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Speaker Biographies



PHILIP BRONSTEIN was appointed Assistant Administrator for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service's (FSIS) Office of Field Operations (OFO) in January 2019. In this critical role, he leads FSIS' field inspection force of over 7,900 employees to ensure the US supply of meat, poultry and processed egg products are safe, wholesome, and properly labeled in more than 6,800 establishments. Dr. Bronstein has held several positions within the USDA including Research Molecular Biologist with the Agricultural Research Service, Microbiologist, and Director of the Science Staff within the Office of Public Health Science in FSIS. Dr. Bronstein holds a B.S. in Microbiology from Texas A&M University and a Ph.D. in Microbiology from the University of Washington.



ANDREA BRUCE has spent her career advising the country's food & beverage manufacturers and the trade associations that represent them. Immediately prior to joining the firm, Andrea spent over 17 years in-house at Kraft Foods, PepsiCo, and The Hershey Company, handling the full suite of food regulatory issues facing food companies in the U.S. including product labeling, claims substantiation, FSMA and Proposition 65 compliance, product recalls, ingredient safety, and federal and state food facility inspections. Drawing on lessons learned in-house, Andrea brings a pragmatic orientation to her practice, always striving for actionable solutions to problems that mesh well with existing business practices. With nearly 30 years counseling clients in the industry, Andrea has a strong interest in the policy issues at stake in how the government regulates food and, in particular, its implications for the relationship among diet, health and the environment. She has served as a seasoned member of crisis management and recall teams, with significant experience helping clients navigate the regulatory and communications challenges posed by food safety incidents and recalls.



RICARDO CARVAJAL is a director at Hyman, Phelps & McNamara, PC. From 2002 to 2007, he served as an associate chief counsel at FDA, where he counseled the agency on a variety of food-related enforcement and rulemaking activities. Drawing on that expertise, he now counsels clients on managing inspections, responding to warning letters and other enforcement actions, resolving import detentions, and conducting product recalls. He advises clients on the regulatory status of ingredients and finished products

and provides guidance on compliance with labeling and advertising requirements, as well as representation in advertising-related disputes. He also helps clients interpret and comment on the implementation of new requirements, such as those arising under the Food Safety Modernization Act. He applies his subject matter expertise to corporate transactions, issuing opinions and conducting due diligence for acquisitions and initial public offerings. He is a member of the Food and Drug Law Institute, the American Bar Association, and the European Food Law Association, and a professional member of the Institute of Food Technologists.

KRIS DEANGELO is an Academic Specialist & Instructor at Michigan State University.



CHRISTINE LEE DELORME is an attorney in the FTC Division of Advertising Practices, where her work focuses on investigating health-related advertising claims. Christine previously served as attorney advisor to FTC Commissioner Rebecca Kelly Slaughter, former Commissioner Terrell McSweeney, and former Chairman Jon Leibowitz, advising the Commissioners on a wide range of consumer protection issues including advertising, privacy and data security, and financial fraud. Before joining the FTC in 2004, Christine was a trial attorney with the National Criminal

Enforcement Section of the US Department of Justice Antitrust Division. Ms. DeLorme received an AB in History and a BS in Biology from Stanford University in 1996 and a JD from Harvard Law School in 2000.



SANDRA ESKIN was appointed Deputy Under Secretary for Food Safety on March 24, 2021. In this role, Mrs. Eskin leads the Office of Food Safety at the US Department of Agriculture, overseeing the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), which has regulatory oversight for ensuring that meat, poultry and egg products are safe, wholesome and accurately labeled. Prior to joining USDA, Mrs. Eskin was the Project Director for Food Safety at The Pew Charitable Trusts in Washington, DC, a position she held since November 2009. She also served as the Deputy Director of the Produce Safety Project (PSP), a Pew-funded initiative at Georgetown University from 2008-2009.

While at PSP, she was a senior scholar with the O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law at Georgetown University. Mrs. Eskin spent nearly 20 years as a public-policy consultant to numerous consumer advocacy and public-interest organizations, providing strategic and policy advice on a broad range of consumer-protection issues, in particular food and drug safety, labeling, and advertising. She has served as a member of multiple federal advisory committees related to consumer information on prescription drugs, meat and poultry safety, and foodborne illness surveillance. During her career, she has written numerous reports and articles on food-safety topics. Mrs. Eskin received her JD from UC Hastings College of the Law, and her BA from Brown University.



