



Zoned Beautiful



Saint Lawrence Spirits LLC (SLS) opened a distillery, restaurant and inn in Clayton, New York in a historic stone chateau overlooking the St. Lawrence River.

To achieve its plan, SLS needed to obtain a special-use permit and site-plan approval and to land a floating zoning district. A well-funded and organized opposition group attempted to delay or kill the project by filing multiple lawsuits. With Bond's help, SLS prevailed in the litigation—landing the floating zone and securing all zoning approvals.

SLS now offers tours and tastings to showcase its gin, vodka, absinthe and custom-manufactured distilling system. And its farm-based distillery and restaurant use ingredients sourced from the nearby Lucky Star Ranch.

Brody D. Smith, Kevin R. MacLeod and Kathleen M. Bennett handled the matter.