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Louis J. Terminello is a partner, Chair of the Hospitality, Alcohol and Leisure Industry Group, a member of the Firm Management Committee and serves as the Managing Partner of the Miami office at Greenspoon Marder. He concentrates his practice on administrative law and providing legal services to all tiers of the alcohol beverage industry, including retailers, suppliers and wholesalers. He handles a wide array of transactional, civil, criminal, and administrative matters for hotels, restaurants, bars, nightclubs and package stores throughout Florida.

Mr. Terminello has more than 40 years of experience in the alcohol beverage and tobacco industry as a regulator, industry attorney and industry member. He previously served as a senior law enforcement investigator with the State of Florida's Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco in Miami for over 10 years.

Mr. Terminello was an Adjunct Professor at Florida International University's Chaplain School of Hospitality and Tourism Management teaching Beverage Law Management/Alcoholic Beverage Law from 2006 through 2013 and is currently an Adjunct Professor at the University of Miami School of Law teaching Alcohol Beverage Law. He has lectured at Florida Bar CLE events on various alcoholic beverage law topics on several occasions. Additionally, he has been appointed Special Counsel to U.S. Bankruptcy Court trustees for alcoholic beverage issues in the United States Bankruptcy Court on numerous occasions. Mr. Terminello has also been admitted as an expert witness in alcoholic beverage issues in circuit courts throughout the State of Florida. Louis has owned and operated several South Florida restaurants and nightclubs.

Mr. Terminello is recognized among the "Top Ranked Lawyers" in the Nationwide: Food & Beverage category by Chambers and Partners USA since 2022.

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Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Florida
- New York
- Pennsylvania

Court Admissions

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

Education

- J.D., *cum laude*, University of Miami School of Law, 1990

- Honor Council President, 1989-1990
- Inter-American Law Review, Member, 1988-1990
- B.S., Northeastern University, 1974

Practice Areas

- Hospitality, Alcohol & Leisure Industry Group
- Entertainment & Sports
- Latin America

Professional and Community Involvement

- *Law360*, Hospitality Editorial Advisory Board, 2023
- Urban Land Institute
 - Entertainment Development Council, 2024-Present
 - Recreational Development Council, 2018-2023
- Dade County Bar Association, Member
- New York State Bar Association, Member
- American Bar Association, Member
- Paul Harris, Fellow
- University of Miami School of Law, Alcoholic Beverage Law, Adjunct Professor, 2017-Present
- Florida International University's Chaplain School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, Alcoholic Beverage Law, Adjunct Professor, 2006-2014

Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, "Regulating Beverage Alcohol-Past Practices and Current Perceptions," Celesq/WestLegalEd Webinar, September 12, 2019

Recognitions

- *U.S. News & World Report*, "Best Lawyers in America," Leisure and Hospitality Law, 2023-2024
- Chambers & Partners, "Top Ranked Lawyers - Nationwide: Food & Beverage," 2022 - 2023
- *South Florida Legal Guide*, "Top Lawyer," 2020-2021
- *Martindale-Hubbell*, Rated AV Preeminent®

In the News

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- Featured, "Greenspoon Law Firm Expanding Its Alcohol Business," *Sun Sentinel*, September 10, 2015

Publications

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- Co-Author, "Basic Mechanics & Benefits of the Alternating Proprietorship Arrangement," *The Grapevine Magazine*, March 1, 2024
- Co-Author, "The Role of the Municipality and Local Ordinances and the Producers' Operational Goals," *The Grapevine Magazine*, January 2, 2024
- Co-Author, "The 21st Amendment Enforcement Act & Retail Sales in Interstate Commerce," *The Grapevine Magazine*, November 3, 2023
- Co-Author, "Contract Packaging Agreements," *Beverage Master*, October 5, 2023

