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Louis J. Terminello is a partner, Chair of the Hospitality, Alcohol and Leisure Industry Group and member of the Firm Management Committee 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.

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Court Admissions

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

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Florida
- New York

Education

- J.D., University of Miami School of Law, *cum laude*, 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, Media & Technology Industry Group

Professional and Community Involvement

- Urban Land Institute, Product Councils: Recreational Development Council
- 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, 2017-2019
- 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

- *Martindale-Hubbell*, Rated AV Preeminent®

In the News

- Mentioned, "Miami Commission Considers Projects Starting With 20-Year Extension For E11even," *Daily Business Review*, September 25, 2019
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- Quoted, "Cannabis Enters Hotel Scene," *The Harvest Investor*, June 8, 2019
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- Quoted, "Wrongful Death Lawsuit Against Tiger Woods Faces Stiff Challenge Because of 'Habitual Drunkard' Law," *USA Today*, May 17, 2019
- Quoted, "The Legalities of Hosting a Drink Event," *SevenFifty Daily*, November 29, 2018
- Quoted, "Changing Marijuana Laws Pose Problems For Hospitality," *Hospitality Law*, September 2018
- Quoted, "E11EVEN Gets OK for Nightclub Expansion to Miami Rooftop," *Law.com*, May 17, 2018
- Quoted, "South Beach Club Mokai Gets to Reopen After Horse in Club," *Miami Herald*, March 19, 2018
- Quoted, "Miami Beach's Mokai Lounge to Reopen After Shutdown Over Horse Video," *NBC Miami*, March 19, 2018
- Featured, "Some Say He's a Hero: How a Lawyer Saved the Party," *Law.com*, September 1, 2017
- Quoted, "Nightclub Allowed to Reopen After Promising that Women Won't Expose Their Breasts Again," *Miami Herald*, August 25,

2017

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- Quoted, "Nightlife, Fashion Among Law Firms' New Niches," *Miami Herald*, April 24, 2016
- Featured, "Greenspoon Law Firm Expanding Its Alcohol Business," *Sun Sentinel*, September 10, 2015

Publications

- Author, "5th Circ. Liquor Sales Ruling Skirts Commerce Clause Issues," *Law360*, August 21, 2019
- Author, "Will Protectionist Alcohol Rules Withstand More Supreme Court Scrutiny?," *Daily Business Review*, June 27, 2019
- Author, "Supreme Court Is Asked if Retailers Can Ship Alcohol Directly to Consumers," *Daily Business Review*, February 4, 2019
- Author, "Distinct Rules," *Food & Drink International*, August 13, 2018
- Author, "'Tied-House Evil' Laws," *Food and Drink International*, April 13, 2018
- Author, "Repeal of Prohibition," *Leisure & Hospitality International*, February 20, 2018

- Greenspoon Marder Hospitality, Alcohol & Leisure Blog: More Tariff Gloom For Wine Lovers?...Maybe Not
- Greenspoon Marder Hospitality, Alcohol & Leisure Blog: Introducing the Proposed United States Postal Service Shipping Equity Act
- Greenspoon Marder Hospitality, Alcohol & Leisure Blog: A Dram and Drama in Multiple Acts
- Greenspoon Marder Hospitality, Alcohol & Leisure Blog: Case Update
- Greenspoon Marder Hospitality, Alcohol & Leisure Blog: Class/Type and Origin Matter when Introducing a Brand
- Greenspoon Marder Hospitality, Alcohol & Leisure Blog: "FL" Malt Beverage Container Imprint-It's the Law
- Greenspoon Marder Hospitality, Alcohol & Leisure Blog: TTB Expands Voluntary Disclosure – Be Aware!
- Greenspoon Marder Hospitality, Alcohol & Leisure Blog: Defining the Limits of the 21st Amendment-Broad State Authority May be in Question
- Greenspoon Marder Client Alert: Hotel/Hostel Industry Updates
- Greenspoon Marder Hospitality, Alcohol & Leisure Blog: Update to Latest Round of US-China Tariffs Hit Wine and Spirits - California Winemakers Nervous
- Greenspoon Marder Hospitality, Alcohol & Leisure Blog: Latest Round of US-China Tariffs Hits Wine and Spirits
- Greenspoon Marder Hospitality, Alcohol & Leisure Blog: CBD-Infused Alcoholic Beverages: Coming Soon To A Store Near You?
- Greenspoon Marder Hospitality, Alcohol & Leisure Blog: Cannabis Conundrum
- Let's Buy Together!
- How Private Labels Blur the Lines of Beverage Law
- The Issue is Moot-Sort Of.
- TTB Closed for Business...And We Know It's Bad for You.
- "Blair v Tenn" – Can A Retailer Ship Directly To Consumers?
- For Whom the Bong Tolls
- Greenspoon Marder Launches Hospitality, Alcohol & Leisure Industry Group Blog

News

- Greenspoon Marder Partner Spotlight: Louis J. Terminello

- Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Selected as 2018 Legal Leaders
- 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 Shareholder Louis J. Terminello Appointed to the Urban Land Institute's (ULI) Florida Product Councils Hospitality & Recreation Development Council
- Greenspoon Marder Shareholder Louis J. Terminello Joins University of Miami School of Law As Adjunct Professor Teaching Alcohol Beverage Law
- Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Selected as 2016 Legal Leaders
- Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Receive 2017 AV Preeminent Rating By Martindale-Hubbell
- Greenspoon Marder Successfully Blocks Transfer of Liquor License

Videos

- Greenspoon Marder Hospitality, Alcohol & Leisure Industry Group Miami Reception