ANDREA FERRENZ is Food Law Counsel at Campbell Soup Company. Andrea began her career working in labs, first as a research assistant with the Institute for Genomic Research and then with Children's National Medical Center in Washington DC. Her undergraduate degree is in Biology from University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, Virginia. After attending law school at George Washington University, she was an attorney for many years with Emord & Associates PC in the Washington, DC area, representing clients regulated by the US Food and Drug Administration (and related agencies). After leaving private practice, Andrea was Legal Counsel with Celltex Therapeutics, a groundbreaking stem cell company in Houston, TX. Next, Andrea was Regulatory Director, Associate General Counsel with Innophos, Inc, a manufacturing company supplying ingredients to the food, dietary supplement, pharmaceutical and technical industries around the globe. Currently Andrea is Food Law Counsel with Campbell Soup Company working primarily with its Quality, Regulatory, R&D, and Marketing teams on some of the most iconic brands in the United States.



NEAL FORTIN is the Director of the Institute for Food Laws & Regulations at Michigan State University and a Professor in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition. Mr. Fortin teaches the courses United States Food Law, International Food Law, Codex Alimentarius, and Regulatory Leadership. He is the author of *Food Regulation: Law, Science, Policy, and Practice* and *Advanced Introduction To International Food Law*. Fortin is the past chair of the IFT Food Laws and Regulations Division. He is the past President of the North Central Association of Food & Drug Officials. He was the 2009 recipient of a Michigan State University Distinguished Faculty Award for his teaching. He served as a Commissioner for the Michigan Local Public Health Accreditation Program, the Advisory Council of the Michigan Community Health Leadership Institute, and the NSF Council of Public Health Consultants. He served on the Dietary Supplement Committee of the Food and Drug Law Institute. He has been a curriculum advisor to the International Food Protection Training Institute and the University of Catalonia. He is an emeritus member of the Association of Food and Drug Officials, the Food and Drug Law Institute, a professional member of the Institute of Food Technologists, the State Bar of Michigan, and the Federal Bar of the Western District of Michigan.



ERNEST FUNG is a board-certified toxicologist (DABT) with 10 years of professional experience in the areas of toxicology, pharmacology, and human health risk assessment. As a consultant, Dr. Fung's primary areas of practice include personal care and consumer products, medical devices, dietary supplements, active pharmaceutical ingredients and electronic cigarette safety. He has led multiple efforts related to understanding the toxicology and potential risk to human health in these areas. Dr. Fung has published over 80 abstracts and peer-reviewed publications on various toxicology, environmental, occupational and risk assessment-related topics.

PAMELA GRINTER is Partner, Co-Chair of the Food & Beverage Practice, Co-Chair of Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG) Practice at Fox Rothschild LLP.



ROBERT (BOB) HIBBERT is a leading practitioner in the food and agricultural area, with over 30 years of experience counseling clients on federal regulatory matters involving the US Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), as well as other USDA agencies such as the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). He also has extensive involvement with oversight of the food industry conducted by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA). This has included his involvement in some of the largest food product recalls in US history, success in obtaining government approvals for numerous new products and processes, ongoing regulatory counsel on food labeling matters and a history of successful litigation against the federal government in this area.



HAIJING HU joined the FDA in 2010 and has served in several roles and positions. Her current role is the Chief of the Regulations Implementation Branch (RIB) in the Office of Dietary Supplement Programs (ODPS) within the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN) at the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA). She leads a multi-disciplinary team to review industry submissions and inspectional findings on labeling and CGMP compliance. She

also works with collaborating FDA offices developing compliance actions and compliance policies. Haijing has been at this position for three years. Prior to joining ODSP, Haijing was a senior microbiologist in CDER's Office of Compliance with a focus on pharmacy compounding. She also conducted microbiological assessments for sterile drug manufacturing in CDER as well as sterilization and disinfection assessments for medical devices at CDRH. Haijing obtained her Ph.D. in 2003 as a food microbiologist. She has more than 10 years of experience in microbiological research prior to joining the FDA.

