

Ogier advises on first liquor licences for gas stations in at least 20 years

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Ogier has secured the first alcohol licences for gas stations for at least 20 years as part of the firm's growing suite of legal services to local firms in Cayman.

The firm, which last year marked its 25th anniversary in Cayman, has made a series of five successful applications for licences to sell alcohol from gas stations, including licences granting permission to sell alcohol on Sundays for one premise.

Restrictions in the laws governing the sale of liquor in the Cayman Islands mean that only certain categories of licensed premises are eligible to sell alcohol seven days per week, subject to certain restrictions.

The category of licence that Ogier helped to secure for gas station clients is one of the few that the law allows to be extended to operations running on Sundays. The law does not permit the Liquor Licensing Board to extend the typical package licences currently held by some licensees to opening all through the week, and the board refused several such applications at its last hearing.

Ogier associate Cline Glidden, who served for 13 years in Cayman's Legislative Assembly before qualifying as a Cayman lawyer, advised on the applications that went to the board.

He said: "We have invested in developing our local legal services, including the launch of a dedicated website for our Cayman property team, and these most recent applications are a good representation of the kind of work that we are doing for local businesses.

"The legislation that governs liquor licensing is quite restrictive, with some categories restricting the types of variations that can be granted by the board, so we were very pleased to be able to advise our clients through this process and get them to the outcome that they wanted."

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