

# NEAL D. FORTIN

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## CURRICULUM VITAE

### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 2006 to present **Professor**, Food Science and Human Nutrition, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and **Director**, Institute for Food Laws and Regulations (IFLR) at Michigan State University. Lead the IFLR and its International Food Law Certificate Program. Oversee the food law courses taught by an international network of food science academic and legal professionals. Teach the courses: Food Regulation in the United States, International Food Law, Food Regulation in the EU, Regulatory Leadership in Food Law, and Codex Alimentarius.
- 2012 to 2018 **Founding Director**, Master's Program in Global Food Law, Michigan State University College of Law (LL.M. and M.J. degrees).
- 2004 to present **Adjunct Professor of Law**, Michigan State University College of Law.
- 2004-06 **Visiting Associate Professor**, Michigan State University.
- 2003-04 **Lead Instructor**, US Food Law, Institute for Food Laws & Regulations.
- 2003 to present **Attorney** concentrating in food and drug law, food safety, labeling, ingredient evaluation, advertising, and administrative law.
- 2002-03 **Attorney**, Michigan Court of Appeals.
- 1997 to 2002 **Manager**, Food Service Sanitation Section, Michigan Department of Agriculture.
- Managed the state's food service regulatory program, which reviews, evaluates, and provides guidance to local health department programs.
  - Oversight of forty-five local health departments, their three hundred staff, and the disbursement of \$10 million in state funding.
  - Founding committee member that created the Michigan Local Public Health Accreditation Program.
  - Chaired the Food Advisory Board, which advises the Michigan Department of Agriculture on retail food safety law and policy.
  - Primary drafter of the Michigan Food Law of 2000, the most comprehensive rewriting of Michigan's food laws in the state's history, consolidating and revising sixteen Michigan laws.

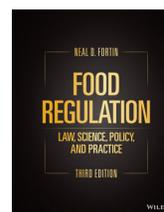
- 1994 to 1997 **Regional Supervisor**, Food Division, Michigan Department of Agriculture. Regionally administered the programs that enforced the food safety and consumer protection laws.
- 1989 to 1994 **Standards Coordinator**, Food Division, Michigan Department of Agriculture. Managed statewide compliance for food standards and labeling. Drafted laws, such as the revised Comminuted Meat Act, the Bottle Water Bill, and the Motor Fuels Quality Act.

### **PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP**

- ❖ Planning committee, Food and Drug Law Institute (FDLI) 2021, 2022, 2023 Dietary Supplement Safety and Regulation Conference
- ❖ Chair, Institute of Food Technologists (IFT), Food Law and Regulation Division, 2020-2022
- ❖ Advisory Council, Online Food Safety Program, Michigan State University, 2019-2020
- ❖ Advisor of the Master Program in Global Food Law at the Michigan State University College of Law, 2012-2018
- ❖ Advisor and participant, Pew Charitable Trusts workgroup, Enhancing FDA's Food Additives Program to Ensure the Safety of Substances Added to Food, Washington, DC, 2011-2012
- ❖ Dietary Supplement Committee, Food and Drug Law Institute, 2009-2012
- ❖ Board of Directors, Food and Agriculture Protection Training Consortium, 2010-2014
- ❖ Advisor, International Food Protection Training Institute, 2010-2011
- ❖ Distinguished Faculty Award, Master in Food Safety Program, Michigan State University, 2009
- ❖ Curriculum advisor, University of Catalonia, master degree in food, society and international food governance, 2009
- ❖ Commissioner, Michigan Local Public Health Accreditation Program, 1998 - 2002
- ❖ Advisory Council, Michigan Community Health Leadership Institute, 2000 - 2002
- ❖ NSF Council of Public Health Consultants, NSF International, 2000 - 2002
- ❖ President, Great Lakes Conference on Food Protection, 1998-1999
- ❖ President, North Central Association of Food and Drug Officials, 1997-98
- ❖ Vice-President, North Central Association of Food and Drug Officials, 1996-97
- ❖ Public Health Work Group of the Michigan Association of Counties, 1999-2002