JOHN F. JOHNSON III is counsel at Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP where he works with companies to develop and implement solutions for complying with the laws administered by Food and Drug Administration (FDA), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and other federal and state agencies. He works with manufacturers, distributors, brand owners, importers and retailers of food, drugs, medical devices, cosmetics and animal products to satisfy their regulatory obligations. John represents companies before FDA and other government agencies subject to inspections or compliance activities, including a judicial action, Warning Letter, Untitled Letter, regulatory meeting, administrative detention, import detention and import alert, and FDA Form 483. Additionally, he helps companies evaluate complaints to determine if a recall is necessary, and if so, he works with clients to manage the product recall to remove the product from market. John counsels clients throughout the product life cycle, including product development and specifications, marketing and labeling, and manufacturing, importation, distribution and sales. This includes determining the possible registrations, permits, licenses and pre-market submissions. Also,

he works with clients to create, implement, and maintain internal programs to help foster smooth compliance.



DENNIS KEEFE was the Director of the Office of Food Additive Safety, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration from November 2011 through March 2022. He left Federal Service effective April 1, 2022. FDA's Office of Food Additive Safety is the Agency's one-stop shop for questions about the safety of food ingredients, food packaging and food processing equipment, including sources of radiation used to treat or inspect food, and foods derived from bioengineered plants. Dr. Keefe joined FDA in 1991 as a consumer safety officer in the food additives program. From 1995- 2011 he was responsible for the international activities of FDA's food additives program, especially the Codex Alimentarius, and the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA). In this capacity he was instrumental in the design, development, and elaboration of the Codex General Standard for Food Additives. Dr. Keefe received a Bachelor of Science degree from St John's University in Minnesota; a Master of Science degree in Biology and a Doctorate of Philosophy degree (Ph.D.) in Molecular Genetics and Cell Biology from The University of Chicago. Prior to joining FDA he was a Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Friedrich-Miesher Institut in Basel, Switzerland and a Staff Fellow at Argonne National Laboratories in Illinois.



ANDREAS KELLER received an engineering degree in Agriculture from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; a Master of Science in Nutritional Biochemistry from Eastern Michigan University, United States of America (USA); and a Doctorate degree in Food Science and human Nutrition from the University of Florida, USA. He worked for: Unilever as the Microbiology Manager at the Research and Product Development laboratory in New Jersey, USA; for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as a Consumer Officer; for the United States Department of Agriculture, Food Safety Inspection Service as the Director for International Equivalence; and is currently working for FDA, again, as the Director for Multi-Commodity Foods, Office of Food Safety. His professional experience, accomplishments, and publications are focused on human health and safety, food preservation and food processing systems, microbiological research, food safety inspections and regulations, and e-commerce.



MARISA KREIDER is a Principal Science Advisor with Cardno ChemRisk where she serves primarily as a toxicologist. With nearly 15 years of consulting experience, she has had the opportunity to oversee a variety of projects, including reviewing of toxicological literature for a variety of chemical types; designing, managing and interpreting toxicity studies; conducting or critiquing dose response assessments for chemicals; supporting corporate product

stewardship initiatives; assisting with regulatory needs around a variety of chemicals management regulations and conducting quantitative or qualitative risk assessments on chemicals and/or consumer products.



DEEPTI A. KULKARNI is a partner at Covington & Burling where she provides strategic advice to clients on a wide range of complex matters involving FDA and USDA regulatory oversight. She has played a key role in the development and implementation of the regulatory frameworks for alternative proteins as well as bioengineered food and agriculture products. Deepti advises companies developing and marketing animal products, foods, dietary supplements, and cosmetics at nearly every step of the product lifecycle. She also counsels clients on potential crises, such as product recalls, import refusals, and other regulatory actions. Deepti previously served as an Associate Chief Counsel in the FDA's Office of Chief Counsel. While at FDA, she counseled various components of FDA and HHS on a broad scope of issues related to animal products, foods, dietary supplements, and cosmetics, as well as cross-product matters involving imports and exports, advisory committees, and constitutional issues. Deepti received several awards during her time at the FDA, including the FDA Award of Merit (FDA's highest award), Commissioner's Special Recognition Award, and the CFSAN Director's Special Citation Award.



DOUGLAS MACKAY is Senior Vice President, Scientific and Regulatory Affairs for CV Sciences, makers of PlusCBD™ Oil. Dr. MacKay is responsible for CV Sciences scientific and regulatory affairs functions that drive product quality, safety, and innovation. Dr. MacKay also serves, as an associate editor for the Journal of Dietary Supplements, the advisory board of the American Botanical Council (ABC), and the editorial boards of Integrative Medicine a Clinician's Journal, and Natural Medicine Journal. Dr. MacKay comes to CV Science after a ten-year career with the Council for Responsible Nutrition (CRN) where he served as the senior vice president, scientific and regulatory affairs. Dr. MacKay oversaw the scientific and regulatory affairs department, ensuring that the association's scientific, policy and legislative positions were based on credible scientific rationale. While at CRN, Dr. MacKay completed the four-year Institute of Organizational Management (IOM), a course designed for executives working in non-profit organizations, followed by serving two years on the IOM Board of Regents.



