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Focus

- Alcohol Beverage
- Cannabis Industry
- Food Law
- Admiralty and Maritime

Exceptional attorney navigating clients through the ever-changing landscape of the alcohol beverage industry. Dedicated to unrivaled client service and improving efficiency in daily operations.

John Thomas advises clients operating in the regulated products and hospitality sectors, with a primary focus on the alcohol beverage industry. He counsels manufacturers, importers, distributors, retailers, and hospitality businesses on the laws governing the manufacturing, importation, distribution, marketing, sale, and service of beer, wine, distilled spirits, and other licensed beverages.

In addition to alcohol beverage law, John works with businesses in the cannabis and hemp products industries, food and beverage sector, and cruise and maritime industries, helping clients navigate complex regulatory frameworks, licensing requirements, and compliance obligations. His practice includes advising companies on product development, labeling and marketing considerations, licensing, supply chain and distribution structures, and interactions with federal, state, and local regulatory agencies affecting these evolving industries.

Insights

- "Home Distilling: Where it Stands Now," *Artisan Spirit Magazine: Winter 2026*, January 6, 2026
- "Take Me Out to the Ballgame: A Review of the Licensing, Compliance, and Liability Considerations for Alcohol Service at Stadiums and Festivals," Presenter, HospitalityLawyer.com Quarterly Virtual Webinar Series, December 3, 2025
- "Canadian Counterattack: Retaliatory Tariff's & Actions' Impact on the U.S. Alcohol Industry," *Artisan Spirit Magazine: Summer 2025*, June 30, 2025
- "Changes in Alcohol Beverage Law in 2024," *Artisan Spirit Magazine: Spring 2025*, March 11, 2025
- "Protect Your Dram Shop: An Overview of Liability for Alcohol Retailers," Presenter, HospitalityLawyer.com Quarterly Virtual Webinar Series, February 19, 2025
- "Labeling Overhaul: How New TTB Regulations Could Reshape Alcohol Advertising and Packaging," *Artisan Spirit Magazine: Winter 2025*, January 13, 2025

- "Submitting to Control (States): An overview of control states and product listing considerations," *Artisan Spirit Magazine: Fall 2024*, August 26, 2024
- "I want the product, and I want it now! Direct-to-Consumer Sales for Distilleries," *Artisan Spirit Magazine: Spring 2024,* April 17, 2024
- "Alcohol Delivery Update – An Overview of Where the Law Stands," Presenter, HospitalityLawyer.com Quarterly Virtual Webinar Series, February 21, 2024
- "Engaging a helping hand – Contract Distilling," *Artisan Spirit Magazine: Winter 2024,* January 3, 2024
- "Time to do your chores! License Maintenance and Upkeep," *Artisan Spirit Magazine: Fall 2023,* September 1, 2023
- "A Whole New World: FDA Regulations for Alcohol Manufacturers," *Artisan Spirit Magazine: Summer 2023,* June 30, 2023
- "Attack of the Records! TTB Record Keeping and Compliance," *Artisan Spirit Magazine: Spring 2023,* April 5, 2023
- "Endorsing and Testimonials: The FTC's Not-So-Friendly Reminder," *National Law Review*, February 10, 2022

Media

- "Arrivals & Departures, Week of September 13-19, 2026," *LobbyTools*, September 25, 2026
- "Personnel note: GrayRobinson promotes 2 lawyers to top shareholder positions in powerhouse firm," *Florida Politics*, September 20, 2026
- "Florida Law Firm News - GrayRobinson Promotes 13 Attorneys and Advisors," *LawFuel*, September 6, 2025

Affiliations

- Hillsborough County Bar Association
    - Associate Bar Leadership Institute, Graduate

Credentials

- J.D., University of Florida College of Law, 2020
- B.S., University of Florida, 2014, *cum laude*

Admissions

- Florida