**BOOKS**

- [FOOD REGULATION: LAW, SCIENCE, POLICY, AND PRACTICE](#), 3<sup>RD</sup> EDITION (Wiley & Sons, 2022).
- FOOD REGULATION: LAW, SCIENCE, POLICY, AND PRACTICE, 2<sup>ND</sup> EDITION (Wiley & Sons, 2017).
- FOOD REGULATION: LAW, SCIENCE, POLICY, AND PRACTICE (Wiley & Sons, 2009).
- [SECURED TRANSACTIONS \(UCC ARTICLE 9\)](#), Law in a Flash, Aspen Publishers (1st ed. 2006, 2d ed. 2011, and 3d ed. 2019).

**BOOK CHAPTERS**

- *Global Governance of Food Safety: The Role of FAO, WHO, and Codex Alimentarius in Regulatory Harmonization*, chapter in *Research Handbook on International Food Law* (forthcoming).
- *Regulatory Requirements in the United States on Hygiene Control in the Design, Construction, and Renovation of Food Processing Factories*, chapter 4 in *Hygiene Control in the Design, Construction and Renovation of Food Processing Factories*, 2nd edition, H. L. M. Lelieveld and John Holah eds. (Elsevier 2023).
- *Regulating Gene Technology in Food: The American Approach and Practice*, chapter 6 in *Food Safety and Technology Governance*, Kuei-Jung Ni and Ching-Fu Lin eds. (Routledge 2022).
- *Food Safety Regulation in the United States*, chapter 3 in *Ensuring Global Food Safety: Exploring Global Harmonization*, 2nd edition, Martinović et al. eds. (Elsevier 2022).
- *Safety Regulation of Food Packaging and Food Contact Material in the European Union and the United States*, chapter 11 in *Packaging for Nonthermal Processing of Food*, 2nd edition, Melvin Pascall and Jung H. Han, eds. (Wiley 2018).
- *Comparison of EU and US Law on Sustainable Food Processing*, chapter 2 in *Alternatives to Conventional Food Processing*, 2nd edition, Andrew Proctor, ed. (Royal Society of Chemistry, 2018).
- *International Food Regulation Foundations*, chapter 22, pp. 350-358 in *Regulatory Program Foundations for the Food Protection Professional* (Springer, 2015).
- *Regulatory Program Foundations*, chapter 2, pp. 7-12 in *Regulatory Program Foundations for the Food Protection Professional* (Springer, 2015).
- *HACCP and Other Regulatory Approaches to Prevention of Foodborne Diseases*, chapter 35 in *Foodborne Infections and Intoxications*, 4 ED., pp. 497-510 (Elsevier 2013).
- *Improving U.S. Regulation of Imported Foods*, chapter 5 in *Improving Import Food Safety* pp. 89-109 (Wiley-Blackwell 2013).
- *Regulatory Requirements in the United States on Hygiene Control in the Design, Construction, and Renovation of Food Processing Factories*, chapter 4 in *Hygiene Control IN*

*the Design, Construction and Renovation of Food Processing Factories*, H. L. M. Lelieveld and John Holah eds.(Woodhead Publishing Ltd. 2011).

- *Food Regulation in the United States*, chapter 14 in *Right to Food and Food Safety* (Du Gangjian, ed., Sun Juanjuan translator, Shantou University Publisher, 2011) (杜钢建(主编): 食品权和食品安全法, 汕头大学出版社, 2011年7月).
- *The History of Food Safety Regulation in the United States and Canada*, chapter in *Ensuring Global Food Safety: Exploring Global Harmonization* (Boisrobert et al., ed., Academic Press / Elsevier, 2009).
- *The Food Allergen Labeling and Consumer Protection Act: The Requirements Enacted, Challenges Presented, and Strategies Fathomed*, chapter 3 in *Consumer Protection: Disputes and Resolution* 31-52 (K. Padmaja, ed., 2009).
- *Codex Alimentarius Commission*, chapter in *Handbook of Transnational Economic Organizations* (Christian Tietje and Alan Brouder, eds., Martinus Nijhoff, 2009).
- *Food Safety Regulations Applicable to Imported Foods*, chapter 2 in *Imported Foods: Microbiological Issues and Challenges* 45-68 (Mike P. Doyle and Marilyn C. Erickson, eds., 2008).

## JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- *The Application of Public Policy Theory to the Emerging Food Fraud Risk: Next Steps*, [Secondary author with John Spink et al.] 85 *Trends in Food Science & Technology* 116-128 (Mar. 2019).
- *The FDA's Guidance on Dietary Supplement Naming and the Emperor's New Clothes*, 13:2 *Journal of Food Law and Policy* 272-280 (Fall 2017).
- *Food Fraud Prevention: Policy, Strategy, and Decision-Making – Implementation Steps for a Government Agency or Industry* [Secondary author with John Spink et al.], 70(5) *CHIMIA* 320-328 (2016).
- *The U.S. Food Safety Modernization Act: Implications in Transnational Governance of Food Safety, Food System Sustainability, and the Tension with Free Trade*, 9-3 *Rivista di Diritto Alimentare* [Right to Food Journal] 19-33 (Sep. 2015).
- *The U.S. Food Safety Modernization Act: Implications in Transnational Governance of Food Safety, Food System Sustainability, and the Tension with Free Trade*, 25 *Duke Environmental Law & Policy Forum* 313-337 (Spring 2015).
- *Partially Hydrogenated Oils (PHOs): Illegal Food Additives Since 2005*, *Food Technology* 96 (Nov. 2014).
- *The United States FDA Food Safety Modernization Act: The Key New Requirements*, 5 *European Food and Feed Law Review* 258-266 (2011).
- *Navigating the U.S. Food Additive Regulatory Program*, *Comprehensive Reviews in Food Science and Food Safety*, Vol. 10, 342-368 (secondary author, 2011).

- *United States Food Law: Consumers, Controversies, Current Issues*, 1 *European Consumer Law Journal* 15-42 [Revue Européenne de Droit de la Consommation] (Stéphanie Mahieu, ed., 2009).
- *The Food Allergen Labeling and Consumer Protection Act: The Requirements Enacted, Challenges Presented, and Strategies Fathomed*, 10 *Journal of Medicine and Law* 126 (Spring 2006).
- *Is a Picture Worth More Than 1,000 Words? The Fourth Amendment and FDA's Authority to Take Photographs under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act*, 1 *Journal of Food Law & Policy* 239-268 (Fall 2005).
- *The Hang-Up with HACCP: The Resistance to Translating Science into Food Safety Law*, 58 *Food and Drug Law Journal* 565-594 (2003).
- *Protecting Our Vulnerable Food Supply*, (with Pestronk and Lindsay), 30 *Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics*, Special Supplement to Vol. 30:3, pp. 96-104 (Fall 2002).

### **ADDITIONAL WORKS**

- Editorial Advisor, *Guide to U.S. Food Labeling Law*, Thompson Publishing (2008-2019).
- Advisory Board of the SSRN eJournal, *Food Law & Policy* (2012-present).
- Editor, *Food & Drug Regulation: An Electronic Book of Student Papers*, available at: <http://www.iflr.msu.edu/BookStudentPapers.html> (2007-2011).
- Contributing Editor, *Food Product Design*, 2005-08.

### **FOOD LAW RELATED PUBLICATIONS**

- "A Discussion of Tara and GRAS Status," *Food Safety News*, August 5, 2022, <https://www.foodsafetynews.com/2022/08/a-discussion-of-tara-and-gras-status/>.
- "Sesame Added as a Major Food Allergen," Institute for Food Laws and Regulations blog, June 8, 2021, <https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/sesame-added-as-a-major-food-allergen>.
- "Jamaican Ginger Paralysis," Institute for Food Laws and Regulations blog, September 28, 2020, <https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/jamaican-ginger-paralysis>.
- "CBDo's and CBDOn'ts: What is the legal status of CBD anyway?!" Institute for Food Laws and Regulations blog, June 9, 2020, <https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/cbdo-s-and-cbdon-ts-what-is-the-legal-status-of-cbd-anyway>.
- "Correction Needed on the Dietary Supplement Statement of Identity Guidance Document," submitted to the Food and Drug Administration in response to *FDA, A Dietary Supplement Labeling Guide: Chapter II. Identity Statement*, Docket No. FDA-2004-D-0544, 81 *Federal Register* 11813-11814 (Mar. 7, 2016) submitted March 20, 2016.
- *Food Law Leadership and Legal Education*, ABA Food Cosmetics & Nutraceuticals News (Oct. 2013).
- *Naturally Confused*, *Food Product Design* (March 2008).

