

**THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD**

**In the Matter of:** )  
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Family, LLC )  
t/a MK Lounge & Restaurant )  
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Holder of a )  
Retailer’s Class CT License )  
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at premises )  
1930 9th Street, N.W. )  
Washington, D.C. 20001 )  
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Case No.: 21-CMP-00007  
License No: ABRA-88787  
Order No: 2022-206

**BEFORE:** Donovan Anderson, Chairperson  
James Short, Member  
Bobby Cato, Member  
Rafi Aliya Crockett, Member  
Jeni Hansen, Member  
Edward S. Grandis, Member

**ALSO PRESENT:** Family, LLC, t/a MK Lounge & Restaurant, Respondent

Richard Bianco, Counsel, on behalf of the Respondent

Shani C. Brown, Assistant Attorney General  
Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia

Martha Jenkins, General Counsel  
Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration

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**ORDER APPROVING OFFER IN COMPROMISE**

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The above-mentioned parties appeared before the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board on May 4, 2022. At the hearing, the parties proposed an offer-in-compromise (OIC) to resolve the enforcement action described in the cases identified above. The Board approved the OIC at the hearing.

**ORDER**

Therefore, on this 4th day of May 2022, the Board **APPROVES** the OIC presented by the parties. The terms of the OIC are as follows:

1. For the violation described in Charge I (23 DCMR § 810.2), the Respondent shall receive a fine of \$2,000.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Respondent must pay all fines imposed by the Board within one hundred and twenty (120) days from the date of this Order, or its license shall be immediately suspended until all amounts owed are paid.

The ABRA shall deliver copies of this Order to the Government and the Respondent.

District of Columbia  
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

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Edward S. Grandis, Member

Pursuant to 23 DCMR § 1719.1, any party adversely affected may file a Motion for Reconsideration of this decision within ten (10) days of service of this Order with the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration, Reeves Center, 2000 14th Street, N.W., 400S, Washington, D.C. 20009. Also, pursuant to section 11 of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, Pub. L. 90-614, 82 Stat. 1209, District of Columbia Official Code § 2-510 (2001), and Rule 15 of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, any party adversely affected has the right to appeal this Order by filing a petition for review, within thirty (30) days of the date of service of this Order, with the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001. However, the timely filing of a Motion for Reconsideration pursuant to 23 DCMR § 1719.1 stays the time for filing a petition for review in the District of Columbia Court of Appeals until the Board rules on the motion. *See* D.C. App. Rule 15(b).

Finally, in the case of a summary suspension, “A person aggrieved by a final summary action may file an appeal in accordance with the procedures set forth in subchapter I of Chapter 5 of Title 2.” D.C. Code § 25-826(d).

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE REGULATION ADMINISTRATION  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD**



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| IN THE MATTER OF:<br><br>FAMILY, LLC t/a<br>MK LOUNGE & RESTAURANT,<br><br>Respondent. | Case No. 21-CMP-00007<br>License No. 88787<br>Retailer Class CT |
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**OFFER IN COMPROMISE FOR BOARD APPROVAL**

The District of Columbia, jointly with the licensee (respondent) submits this Offer in Compromise (OIC) to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (Board), as authorized by 23 DCMR § 1611.5, for approval by the Board.

The Parties understand that if the Board approves the OIC, the case will conclude, the scheduled Status and Show Cause Hearings will be vacated and under 23 DCMR § 1611.6, the OIC shall constitute a waiver of appeal and judicial review. Respondent will be obligated to abide by the terms of the OIC shown below. If the Board does not approve the OIC, the matter will be continued to the scheduled Show Cause Hearing, currently set for May 4, 2022.

By accepting this OIC, respondent does not admit to liability. Respondent has been advised that there is no obligation to accept an OIC. Respondent has been advised, through service of the Notice of Status Hearing and Show Cause Hearing that at a Show Cause Hearing, respondent may: be represented by legal counsel, have subpoenas issued to require the production of witnesses and evidence, produce witnesses and evidence, cross-examine witnesses, and apply to the Board for a qualified interpreter.

The OIC terms are as follows.

**Charge I: Failed to comply with Mayor’s Order (Patrons were not wearing masks; Failed to practice social distancing by allowing more than 6 individuals to be seated at a table; Failed to comply with 25% occupancy).**

Statutory Authority: 23 DCMR § 810.2.

(1) Fine: \$2,000 within one hundred twenty (120) days or its license shall be suspended indefinitely until this fine is paid. Respondent does not admit liability for the violation.

(2) Suspension: N/A.

(3) Other terms: N/A

Dated: May 3, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTORNEYS FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**CONSENT OF RESPONDENT**

By this Offer in Compromise, I agree to accept and perform its terms. I acknowledge the validity of the OIC and waive a hearing to which I would have a right under D.C. Code § 25-826. I also recognize that I am waiving any right to appeal an adverse ruling of the Board that might have followed any such hearing. By this settlement, I waive all such rights. I sign this OIC without reservation, and I fully understand its meaning and my rights.

/s/ Richard J. Romano  
Respondent by Counsel

5/3/2022 2022  
DATE

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on May 3, 2022, the foregoing Offer in Compromise for Board Approval was served by electronic mail or by U.S. mail, first class postage pre-paid, to:

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