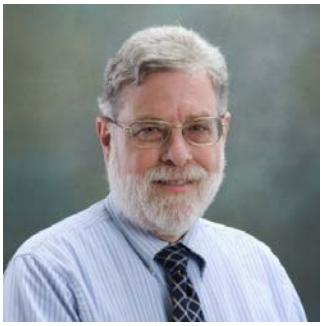
Food Laws & Regulations: A Practical Road Map

Instructor Biographies

Ryan Fournier is an Associate at Morgan Lewis. He advises clients on matters relating to the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), US Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB). Clients regularly seek his counsel on a broad range of legal issues, including compliance, regulatory, and enforcement matters impacting the food and beverage, dietary supplement, medical device, cosmetic, drug, animal, and alcohol/tobacco industries. Ryan's experience extends to supply chain matters, food safety compliance, advertising and label/labeling obligations, recalls, transactional matters, import/export compliance, government inquiries, and relevant state matters. His practice also focuses on businesses that utilize new and emerging technologies, such as the at-home meal and online delivery industries.

Additionally, Ryan regularly handles issues relating to medical device reporting requirements, regulatory pathway options, market entry, current good manufacturing practices (cGMPs) and quality system regulation (QSR) compliance, and post market compliance. He regularly assists all actors in the supply chain, including manufacturers, distributors, and retailers.

Prior to joining Morgan Lewis, Ryan spent his time focusing on food and drug law and served as co-leader of a food and agriculture industry team.



Steven M. Gendel, Ph.D. works to ensure food integrity as the Senior Director for Food Science at USP. Previously he was the Food Allergen Coordinator for the US Food and Drug Administration where he lead policy initiatives, the development of regulatory documents, and assisted in enforcement activities. He is a Food Safety Preventive Control Alliance Preventive Controls Lead Trainer, a Certified Food Scientist, and an experienced speaker. He has over 25 years of experience in food safety science and policy and over 90 technical publications. He held postdoctoral positions at Harvard University and the University of Toronto and was on the faculty of the Department of Genetics at Iowa State University before joining the FDA.

Dr. Robert Post is the Senior Director of the Chobani Nutrition Center, at CHOBANI, the leader in Greek Yogurt. He drives nutrition strategies around the brand's current and future offerings, and navigates critical nutrition issues, such as dietary guidance, marketing, health promotion, and food labeling. He leads the nutrition and related regulatory programming at the Center, which assesses research to support innovation.

Dr. Post previously served as key nutrition advisor to the Obama White House/First Lady's Office and collaborator on the White House public health initiatives and the Let's Move! program. As an appointed Senior Executive, he led the nation's dietary advice agency as the director of USDA's Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion

where he established national nutrition policy and dietary guidance; the Dietary Guidelines for Americans; created USDA's Nutrition Evidence Library; as well as directed Federal nutrition promotion, creating the MyPlate (ChooseMyPlate.gov) initiative and the related award-winning SuperTracker.gov. Prior to this, he headed the policy office at USDA that established food labeling, food standards, and ingredients regulations and policies. He currently serves as an appointed advisor to the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research; on American Society for Nutrition research advisory groups; on the Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior Board of Trustees; and on the Board of Directors for the International Food Information Council. For 20 years, he has been the instructor of the Institute of Food Technologists short course on Food Labeling, as well as the prior Food Laws and Regulations short course. From 2004 until 2012, Dr. Post was an adjunct professor in the Nutrition and Food Science Department at the University of Maryland.

Rob has been a member of IFT since 1977.

Brian Ronholm is Senior Director of Regulatory Policy in Arent Fox's FDA and Agriculture group, where he specializes in food safety regulation and policy, and provides clients with strategic advice on navigating regulatory and legislative challenges in the food and agriculture policy arena.

From 2011 – 2017, he served as USDA Deputy Under Secretary for Food Safety, where he provided oversight of the Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS), the department's public health agency that regulates domestic and imported meat, poultry, catfish, and processed egg products. During his time at USDA, Brian developed strategic frameworks and engaged in outreach activities to advance policies and initiatives impacting FSIS-regulated products. He also chaired the U.S. Codex Policy Steering Committee, an interagency partnership that engages stakeholders in the advancement of science-based international food safety standards to facilitate fair trade. He also served as chair of the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods (NACMCF).

Prior to his appointment, Brian worked for Congresswoman Rosa L. DeLauro (D-CT) where he managed issues related to the House Agriculture-FDA Appropriations Subcommittee. He also developed and implemented legislative and communication strategies for policy issues related food safety, nutrition, anti-hunger, medical product safety, and consumer protection.

Cathy Weir holds a Ph.D. degree in International Food Law from Michigan State University (MSU), and is currently an adjunct faculty member at MSU's Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition and with Tufts University, Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy Teaching an online graduate certificate program. As a professor, Dr. Weir delivers science-based food law research and international training programs for professionals and undergraduates seeking careers in food safety, food law and nutrition.

Dr. Weir is a regulatory professional who has more than 15 years of experience working with numerous multinational organizations, applying her expertise in regulatory and safety compliance, pediatric

nutrition, leadership development, and training. She is currently working with Amway's R&D Global Innovation team by providing regulatory strategy aimed at early market access. In addition, she has served on numerous boards including an executive board member of the International Food Protection Training Institute (IFPTI), FDA's training Center and is a lead instructor for FDA's FSMA Preventive Controls for Human Food.

Cathy's experiences have included working with international agencies (FAO, USAID, WHO, WTO) to build capacity and drive efforts to harmonize international food laws and regulations; first European Health Claim (Article 14); developed e-learning science messages to drive innovation acceptance; and author of book chapters.