- *Dishing Up Whole Grain Claims*, Food Product Design 118 (June 2007).
- *Why Food Laws Matter: Laws and Institutions Go Hand in Hand with the Health of Business*, Food Product Design 102 (March 2007).
- *Health Claims, Healthy Trends: Navigating the Legal Thicket*, Food Product Design (June 2006).
- *Infamous Lawsuit Liability*, Food Product Design (December 2005).
- *FDA's Final Rules on Recordkeeping: The Fourth Set of Food Regulations Required Under the Bioterrorism Act*, Food Product Design 152 (September 2005).
- *Allergen Labeling on the Horizon*, Food Product Design 168 (June 2005).
- *Fats in the Fast Lane: Changes in Fatty Acid Regulation, Labeling, and Allowed Claims*, Food Product Design 148 (March 2005).
- *There's No Ham in Hamburger*, Food & Beverage Report (1996).
- *Bottled Water: The New Michigan Law*, Michigan Food News 6, 13 (January 1994).
- *Michigan's New Bottled Water Law*, Michigan Environmental Health News 14-15 (Spring 1994).
- *Labeling for Meat and Poultry to Identify Dietary Information*, Food & Beverage Report (April 1991).

### COURSES TAUGHT

- **U.S. Food Laws and Regulation**, Michigan State University, fall and winter terms, 2003 - present.
- **International Food Laws and Regulations**, Michigan State University, fall and winter terms, 2003 - present.
- **Codex Alimentarius**, Michigan State University, fall and winter terms, 2006 – 2016, 2020-present.
- **Regulatory Leadership in Food Law**, Michigan State University, 2020 - present.
- **Food Regulation in the EU**, Michigan State University, 2019-2020.
- **Food and Drug Law**, Michigan State University College of Law, fall terms, 2004 - 2016.
- **Food Laws and Regulation (FSC 421)** Michigan State University, 2011-2016.
- **U.S. Food Law Overview**, Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ILGI, Institut für Lebensmittel und Getränkeinnovation) summer, 2017.
- **Global Risk Regulation: Focus on Food Safety (FSC 818, Section 730)**, online course developed with Alberto Alemanno, summer 2013-2014.
- **Summer Academy in Global Food Law & Policy in Europe**, one-week summer course with Alberto Alemanno, summer 2013 and 2014.
- **International Food Law in Europe**, Michigan State University, 2005.

- **Food Labeling and Nutrition Law**, Public Health Institute, University of Minnesota, School of Public Health, Spring 2005-2008.
- **Food Labeling Workshop**, Michigan State University, 2007-2010.

### **ADDITIONAL LECTURES AND TEACHING**

- *Food Law Leadership*, Food Safety Management (VM810), 2013-present.
- *Global Food Safety Governance*, Global Food Safety (VM824-730), 2012-present.
- *Research Ethics*, Food Safety Research Methods (VM 830-730), 2008-present.
- *Scientific Writing*, Food Safety Research Methods (VM 830-730), 2008-2021.
- *Protecting Your Intellectual Property*, Integrated Approaches to Food Product Development (FSC 470) and Packaging Development (PKG 485), 2003 to present.
- *International Institutions and the Regulation of Food in Asia*, Food Regulation in Asia (ANR 490-739), 2007 to 2015.
- *U.S. Food Law Short Course*, (22-hour short course) Applied Science, Law, and Policy Fellowship in Food Protection, International Food Protection Training Institute, fall 2010.
- *Food Labeling Regulation and Policy: More Than You Imagined*, (14-hour short course) Applied Science, Law, and Policy Fellowship in Food Protection, International Food Protection Training Institute, fall 2010.
- *Your Day in Court*, a 4-hour short course on dealing with the courts, attorneys, and testifying, International Food Protection Training Institute, spring 2011.
- Organized *U.S. Food Law Short Course*, Michigan State University College of Law, July 16-17 2012.
- Organized *Global Food Regulation Current Issues Seminar*, Michigan State University College of Law, July 18-19, 2012.

