

Alcoholic Beverage Law deals with legal issues impacting the manufacture, distribution, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages. This includes applications for and issuance of liquor licenses, liability arising out of the sale of alcoholic beverages, and state and federal regulations governing the sale of alcoholic beverages. Laws relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages differ from state to state. State law governs the blood alcohol threshold establishing liability for driving a motor vehicle while intoxicated (DUI laws). Federal laws are implicated in other areas of alcoholic beverage law.

Alcoholic beverage law attorneys can practice for the government with a regulatory / enforcement agency, in big corporate settings, such as with an alcoholic beverage manufacturer or distributor, or in the hospitality, hotel or restaurant industry. States, counties, and cities typically require businesses to apply for and maintain liquor licenses to sell alcoholic beverages. Attorneys familiar with the licensing procedure are often instrumental in this process. Similarly, attorneys familiar with DUI laws represent clients who have been arrested for DUI offenses. For additional information on Alcoholic Beverage Law, see the [National Alcohol Beverage Control Association \(NABCA\)](#) and the [National Association of Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Attorneys](#).

Job Type	Typical Duties
<u>Federal Agencies</u> Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives Bureau Federal Jobs	Make and enforce rules and regulations. Review policies and draft reports.
<u>FL State Agencies</u> Florida Department of Business and Professional Development: Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco Florida State Jobs	Enforce the laws and regulations of the alcoholic beverage industries.
Local Government City Attorney's Office County Attorney's Office Mayor's Office Florida County Websites Florida City Websites	Enforce the laws and regulations of the alcoholic beverage industries.
Private Law Firms	Help clients obtain a liquor license. Defend clients against claims arising out of the sale of alcohol. Represent clients in front of regulatory boards of the government. Advise and counsel clients on issues relating to taxes, licensing, manufacturing, distributing, and sale of alcohol.

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Student Organizations

[Association of Business Law Students](#)

Professional Organizations

[National Alcohol Beverage Control Association \(NABCA\)](#)

[National Association of Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Attorneys](#)

Other Activities

Obtain an internship with an alcoholic beverage law or restaurant or food services attorney, an attorney who has clients who manufacture alcohol, a government agency, or a firm.

Periodically check the [Symplicity Job Board](#) for opportunities in this area of law.

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