STEVEN MANDERNACH is the executive director of the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO). Prior to becoming executive director in 2018, he was the bureau chief for food and consumer safety at the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals. Mandernach is a past president of AFDO. He has also served as the chair and co-chair for the Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Alliance. Mandernach has co-authored many articles related to retail food safety, foodborne illness detection, and the integrated

food safety system, and he's a frequent contributor to many food trade publications including Food

Safety Magazine, New Food Magazine, and Quality Assurance and Food Safety Magazine. Mandernach has a J.D. from Drake University Law School. He has completed graduate work in Food Safety at Michigan State University.



SHARON LINDAN MAYL is a partner at DLA Piper in the rapidly growing FDA practice group, where she focuses her practice on assisting food, dietary supplement, cannabis clients. Prior to joining DLA, Sharon spent more than 25 years at FDA, most recently as a senior advisor in the Office of Food Policy and Response, and prior to that in the Office of Food and Veterinary Medicine. In that position, she advised several deputy commissioners on a wide range of regulatory, legislative and policy issues. Sharon played a leading role in implementing the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) and developing strategic approaches to imports and cannabis policy. She also led implementation of the New Era of Smarter Food Safety initiative, which seeks to leverage technology and other tools and approaches to create a safer and more digital, traceable food system. Sharon is a graduate of Cornell University and Harvard Law.



DIANE C. MCENROE is a partner in Sidley Austin's New York office and has established long-standing relationships with domestic and international companies in the food, drug, medical device, and personal care industries. As a member of the Food, Drug and Medical Device Regulatory practice, she provides clients strategic counsel on Food and Drug Administration regulatory questions on a broad range of issues, including product formulation and positioning, ingredient safety, claims substantiation, over-the-counter drug monograph issues, and post-marketing obligations, including adverse event reporting and food registry postings. Diane also has extensive experience advising on drug sampling programs, track and trace systems, and state licensure issues. She supports clients in responding to Warning Letters, during facility inspections and recalls, and in addressing product integrity issues. In addition to her FDA advisory role, Diane has also assisted clients with Federal Trade Commission investigations relating to consumer products. With her deep knowledge of foods, including functional and medical foods, and dietary supplements, Diane has guided clients through the implementation of significant legislative amendments, including the Nutrition Labeling and Education Act, the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act, the Organic Foods Production Act, the Food Allergen Labeling and Consumer Protection Act, the Bioterrorism and Drug Preparedness Act, and the Food Safety Modernization Act. With FDA's announcements on Nutrition Innovation and Responsible Innovation in Dietary Supplements, she is supporting clients in assessing what the future might look like from a regulatory perspective for those marketing in the food, medical food, foods for special dietary use, and dietary supplement markets. She regularly trains in-house counsel and regulatory teams on FDA compliance issues and assists companies in strengthening internal procedures to minimize compliance risks. In addition, Diane often leads FDA, DEA, FTC, and state pharmacy due diligence reviews for food and drug companies on behalf of major industry leaders and investment firms. She also closely coordinates with Sidley litigators nationwide to defend consumer fraud and product liability litigation targeting consumer products. Diane is recommended

in the top-tier rankings for Healthcare: Life Sciences in The Legal 500 US 2013–2016 and in Who's Who Legal: Life Sciences 2015 and 2016. She is also recognized in the 2016–2019 editions of The Best Lawyers in America. Additionally, Diane is an Adjunct Professor of Law at Fordham University Law School, teaching Food and Drug Law.



MARK MOORMAN is the Director of the Office of Food Safety at the Food and Drug Administration where he leads a team of professionals focused on improving the safety of our food supply. Prior to joining the FDA, Mark was the Senior Director of Global Scientific & Regulatory Affairs for the Kellogg Company in Battle Creek, MI with responsibilities for emerging food safety and nutrition technical and regulatory issues. Prior to joining the Kellogg Company in 1998, Mark spent 10 years with Silliker Laboratories as the Technical Director of Microbiology. Mark has his undergraduate and PhD degrees from Michigan State University in Microbiology and Food Science.



