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With a practice focused on the laws governing alcoholic beverages, tobacco, cannabis, and other regulated products, Ian Bacheikov assists clients across multiple sectors, including entertainment, hospitality, and retail. He serves as chair of Akerman’s Alcohol Beverage Sector Team, a multidisciplinary group providing comprehensive counsel to alcohol manufacturers, vendors, middle tier distributors, and retailers. He represents clients in matters including alcohol beverage licensing and permitting, regulatory compliance analysis and consulting, administrative enforcement actions, alcohol and cannabis related land use and zoning, review and drafting of distribution agreements, local government lobbying relating to alcohol beverage and cannabis regulations, commercial leasing for alcohol industry landlords and tenants, and litigation concerning alcoholic beverage law issues.

Notable Work

Alcohol Beverage

Saint Pete Beach: Represent purchaser of oceanfront resort hotel and spa in the transfer and obtaining all operating licenses and permits, including alcoholic beverage licenses, at closing.

Miami Beach: Represent purchaser of oceanfront resort hotel and spa in obtaining all operating licenses and permits, including alcoholic beverage licenses, at closing, as well as obtaining development approvals from the Historic Preservation Board.

Miami & Miami Beach: Represent several developers with obtaining land use and zoning approvals for the development of alcoholic beverage and entertainment establishments.

Kissimmee: Represent purchaser of 400+ room hotel and restaurant in the transfer and obtaining all operating licenses and permits, including alcoholic beverage licenses, at closing.

Areas of Experience

- Alcohol Beverage
- Cannabis
- Hospitality
- Restaurant
- Real Estate
- Land Use and Development

Education

- J.D., Florida International University College of Law, 2011
- B.S., University of Florida, Accounting, 2007

Admissions

Bars

Florida

Courts

- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Florida

Related Content

Akerman Sponsors The Miami Beach Ball Annual Dinner Gala
 May 17, 2025

Akerman Sponsors Annual ULI Southeast Florida/Caribbean Vision Awards
 September 26, 2024

Miami-Dade County Adopts Ordinance Enacting Disclosure Requirements for Sellers/Lessors of Properties Containing Grease Traps
 July 17, 2024

Florida Statewide: Represent several alcoholic beverage license holders in successful defense against administrative enforcement actions to revoke licensure.

Florida Statewide: Represent hotel, restaurant, bar, movie theater, and nightclub owners in obtaining all operating licenses and permits, including alcoholic beverage licenses.

Miami-Dade County: Represent several package liquor stores in obtaining zoning and community board approvals for special exceptions from minimum distance separation requirements.

Miami & Miami Beach: Represent several developers with obtaining land use and zoning approvals for the development of alcoholic beverage and entertainment establishments.

City of Miami: Represent several business owners with obtaining alcoholic beverage and entertainment establishment licenses.

Major Orlando Resort: Represent hotel and restaurant purchaser in obtaining all operating licenses and permits, including alcoholic beverage licenses.

Major Southeast Florida Resort: Represent purchaser in obtaining all operating licenses and permits, including alcoholic beverage licenses.

Southwest Florida Beach Hotel and Golf Club: Represent hotel and golf club purchaser in obtaining all operating licenses and permits, including alcoholic beverage licenses.

Large Marina Chain: Nationwide representation of client, obtaining all operating licenses and permits, including alcoholic beverage licenses.

National Brewery: Represent malt beverage manufacturer who sells products in all 50 states in obtaining all necessary alcoholic beverage licenses and registrations.

Regional Restaurant Chains: Represent various restaurant franchise owners in obtaining alcoholic beverage licenses for their new and purchased locations across 16 states.

Cannabis

Martin County, Florida: Represent client in obtaining zoning entitlements for medical cannabis cultivation location in Martin County, Florida.

North Miami Beach: Represented 3 separate MMTC clients in obtaining Conditional Use Approvals for medical cannabis dispensary locations in North Miami Beach.

Miami Beach: Represented MMTC client in obtaining zoning entitlements for medical cannabis dispensary locations in Miami Beach.

Cocoa Beach: Represented MMTC client in obtaining Special Exception for medical cannabis dispensary location in Cocoa Beach.

Florida Statewide: Represent multiple MMTC license holders in zoning diligence and lease review for prospective cultivation, processing, and dispensing facility locations statewide.

Deerfield Beach: Represent MMTC client in obtaining grandfathered use status for prospective dispensary upon passage of ordinance banning future dispensaries in the City.

Coral Springs: Represented MMTC client in obtaining Conditional Use Approval for medical cannabis dispensary in Coral Springs.

Unincorporated Miami Dade County: Represent client in obtaining zoning entitlements for medical cannabis dispensary.

Published Work and Lectures

- Strafford Webinar, Speaker, “Structuring Liquor License and Other Permit Clauses in Hotel Purchase and Sale Agreements,” May 20, 2024
- FIU College of Law, Global Legal Studies Initiative, Speaker, “The Global Legal Landscape of the Hospitality and Tourism Industry in 2021,” November 18, 2021
- *Miami Herald*, Quoted, “Miami rejects medical cannabis dispensaries. A lawsuit could bring matter to a head,” April 23, 2021
- Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce, Panel Speaker, “Development of Marijuana Dispensaries,” December 15, 2020
- *FSR Magazine*, Co-Author, “Responding to COVID-19: What to Do with Excess Alcohol Inventory,” March 2020
- *Law360*, Co-Author, “Essential Precautions to Take in Liquor Licensing Sales,” March 6, 2017

Affiliations

- Miami Beach Bar Association, Former President
- Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce, Board of Governors
- North Dade & the Beaches Real Estate Council, Former Director
- The Florida Bar, Governmental and Public Policy Advocacy Standing Committee, Member
- The Florida Bar, Real Property & Probate Law Section, Member; Administrative Law Section, Member; Environmental & Land Use Section, Member; City, County & Local Government Section, Member

Honors and Distinctions

- *South Florida Business Journal*, 40 under 40 Honoree, 2023
- Miami-Dade Bar, Young Lawyers Section, 40 Under 40 Award Recipient, 2024
- *Best Lawyers*, 2025, Listed in Florida for Real Estate Law; 2021-2022, Listed in Florida for Real Estate Law as “Ones to Watch”
- *The Legal 500*, 2022, Recommended for Real Estate and Construction – Land Use/Zoning