### **SPEECHES AND PRESENTATIONS**

- *Can Lab-Grown Beef Be Labeled “Meat?”* Interview by News 10, WILX, June 11, 2021, <https://www.wilx.com/2021/06/11/proposal-would-specify-how-meat-is-described-stores/>
- *Regulatory Awareness for Food Scientists: A Career Choice Consideration from Global Perspectives*, Institute of Food Technologists (IFT) FIRST conference, Food Improved by Research, Science, and Technology, digital experience, July 19-21, 2021.
- *Update on Allergen Labeling and Recalls*, Food and Drug Law Institute (FDLI), Food and Dietary Supplement Safety and Regulation Conference, online, March 24, 2021.
- *Food and Nutrition: Supplements*, Speaking Science Podcast, July 2, 2020, available at <https://speakingsciencepodcast.com/2020/07/02/food-and-nutrition-supplements/>
- *Preventing Problems - Importing Under the Foreign Supplier Verification Programs (FSVP) Rule*, Food and Drug Law: Compliance, Enforcement, and Litigation. What you don't know can hurt you! Texas Bar CLE, Austin, Texas, October 18, 2019.

- *Parameters for Well-Being Food Label Claims*, Food Label Claims: Mitigating Legal & Regulatory Risks conference, September 10-11, 2019, Chicago, IL.
- *Why Food Law Matters*, Food Law Forum: Food Law Basics & Beyond, Dallas, Texas, November 7, 2018.
- *Natural and Unnatural Explanations of Label Definitions*, Food Advertising, Labeling, and Litigation Conference, FDLI, Washington, DC, September 26, 2018.
- *UK Food Regulation and the US Post-Brexit - a View from the US*, Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum Keynote Seminar: The future of food regulation in the UK post-Brexit: standards, delivery and the supply chain, London, England, April 24, 2018.
- *Advanced Food Labeling Issues and Online Education in Food Law*, Ashbury Labelling, Chicago, IL, Sept. 26, 2017.
- *Graduate Education in Food Law: What's In It for Me?* National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) Annual Educational Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, July 11, 2017.
- *Introduction to the Framework of U.S. Food Law*, Ferrero Conference, Luxembourg, June 1, 2017.
- *The Food Safety Modernization Act: Overview and Main Obligations for Exporters to the U.S.*, Ferrero Conference, Luxembourg, June 1, 2017.
- *Recent Trends in Food Labeling Litigation in the U.S.*, Ferrero Conference, Luxembourg, June 1, 2017.
- *Food Innovation in the U.S.: Food Additives and GRAS*, Ferrero Conference, Luxembourg, June 1, 2017.
- *U.S. Food Law Overview*, Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ILGI, Institut für Lebensmittel und Getränkeinnovation) May 29, 2017.
- *Challenges Related to International Labeling Regulatory Requirements*, Food Labeling Conference: Evolving Regulatory Compliance, September 15-16, 2016, Alexandria, VA.
- *Anatomy of a "Lose the Company" Event: Preparing for the Unthinkable*, September 9, 2016, SMU Dedman School of Law, Dallas, Texas.
- *Education in Food Laws and Regulations for Food Scientists*, World Congress of Food Science and Technology (IUFoST), August 24, 2016, Dublin, Ireland.
- *GRAS: What It Is and How We Got Here. Toxicological Science: Risk, Communication, and Regulation*, IFT16, July 18, 2016, Chicago, Illinois.
- *The International Food Law Internet Certificate*, IFT16, July 18, 2016, Chicago, Illinois.
- *Creating Significant Online Education Experiences*, IFT16, July 17, 2016, Chicago, Illinois.
- *Tackling the Food Safety Modernization Act*, presentation at Creating a Food Safety Culture, Master of Science in Food Safety Program, Executive Education, Michigan State University (May 27, 2016).
- *Trans Fat: Not "Generally Recognized As Safe,"* Food Law- Understanding This Rapidly Evolving Area of the Law, CLE International conference, Washington, DC (March 17, 2016).