OMAR OYARZABAL is a food microbiologist with extensive experience in food safety. His educational background includes a DVM (Doctor of Veterinary Medicine) from the University of Rio Cuarto, Cordoba, Argentina and a MS and PhD in microbiology/food safety from Auburn University, Alabama. For decades Dr. Oyarzabal's research expertise was in the area of identification, typing and control of foodborne pathogens, with emphasis on *Campylobacter* spp. Dr. Oyarzabal co-edited the books *Microbial Food Safety: An Introduction*, published by Springer-Verlag (New York, USA), and *DNA Methods in Food Safety: Molecular Typing of Foodborne and Waterborne Bacterial Pathogens*, published by Wiley-Blackwell (West Sussex, UK). Until 2022, Dr. Oyarzabal was the founder and Editor-in-Chief of the peer-reviewed journal *Microbial Risk Analysis*, published by Elsevier. Dr. Oyarzabal has authored or co-authored more than 55 refereed journal articles and book chapters and organized eight workshops on *Campylobacter* isolation and identification from foods that was attended by domestic and international participants from the food industry, regulatory agencies, public health departments and academia. Dr. Oyarzabal has taught food safety classes for more than 20 years, including numerous international presentations and short training courses on food safety in Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Denmark, India, Mexico, Thailand and Uzbekistan. Dr. Oyarzabal has done Fulbright scholarship works and several volunteer assignments with USAID funds to help improve the safety and shelf life of foods in African, Asian and South American countries.



STUART M. PAPE is senior partner and chair of FDA practice at Polsinelli. He helps clients understand and face challenges presented by regulations imposed by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), US Department of Agriculture (USDA), and similar health and safety regulatory bodies worldwide. He focuses on assisting clients in obtaining approval of new food ingredients, pharmaceuticals, and medical devices; advising on labeling and advertising of regulated products; assisting in enforcement proceedings initiated by regulatory bodies; helping clients develop sound strategies in the

face of challenges from NGOs; and lobbying in connection with legislative consideration of statutory changes to the laws governing FDA regulated products. Regularly appearing before FDA, USDA, the Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Product Safety Commission, US Customs and Border Protection, numerous other federal and state regulatory bodies, and the U.S. Congress, Stuart serves clients across the US in many capacities. Previously, he served in various positions in the Office of the Chief of Counsel at FDA, including as associate chief counsel for food. In 1978, he received the FDA Commendable Service Award. He also served as executive assistant to FDA Commissioner Donald Kennedy. Stuart is ranked in Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers in Business, Food and Beverages: Regulatory and Litigation; Selected for inclusion in Super Lawyers; included in The Best Lawyers in America, FDA and in Who's Who in America and Who's Who in the World. In 2012, he received the Judge Learned Hand Award from the American Jewish Committee. Stuart is a 1970 graduate of the University of Virginia and a 1973 graduate of its Law School.



JUDITH M. PRAITIS is a partner at Faegre Drinker where she counsels clients on environmental transactional issues and on air, water and waste management permitting, compliance, release reporting and enforcement issues under California and federal law. With decades of experience in environmental law, Judith is a trusted source of legal and business guidance for clients working to develop and implement environmental management systems, audit compliance protocols, and anticipate and adapt to emerging regulatory environments. Judith has particular experience managing complex environmental matters for distressed entities, or those with material legacy environmental liabilities, to orchestrate a controlled resolution of such obligations. She is particularly adept at crafting novel settlements with governmental regulators and prosecutors. Judith advises clients on compliance with and, if necessary, litigation of, Proposition 65 matters, particularly those involving the food and supplement industries and other consumer products. She assists clients with compliance under many of California's product- and chemical-specific regulatory regimes, including the Green Chemistry Initiative.

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PATRICK RUNKLE has been a trial attorney in the U.S. Justice Department's Consumer Protection Branch since 2009. His consumer-protection work at the Justice Department has included litigating numerous civil and criminal matters involving adulterated and misbranded dietary supplements and other potentially hazardous foods, drugs, and consumer products. Patrick has also litigated matters involving illegal telemarketing. Patrick earned his bachelor's degree from Swarthmore College; master's degree in journalism from the University of California, Berkeley; and law degree from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. Before joining the Justice Department, he was a law clerk at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in Manhattan.



