

**Introduction to Food Law and Regulation**  
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knowledge working with state, local, and self-regulatory bodies, litigation, and acquisitions will help to solve clients' regulatory and business problems. Brian advises on the full scope of regulatory issues facing the food and agriculture sectors, ranging from USDA and FDA enforcement actions and federal investigations to regulatory compliance, import and export issues, litigation support, comment preparation, legislative drafting, policy development, trade association governance, advertising disputes, and labeling issues. He also represents food and agriculture trade associations, advising on issues such as general counseling and governance, influencing policy and public perspective, and implementation of industry initiatives. Before joining Hogan Lovells, Brian served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Gerald Bard Tjoflat of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. While in law school, he served as an executive editor of the Duke Law Journal.



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