developers, builders and owners of commercial and residential real estate.

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EXPERIENCE

Whether it is a lawsuit or business transaction, we work with you to negotiate the deal, try the case, or resolve the matter in a way that makes sense for you and your business. Our experienced attorneys represent some of the largest healthcare practices, municipalities, and Fortune 500 companies throughout the Southeast.

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At Lincoln Derr, we favor an inclusive atmosphere, recognizing individual differences among us are an underutilized resource rather than a paralyzing obstacle. Minorities and women are the majority rather than the minority. Our diversity values echo in our deliberate effort to identify, nurture and procure talented individuals who may not receive the traditional benefit of bias enjoyed by some.

LOCAL ROOTS

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SHAREHOLDERS

Renée Welze Livingston is a trial lawyer, a member of the America Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) and the founding member of Livingston Law Firm, a women-owned firm she started in Northern California 17 years ago. She handles catastrophic injury, wrongful death and other high-exposure cases primarily in the areas of product liability, trucking and transportation, premises liability and aggravated sexual assault. Renée served on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Minority and Women Owned Law Firms (NAMWOLF) from 2003-2012 and takes an active role in mentoring women lawyers on the challenges and opportunities of being a woman attorney and business owner. Renée currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Association of Defense Counsel of Northern California and Nevada and the Contra Costa County Bar Association. She is a proud graduate of the University of California, Santa Barbara with high honors and the University of San Francisco School of Law with honors. Renée is AV-rated (5.0) by Martindale-Hubbell and a multi-year Northern California Super Lawyer.

Craig A. Livingston is a nationally recognized product liability trial lawyer who represents domestic and international manufacturers and distributors in matters throughout the country. Craig is a long-standing Sustaining Member of the Product Liability Advisory Council and has, for over two decades, served as national coordinating counsel and national trial counsel for a number of manufacturers and distributors. Craig has tried many high-exposure cases to verdict in both state and federal courts involving a wide-range of products. He is an authority on firearms litigation and is frequently called upon to brief and argue the federal Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act in state and federal courts. Craig is regularly a featured speaker for defense lawyer groups on such issues as product liability defense strategies, catastrophic injury and wrongful death and trial tactics. Craig is 5.0 AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell and has been selected as a Northern California Super Lawyer since 2007.

Crystal L. Van Der Putten has over 13 years' experience defending commercial litigation, product liability, premises liability and general liability matters in state and federal courts throughout California. She is the firm's go-to attorney to unravel complex and unusual factual and legal scenarios. Crystal is an active member of NAMWOLF, a multi-year Northern California Rising Star and teaches legal research and writing to law students.

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Civil Litigation Defense

McDonnell & Associates represents retailers and other commercial property owners in premises liability cases. The firm brings extensive trial experience that includes the representation of defendants in over 100 cases tried to verdict. Our attorneys regularly serve as national coordinating counsel for certain high exposure risks including premises security and catastrophic injury claims. The firm maintains an active e-discovery practice to secure video and electronic evidence; protect its confidentiality; and ensure that it can be searched and produced efficiently in complex litigation.

Commercial Litigation

McDonnell & Associates attorneys also represent corporations in complex business disputes. The firm regularly litigates contract disputes for one of the country's largest commercial concerns. Our attorneys have represented businesses on both sides of construction, vendor, real estate, insurance, indemnity, and financial disputes. The firm has successfully obtained and enforced protective orders to ensure that business litigation does not turn into an expensive fishing expedition or a tool to obtain trade secrets.



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