

# Alva Mather Joins DLA Piper's Litigation Practice in Philadelphia

**DLA Piper** announced that Alva Mather has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in Philadelphia.

Mather represents companies in the food and beverage industry, including manufacturers, suppliers, grocery stores and restaurants. This includes a focus on advising alcoholic beverage companies, retailers and other third-party providers involved in alcohol-related services on all aspects of manufacturing, distribution, sales and advertising.

"Alva brings extensive experience and is nationally recognized as a thought leader in the food and beverage industry, and her practice complements our efforts in this important sector," said James Brogan, co-chair of DLA Piper's US Litigation practice. "She is also a skilled litigator who has established herself as an authority, particularly on trends and issues impacting the alcohol industry, and her deep knowledge will allow us to significantly expand upon our practice offerings."

"Alva has formed a number of strong relationships in the food and beverage industry, which, along with her experience and impressive track record, will be highly valuable to our clients in Philadelphia and across the country," said Joe Kernan, managing partner of the firm's Philadelphia office. "We are thrilled to welcome her to the firm, where she will immediately enhance our capabilities and further strengthen our national and global platform."

Mather joins DLA Piper from Pepper Hamilton LLP, where she served as chair of the firm's Alcoholic Beverage Industry practice and co-chair of its Food and Beverage and Cannabis Industry practices. She earned her J.D. from the University of

Pennsylvania Law School, her M.A. in sociology from Northwestern University and her B.A., magna cum laude, from Mount Holyoke College.