



Licensing - Professional - Business - Government

While the regulatory environment for professional and occupational licensing continues to become more and more complex, the basic principle for individuals and businesses remains the same—a license can be your most valuable asset. Whenever there is a sign you may have to deal with a licensing agency, you should contact an attorney with experience in this specialized area of practice.

At Foster Swift, our attorneys have the necessary expertise in the complicated array of statutes, regulations, guidelines, and other policies relating to professional and occupational licenses. They also have the hands-on experience in dealing with regulatory agencies, and know the way to a favorable outcome.

We help our clients with the initial step of getting licensed. We counsel clients about the requirements applicable to practicing under their licenses. We provide a vigorous defense when a client's license may be at risk—when a subpoena or request for records is received, when an investigator asks for an interview, or when an administrative complaint is filed.

Our licensing attorneys frequently advise and assist clients with:

- Applying for professional and occupational licenses and addressing denials of licensing applications
- Understanding issues relating to scope of practice, compliance with regulatory requirements, business planning and operations under a professional or occupational license
- Responding to subpoenas and dealing with investigations
- Defending administrative complaints and other disciplinary actions
- Appealing adverse outcomes in licensing actions
- Dealing with the collateral consequences of disciplinary sanctions, such as reporting, credentialing, exclusions, and participation with insurance and governmental payers.

Foster Swift has attorneys in a broad range of practice areas who can team with our licensing attorneys and help clients with other issues affecting their professions and businesses.

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Michigan requires licensure to practice in many professions and occupations. Over 25 separate health professions are governed by the Public Health Code. The Occupational Code applies to more than 15 occupations. Numerous other licensing requirements for individuals and businesses exist in other Michigan statutes and regulations. Our attorneys have represented clients in almost all of these professions and occupations, including physicians, dentists, psychologists, pharmacies and pharmacists, accountants, architects, engineers, insurance companies and insurance agents and producers, real estate brokers and salespersons, builders, and many others.

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