AMARU J. SÁNCHEZ is an associate at Wiley Rein LLP where he counsels domestic and global companies in matters involving products regulated by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the US Department of Agriculture (USDA), and relevant state agencies. As a former in-house counsel for a publicly traded company, Amaru is well-positioned to help clients navigate complex legal, regulatory, and business issues.



ERIC SCHULZE is a professional molecular biologist, genetic engineer, and former federal biotechnology regulator. He is currently Vice President of Product and Regulation at UPSIDE Foods, where he leads both design and development of the company's meat products as well as its regulatory-, policy-, and government affairs. Dr. Schulze also serves in a company spokesperson capacity. He previously served as Senior Scientist for UPSIDE Foods where he led the cell line development efforts. Before that, he served as a US Food and Drug Administration regulator, handling a portfolio of novel food and drug biotechnology products. As a civil servant, Dr. Schulze also served as a federal STEM education policy capacity within the National Science Foundation and currently works with the National Academy of Sciences on undergraduate STEM education transformation. He holds a doctorate in genetic, cellular, and molecular biology with a specialty in embryonic stem cell engineering and is trained in broadcast communication, speechwriting, and risk assessment.



MAGED SHARAF is EAS Consulting Group Senior Director for Labeling, Cannabis and Claims Consulting. He has a Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences and is a well-regarded expert in 21 CFR 111 and 21 CFR 117. He facilitates food, dietary supplement and cosmetic label compliance reviews, develops marketing materials for FDA and FTC compliance, including claims substantiation, and conducts 21 CFR 111 audits, dietary ingredient and product reviews, specifications development and oversees client projects related to product detentions, NDI submissions and cannabis. He is an expert in botanical sciences and regulations. He serves as a volunteer chair of the USP Dietary Supplements and Herbal Medicines Nomenclature Joint Subcommittee and is a member of the Nomenclature and Labeling Expert Committee. He also volunteers as a scientific advisor for the American Herbal Pharmacopeia, reviewer for the American Botanical Council, chair of the international HPTLC Association's Method Review Committee, and is a member of the Specialty Committee of Traditional Chinese Medicines—Pharmaceutical Analysis, World Federation of Chinese Medicine Societies. Prior to consulting, Dr. Sharaf was the Director of Scientific Business Development at CAMAG Scientific,

the Chief Science Officer for the American Herbal Products Association, and the USP Director of Foods, Dietary Supplements, and Herbal Medicines.



BRIAN P. SYLVESTER is currently Special Counsel at the international law firm of Covington & Burling LLP. At Covington, Mr. Sylvester advises food, dietary supplement, cosmetic, and OTC drug clients on a broad range of regulatory, legislative, and compliance issues before FDA, USDA and analogous food and drug regulatory bodies. His practice additionally encompasses veterinary pharmaceuticals and biological products, animal feed, and pet food. Drawing on his tenure as a regulatory lawyer

with USDA, Mr. Sylvester has particular experience counseling clients on strategic considerations around engagement with and advocacy before USDA and FDA on a range of complex issues, including those of first impression. He is a prolific author and frequent speaker at industry-leading events in the US and around the world, and is regularly called upon to offer insights on trending legal issues by publications such as The Wall Street Journal, Forbes, and Food Navigator-USA, among others.



MARK THOMPSON counsels companies and trade associations on global compliance requirements applicable to food packaging materials, food additives, finished foods, cosmetics, commercial chemicals, and associated labeling in the Americas, Asia, and the European Union. He also advises clients on the regulation of drugs and genetically modified organisms (GMOs) in Asia. Mr. Thompson was based in the firm's Shanghai Representative Office from 2009 through 2016. During that time, he gained extensive experience and perspective on the regulatory scheme in China and throughout Asia.



SUZIE TRIGG helps companies lawfully market FDA regulated consumer products, including foods, dietary supplements, and cosmetics. Trigg reviews the use of specific ingredients and product claims to reduce potential challenges. Suzie also frequently advises on strategies intended to reduce the risk of a product recall or potential enforcement. In addition to providing regulatory guidance, Trigg leads a range of sophisticated commercial transactions. Trigg helps retailers, restaurant chains, and consumer products companies to structure, negotiate, and document

transactions, tackle critical supply-chain challenges, and pursue strategic growth opportunities. Trigg also provides focused support for securities offerings and mergers and acquisitions.

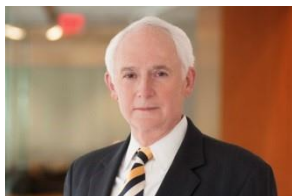


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