- *International Food Regulatory Law*, MSU Visiting International Professional Program (VIIP) Agricultural Science Workshop (December 4, 2015).
- *Science as a Neutral Arbiter? Food Law and Our Adulterated Scientific Communication Diet*, Italian Food Law Association conference, Global Food Law Trends, Milan, Italy (October 14, 2015).
- *Food Justice in Perspective* (panel discussion) Italian Food Law Association conference, Global Food Law Trends, Milan, Italy (October 15, 2015).
- *The Perils of Comparative Food Law: Convergence, Divergence, and Complexity in US and EU Food Law*, Summer Academy in Global Food Law and Policy, Bilbao, Spain, July 22, 2015.
- *Food Fraud* (panel discussion), Summer Academy in Global Food Law and Policy, Bilbao, Spain, July 22, 2015.
- *The US Food Safety Modernization Act: Implications in Transnational Governance of Food Safety, Food System Sustainability, and the Tension with Free Trade*, Carrots and Sticks: Moving the U.S. National Food Toward a Sustainable Future, Duke Environmental Law & Policy Forum, Duke University School of Law (January 23, 2015).
- *The US Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Hazard Analysis and Risk-based Preventive Controls (HACCP-based Regulation)*, Summer Academy in Global Food Law and Policy, Bilbao, Spain, July 22, 2014.
- *Cutting the GRAS: Partially Hydrogenated Oils (PHOs) with Trans Fatty Acids are Illegal Food Additives Now*, A talk at the conference, “Food Fight: An Examination of Recent Trends in Food Litigation and Where We Go From Here,” April 11, 2014.
- *Substantiation of Health Claims and the Risk of Lawsuits*, A talk at the conference, “Food Fight: An Examination of Recent Trends in Food Litigation and Where We Go From Here,” April 11, 2014.
- *The Perils of Comparative Food Law: Convergence, Divergence, and Complexity in US and EU Food Law*, Lecture, Seminar: The International And Comparative Dimension Of Food Law, University of Trento, Italy, February 21, 2014.
- *The US Food Safety Modernization Act: Implications in Transnational Governance of Food Safety and the Tension with Free Trade*, Keynote address (Lectio Magistralis), doctoral graduation ceremony, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Piacenza, Italy, February 20, 2014.
- *What’s In Store for 2013 and Beyond?* IFT Food Policy Impact conference, Arlington, Virginia, December 8, 2012.
- *Overview of U.S. Food Law*, U.S. Food Law Short Course, Michigan State University College of Law, July 18, 2012.
- *The Regulation of Dietary Supplements*, U.S. Food Law Short Course, Michigan State University College of Law, July 19, 2012.
- *Navigating the U.S. Food Additive Regulatory Program*, panelist on the Institute of Food Technologists (IFT) webinar, May 22, 2012.

