

## Retail & Hospitality

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### Overview

**Murtha Cullina's Retail & Hospitality practice combines years of experience, extensive local knowledge, practical advice and results-oriented strategies to respond to virtually every issue our clients encounter.**

We work with a broad array of property owners and tenants, including:

- Real estate developers, owners and property managers
- Shopping center owners and operators
- Restaurants
- Hotels
- Retail stores
- Auto dealerships
- Fitness clubs

Known for their responsive client service, Murtha Cullina's lawyers provide a comprehensive range of services that address a multitude of legal needs typically required by those in the retail, restaurant and hospitality sectors. Our practice's depth provides the "one-stop" access that clients seek. When complex matters involve multiple legal disciplines, we regularly collaborate with our Murtha Cullina colleagues from related practices such as Real Estate, Litigation, Environmental, Labor & Employment and Construction to provide inclusive, efficient counsel.

Our range of legal services includes:

- Landlord/tenant litigation, disputes and evictions
- Representation of buyers, sellers and lenders in real estate transactions
- Land use and zoning requirements, compliance, approvals and appeals
- Environmental due diligence and remediation
- Lease drafting and interpretation
- Construction contract negotiations and disputes
- Creditors' rights, bankruptcy and workouts
- Comprehensive financing representation
- Labor, employment and corporate law counsel

Members of our Retail & Hospitality practice regularly litigate in housing, bankruptcy and other courts across Connecticut, Massachusetts and New England. We also appear before the Specialized Tax Session of the Superior Court in New Britain, Connecticut, on property tax appeal matters. Our skilled lawyers have earned an enviable reputation among the courts and our clients for their credibility and effective representation.

Murtha Cullina's ability to sustain long-lasting relationships is rooted in our tireless dedication to understand and navigate the many issues our clients face: economic uncertainty, regulatory changes, "smart growth" planning, population and employment patterns, real estate price fluctuations, brick-and-

mortar and online competition, public health threats and other factors. Not only do clients rely on us to provide solid legal advice, but they also look to us to deliver proactive strategic counsel that can mean the difference between opportunities gained and opportunities lost or recognizing a good deal from a bad one. We stay on top of industry trends and regularly share our insights with major trade associations and professional groups, such as the International Council of Shopping Centers and the Massachusetts State Automobile Dealers Association.

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