



PFAS & Food Packaging – What Franchisors and Restaurant Chains Need to Know

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Presented via Zoom webinar.

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PFAS are a class of over 5,000 different chemicals that are known for their non-stick and grease, oil, and water-resistant properties. These physical properties make PFAS useful in a variety of applications, including cookware, food packaging, and food processing. Last year we hosted a webinar exploring PFAS in the food supply industry and as predicted, PFAS has continued to receive an increasing amount of attention, culminating in a wave of class action lawsuits filed in April and May of this year targeting quick-service restaurant franchisors and other food packaging companies. This litigation risk, combined with potential for media attention, consumer activism and increasing regulatory pressure will require companies in these industries to closely monitor this trend.

In this 60-minute webinar, our PFAS attorneys Ally Cunningham and Matt Walker team up with Franchise litigator Craig Miller to cover a variety of topics, including:

- Why PFAS are prevalent in the food industry and where they are found
- Potential exposure to and human health effects from PFAS in food packaging
- How consumer activism can impact the quick service restaurant industry
- Status of current and expected litigation
- What this means for franchisors and master franchisees and tips for minimizing risk

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Other Resources

We hope you can join us on August 10 for this informative discussion. In the meantime, you may also be interested in checking out these articles and other resources from our team.



- Nation's Restaurant News quotes Matt Walker on Federal Bill to Prohibit PFAS in Foodservice Packaging (June 2022)
- Quick-Service Restaurant Franchisors Targeted by "Forever Chemical" Class Action Litigation (June 2022)
- "Fast Food Chains Sued Over PFAS in Food Packaging," Food Quality & Safety (April 2022)
- Food Industry Executive: Featured Article by Mara Cohara, Ally Cunningham and Matt Walker (May 2021)