- *Overview of FDA Food Inspection Law*, PEW Collaborative Food Safety Forum Webinar, April 5, 2012.
- *Food Labeling Boot Camp*, Michigan State University Product Center's Innovation Counselor Training on Food Processing, January 17, 2012.
- *Can We Talk? The Law on Claims About Food*, Making it in Michigan Conference, October 19, 2011.
- *The US Food Safety Modernization Act and Its Implications to Transnational Governance of the Safety of the Global Food Supply*, 3rd Summer Academy on Global Food Law & Policy, Cadenabbia, Italy, 25-29 July 2011.
- *Reinventing Transnational Governance to Improve the Safety of the Global Food Supply*, Malcolm Trout lecture, Michigan State University, April 27, 2011.
- *Democratizing Food Safety: Why Regulation and Tort Cannot Provide the Level of Safety Consumers Desire and What is Needed*, a talk presented at the symposium, "Cultivating Our Future: New Landscapes in Food and Agricultural Law and Policy," October 1, 2010, University of Oregon School of Law.
- *The Future of Food Safety: A Roundtable Discussion*, Neal Fortin, Caroline Smith DeWaal, Elliot Ryser, Craig Harris, Ewen Todd, Gerald Wojtala, International Center, Michigan State University, September 14, 2010.
- *Improving Food Safety Regulation of Imported Foods in the U.S.*, Institute of Food Technologists Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, July 20, 2010.
- *Mitigating Global Food Safety Risks: How International Laws and Governance Could Be Strengthened to Improve Safety of the Global Food Supply*, Law and Evidence in Mitigating Food Safety Risks in the Global Food Supply: A Policy Forum, O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, Georgetown University, April 15-16, 2010.
- *Why Food Law Matters*, Nutrition Seminar Series (HNF 892), Michigan State University, January 19, 2010.
- *Don't Eat That! Legal Issues in Food Safety*, ABA Teleconference (September 16, 2009).
- *The Regulation of Food Imports: Past, Present, and Future*, presentation, Food Import Safety: Systems, Infrastructure, and Governance, University of Wisconsin – Madison (May 26-27, 2009).
- *What's in a Name? Food Labeling and Why It Matters*, Michigan Environmental Health Association Annual Education Conference, March 18, 2009) Traverse City, Michigan.
- *Food Allergens: What's So Scary About a Peanut?*, Michigan Environmental Health Association Annual Education Conference, March 18, 2009) Traverse City, Michigan.
- *Rags or Riches: Why Food Labeling Law Matters*, Making it in Michigan Conference, November 13, 2008, Lansing, Michigan.
- *The Pre-emption Doctrine and FDA's Lost Deference*, presentation, Public Interest Law Society seminar on *Wyeth v. Levine*, Michigan State University College of Law, November 20, 2008.

- *Why Food Laws Matter*, Illinois Food Safety Symposium, September 24, 2008, Champaign, Illinois.
- *Introduction to Food Law: Law, Policy, Science, and Leadership*, lecture for Introduction to Food Safety and Professional Development (VM 810), Michigan State University, June 12, 2008.
- *Why We Have Less Food Safety Than We Desire*, Who's Minding the Store: The Current State of Food Safety and How It Can Be Improved, Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, Washington, April 10-11, 2008.
- *Food Labeling: Uses and Limits as a Public Health Tool*, Spring Lecture Series, National Food Safety & Toxicology Center, Michigan State University, February 6, 2008.
- *Leadership in Food Manufacturing*, TESCO Suppliers' Technical Conference, Riverside, California, January 10, 2008.
- *What's So Scary about One Single Peanut? Allergens in Food, Warning Issues, and the State of the Law*, ABA "Hot Topics in Food Law" Teleconference, October 17, 2007.
- *Codex Alimentarius and How it is Important to U.S. Agriculture*, Academic Conference: Understanding the Growing Complexities of International Trade and Agriculture, Institute for Trade in the Americas, East Lansing, Michigan, September 27-28, 2007.
- *Introduction to Food Law: Swim with the Sharks without Being Eaten Alive*, lecturer, Introduction to Food Safety and Professional Development (VM 810), Michigan State University, June 14, 2007.
- *Health Claims for Foods*, presentation at the North American Tart Cherry Industry Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, February 7, 2007.
- *Allergens and the Food Allergen Labeling and Consumer Protection Act (FALCPA)*, conference speaker, Achieving Commercial Success in the Face of Food Regulation & Litigation, Chicago, IL, September 13, 2006.
- *Food Allergen Law and Your Business*, radio program interview, Long Island Business Show, August 12, 2006.
- *Firefly Genes, Mark McGuire's Tonic, and the Supersized Food Fight: An Introduction to Food Law*, lecturer, Introduction to Food Safety and Professional Development (VM 810), Michigan State University, June 13, 2006.
- *National and International Food Regulatory Law*, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Beijing, China (April 13, 2006), Jiangsu Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Nanjing, China (April 14, 2006), Zhejiang Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Hangzhou, China (April 17, 2006), and Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China (April 19, 2006).
- *Establishing Compliant—and Commercial—Labeling Programs*, conference speaker, Achieving Commercial Success in the Face of Food Regulation & Litigation, Orlando, FL, January 19, 2006.
- *Mad Cows, Designer Foods, and the First Amendment: An Introduction to Food Law*, lecturer, Introduction to Food Safety and Professional Development (VM 810), Michigan State University, June 14, 2005.