- Co-Author, "Cities Should Explore Minn. Municipal Alcohol Store Model," *Law360*, April 13, 2023
- Co-Author, "To Taste or Not to Taste - The Grapevine Magazine," *The Grapevine Magazine*, January 11, 2023
- Co-Author, "How Cos. Can Prep For Alcohol Beverage Excise Tax Changes," *Law360*, December 22, 2022
- Author, "The Florida Alcohol Beverage Law: A Body of Law in Flux and Change," *The Florida Bar Journal*, March 2022
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- The Difference E-Commerce Makes (Taxes)
- The 21st Amendment Enforcement Act & Retail Sales in Interstate Commerce Published in Grapevine Magazine
- Supplier Advertising with Third Parties
- Premium Cigars Deemed Not "Deemable"
- Out-of-State Direct to Consumer Sales Update
- Tallahassee Passes Amended 561.20(4) Florida Statute Opening Licensure Opportunities To New, Bona Fide Restaurants In This State
- The "Muni" Store
- Hard "Soft-Drinks" and their "Disruptor" Presence
- Scariest Trend in the Hospitality Industry
- CBMA Update Note – Administration of CBMA Tax Benefits for Importers to Transition to TTB
- Beware the Franchise Law Lurking Behind Your Distribution Agreement
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- Greenspoon Marder Hospitality, Alcohol & Leisure Blog: TTB and Hand Sanitizer Guidance for Holders of Distilled Spirits Permits (DSP's)
- Craft Beverage Modernization Act Appears To Gain Momentum
- Greenspoon Marder Hospitality, Alcohol & Leisure Blog: 1.8% Apparently Makes All The Difference-A Beer Update
- Greenspoon Marder Hospitality, Alcohol & Leisure Blog: Florida Wholesaler Attacks the Three Tier System
- Greenspoon Marder Hospitality, Alcohol & Leisure Blog: Class/Type and Origin Matter when Introducing a Brand
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- Greenspoon Marder Hospitality, Alcohol & Leisure Blog: TTB Expands Voluntary Disclosure – Be Aware!
- Greenspoon Marder Client Alert: Hotel/Hostel Industry Updates
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- Greenspoon Marder Represents Client Major Food Group in Opening of Restaurant Chateau ZZ's Located in Brickell
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- 49 Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Listed in The Best Lawyers in America© 2024 Edition
- Greenspoon Marder Secures Three Levels of Unanimous Approval On Behalf of Delilah's New Location in Miami
- Greenspoon Marder Prevailed In Final Peremptory Writ of Mandamus on Behalf of Client Made in DR Wynwood, Corp.
- Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Ranked in Chambers USA 2023 Guide
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- Tallahassee Passes Amended 561.20(4) Florida Statute Opening Licensure Opportunities To New, Bona Fide Restaurants In This State
- Greenspoon Marder Hospitality Chair Louis J. Terminello Selected Among Law360's 2023 Hospitality Editorial Board
- Greenspoon Marder Hospitality, Alcohol and Leisure Industry Group Represents Client in Opening of Giselle at E11EVEN Restaurant
- Greenspoon Marder's Hospitality, Alcohol & Leisure Industry Group Named 2022 'Practice Group of the Year' by Law360
- 48 Attorneys At Greenspoon Marder Listed In The Best Lawyers In America© 2023
- Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Ranked In Chambers and Partners USA For 2022
- Greenspoon Marder Launches Latin America Practice Group
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- Greenspoon Marder Obtains Writ of Mandamus on Behalf of Made In DR Wynwood
- Greenspoon Marder Announces New Leadership Positions in Miami and New York
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- Greenspoon Marder Successfully Reverses Ruling To Allow Vendors of Alcoholic Beverages To Store Inventory In A Different County
- Greenspoon Marder Prevails On Behalf of Client La Galere Market Before the First District Court of Appeal For the State of Florida
- Greenspoon Marder Partner Spotlight: Louis J. Terminello
- Greenspoon Marder Prevails On Behalf Of Client E11even Before The City Of Miami's Planning & Zoning Appeals Board
- Greenspoon Marder Successfully Reaches A Settlement With the City of Miami Beach Allowing the Mokai Lounge To Resume Operations
- Greenspoon Marder Highlights National Hospitality, Alcohol & Leisure Industry Group

- Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Receive 2018 AV Preeminent Rating By Martindale-Hubbell
- Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Receive 2017 AV Preeminent Rating By Martindale-Hubbell
- Greenspoon Marder Shareholder Louis J. Terminello Joins University of Miami School of Law As Adjunct Professor Teaching Alcohol Beverage Law
- Greenspoon Marder Successfully Blocks Transfer of Liquor License

Videos

- Webinar: Hospitality Service Providers in the Time of COVID-19
- Greenspoon Marder Hospitality, Alcohol & Leisure Industry Group Miami Reception



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