



FRANCHISE AND DISTRIBUTION LITIGATION

WHEN IT COUNTS

Barnes & Thornburg attorneys have litigated franchise, licensing and distribution disputes under state and federal law in multiple state and federal jurisdictions and before numerous state agencies. The firm's experience includes litigation and arbitration in virtually all aspects of franchisor/franchisee and distributor/dealer relationships, including expansion, renewal, and termination issues.

Our attorneys have experience in major litigation throughout the country, including matters involving shutting down -breakaway- franchisees; enforcing trademarks, service marks, trade secrets and operating procedures; upholding a franchisor's real estate and personal property rights through forcibles, replevin or UCC sales; pursuing franchisees through bankruptcy adversarial proceedings; and combating disgruntled and powerful area franchisees or franchise associations.

In addition to distributors, dealers and franchisees, our attorneys have represented franchisors doing business nationwide, such as Domino's Pizza, Burger King, Microsoft, AlphaGraphics, Boston Market, Brown's Chicken, Popeye's, Century 21, Blockbuster, Roto Rooter and Subway.

Barnes & Thornburg has represented clients in dealer/distributor franchise disputes in a number of industries, including: power sports, recreational vehicles, consumer products, restaurants and food service establishments, direct-to-home food delivery service, snack foods, electronics, medical products, sanitary care, automobile tires, furniture restoration, office supplies and educational services. The firm's franchise/distributor experience ranges from opposition proceedings in the United States Patent and Trademark Office to antitrust class actions to proceedings before the International Trade Commission and assisting in similar cases abroad. Such litigation involved patents, trademarks, and

Why Barnes & Thornburg?

Finding new ways to help clients identify solutions and new business opportunities, across industries, is at our core. We are, at times, more than lawyers, we are advisers bringing new ideas to light. We understand what keeps you up at night and work collaboratively to find practical and creative solutions, at the heart of business.

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