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## Pittsburgh law firm launches resource center for restaurant/bar sector

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Law firm Leech Tishman Fuscaldo & Lampl LLC has launched a hospitality, restaurant and bar industry resource center for Covid-19 legal services.

The resource center will offer clients that have been severely impacted by Covid-19 with information and tools to navigate complex state and local mandates that have severely affected the way they do business, as well as information on other pandemic-related legal issues. It seeks to assist companies in addressing financial losses, getting back to business and protecting the health and safety of their customers and employees.

Leech Tishman, Pittsburgh's 15th largest law firm, and the Caputo Law Office are representing a large consortium of establishments including restaurants and bars that are concerned about recent and changing orders in Allegheny County placing strict restrictions on restaurant operations to curtail the escalation of Covid-19.

"These issues are not unique to Allegheny County," Michael Sampson, a Leech Tishman partner in the firm's Insurance Coverage and Litigation practice groups, said in a release. "We're seeing similar restrictions across the country, as states and



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Leech Tishman has debuted a resource center for the restaurant/bar/hospitality industry sectors grappling with changing restrictions on operating and curtailing the spread of Covid-19.

local governments try to address health concerns related to the Covid-19 pandemic."

In addition to its downtown Pittsburgh headquarters, Leech Tishman also has offices in Chicago; Los Angeles; New York; Sarasota, Florida; and Wilmington, Delaware.

Sampson said the resource center is meant to act as a tool for restaurants nationwide, so that they can be fully informed about state and local regulations, instances of legal push-back and other options for establishments to address their financial concerns.

"We understand the very significant health concerns, but this is also putting extreme economic pressure on businesses, which have now had to be closed for several months," Sampson said. "The situation is extraordinarily fluid; the regulations change often, sometimes daily. And we want to be able to support businesses in this industry, so that they are prepared to operate efficiently and in compliance with health and safety guidelines."

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