



## Cassandra LaRae-Perez, Special Counsel

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Cassandra LaRae-Perez joined the Gravel & Shea corporate team in 2018 as Special Counsel. After practicing with another prominent Vermont law firm for nearly 14 years, she applies her wealth of experience in litigation, compliance and regulatory work to her Food & Beverage Law practice dedicated to New England's food and beverage producers. In collaboration with the firm's full-service team, she provides guidance on a complete suite of legal needs, ranging from general business issues such as labor and employment questions, litigation and real estate to topics specific to the food industry, including FDA or USDA and Vermont food processing licensing and regulatory compliance, product recalls, distribution and co-packing agreements, trademarks and reporting and manufacturing practice requirements.

### EDUCATION

Boston University School of Law, J.D. 2002, *cum laude*  
University of California, San Diego, B.A. 1991, *magna cum laude*

### ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

Food Safety Preventive Controls Alliance, FSMA PCQI  
Wine & Spirit Education Trust, Diploma Candidate  
Wine Scholars Guild, French Wine Scholar  
University of Burgundy, Center of International French Studies, France  
Leiden University, Law School, Netherlands  
Birmingham University, England

### HONORS

Victor J. Garo Public Service Award, awarded as alumna by Boston University School of Law (2010)

### MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

Member, Chittenden County, Washington County, Vermont, New Hampshire and American Bar Associations  
Member, Vermont Specialty Food Association (2019)  
Member, Grocery Manufacturers Association (2018-present)  
Member Food and Drug Law Institute (2018-present)  
President, American Inns of Court, Central Vermont Chapter (2015-2016)  
Member, American Inns of Court, Central Vermont Chapter (2003-2016)  
Program Chair and Counselor, American Inns of Court, Central Vermont Chapter (2013-2015)

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Committee Member, Program Awards Committee, American Inns of Court (2013-2015)

Board Member, Vermont Asylum and Immigration Advocates/Vermont Refugee Assistance (2004-2014)

#### PRESENTATIONS

Cannabis in the Specialty Food Industry, Panel Discussion, Vermont Specialty Food Association, Spring Annual Meeting (June 2019)

Food and Beverage Law, Vermont Bar Association Mid-Year Meeting (March 2019)

CBD in Food and Beverages - FDA, TTB and USPTO Regulatory Status, Vermont Cannabis Solutions Industry Meeting (May 2019)

Impact of Blockchain Enabling Regulation in Vermont on Food Safety, Webinar, University of Vermont Extension (November 2018)

#### BAR ADMISSIONS

Massachusetts (2002)

Vermont (2003)

New Hampshire (2009)

U.S. District Court for the District of Vermont (2010)

U.S. District Court for the District of New Hampshire (2010)