- *Perspectives on the Regulation of GMOs*, Agricultural Biotechnology Short Course, Michigan State University, September 13, 2004.
- *Mad Cows, Designer Foods and Herbal Prozac: Why Food Laws Matter*, lecturer, Introduction to Food Safety and Professional Development (VM 810), Michigan State University, June 16, 2004.
- *US and EU Perspectives on the Regulation of GMOs*, lecturer, International Agricultural Biotechnology Conference, Michigan State University, May 21, 2004.
- *Trade, Food Security, and Standards*, panel chair at the conference Sovereignty and Security: New Conceptualizations for Post-9/11 North American Relations in the XXI Century, Michigan State University, April 1-17, 2004.
- *COOL or unCOOL: The Proposed Country of Origin Labeling Rules*, speaker at the Spring Lecture Series, National Food Safety & Toxicology Center, Michigan State University, February 16, 2004.
- *Can You Really Libel the Lettuce? A Look at Food Disparagement Laws*, panel speaker on food law and the First Amendment, National Food Safety & Toxicology Center, Michigan State University, November 18, 2003.
- *Food Safety Leadership*, speech at the Great Lakes Conference on Food Protection, Lansing, Michigan, April 29, 2003.
- Frequent introductions, comments, and presentations as a representative of the Michigan Department of Agriculture to a variety of groups associated with the department and its food regulatory programs (e.g., employees, food industry organizations, public health organizations, press, and legislative committees) 1983 – 2002.
- “Translating Science into Food Safety Law,” speaker at the American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics / CDC conference, The Public's Health & the Law in the 21st Century, Atlanta, Georgia, June 18, 2002.
- “The New Michigan Food Law: Leading the Country in Food Safety,” speech at the Annual Food Protection Conference, Michigan Environmental Health Association, March 16, 2001.
- “Local Public Health Program Accreditation” videotape, speaker on the food safety programs at local public health agencies in an overview of the state accreditation of local public health agencies, February 2000.
- “The Michigan Food Law of 2000,” speaker at the Environmental Health Directors Conference, Michigan Association of Local Environmental Health Administrators, September 2000.
- “Minimum Program Requirements for Food Service Regulatory Programs,” speaker at the Environmental Health Directors’ Conference, Michigan Association of Local Environmental Health Administrators, September 1999.
- “MDA’s Partnership with Local Health Departments,” speaker and panelist, Annual Educational Conference of the Michigan Environmental Health Association, Novi, Michigan, March 19, 1998.

- “Interdisciplinary Collaboration and the Future of Food Safety Regulation,” presentation at the Annual Food Protection Conference, Michigan Environmental Health Association, October 1998.
- “The Public Health Code Requirements on Local Health Department Food Safety Regulatory Programs,” presentation at the Governmental Accounting Seminar for Local Public Health Departments, Public Health Administrators Forum, September 1998.
- “Current Events and Food Safety Regulation,” presentation at the Environmental Health Directors’ Conference, Michigan Association of Local Environmental Health Administrators, September 1997.
- “Seafood HACCP,” presenter, FDA training course, Dearborn, Michigan, 1997.
- “Food Labeling Compliance Workshop,” authored and presented a three-day course on state and federal food labeling requirements, Lansing, Michigan, October 1994.
- “Reduced-Oxygen Packaging,” presentation, Annual Food Protection Conference, Michigan Environmental Health Association, 1994.
- “Michigan Regulation of Package Labeling,” guest lecturer, School of Packaging, Michigan State University, 1992-1993.
- “Vacuum Packaging: Science, Safety, and Standards,” U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s Current Concepts in Food Protection course, Reno, Nevada, September 21-23, 1993.
- “Vacuum Packaging: Science, Safety, and Standards,” presentation, U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s Current Concepts in Food Protection course, Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 16-18, 1993.
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