

# Food Law and Policy Career Guide

For anyone interested in an internship or a career in food law and policy, this guide illustrates many of the diverse array of choices, whether you seek a traditional legal job or would like to get involved in research, advocacy, or policy-making within the food system.

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# an introduction to food law & policy

Despite food's central role in our lives, it did not garner much attention from law and policy quarters until recently. From nutritional guidelines to food safety regulations to trade agreements, law and policy decisions play a role in determining how food is grown, processed, transported, and consumed. Attorneys who practice food law facilitate the operations of the food industry by advising clients about regulatory compliance, intellectual property, and trade. However, the growth of our food system has also produced new problems that may be dealt with at the legal and policy levels, creating many new and exciting roles for attorneys. With the growing obesity and type 2 diabetes epidemics and a widening gap in food access between those who can afford fresh food and those relegated to "food deserts," those with law and policy expertise are increasingly called upon to identify and pilot solutions to improve the food system.

This guide's goal is to present anyone interested in an internship or a career in food law and policy with a start towards discovering the diverse array of choices, whether s/he seeks a traditional legal job or would like to get involved in research, advocacy, or policy-making within the food system. Whether one desires to work in a law firm, for government, for a nonprofit, or in academia, lawyers interested in improving the food system will find many opportunities to apply their legal and policy skills to topics as far-reaching as nutrition and global health, intellectual property and trade, and human rights. This guide covers: universities that have developed specialty programs ranging from agricultural law to nutrition and food science; nonprofits that foster food policy change at the local, state, national, and international levels; government agencies established to protect the health and nutritional quality of our food supply; international organizations that advocate for farmers' rights worldwide; foundations that fund individuals wanting to take a stand against hunger; and law firms that have mastered the business of food and the intricacies of regulatory compliance.

Overall, this guide should serve as a resource to help you understand the range of opportunities available in the area of food law and policy. However, as this is a new and rapidly growing field, this guide is intended merely as a starting point. Since most of the organizations listed here are new to the field of food policy, some will not have permanent or ongoing employment opportunities. It is important to remember that since you are entering a new and dynamic field, you will need to employ a fair amount of creativity, flexibility, and innovation in order to find or shape the right position for you. This guide will help you to begin thinking about the right places to look, but make sure that you go beyond the guide to identify other organizations and agencies that currently work in food law and policy or that may have an interest in entering the field. Good luck in your search!

# guide to areas of specialization

To guide your search for the organization, job, or internship that suits your particular interests, we have created a list of “areas of specialization” and tagged each organization or entity. Though the list is not exhaustive and organizations may specialize in numerous other areas, we believe it will give you a good sense of which organizations focus on issues and programs that you may want to explore. Among the various entries and numerous opportunities included in the guide, you should be able to use these terms as a starting point to begin reaching out to the right organizations.

## Areas of Specialization

Agriculture/Agricultural Law	General Legal
Biotechnology and GMOs	Hunger/Food Security
Disaster Relief	International
Education	Labor
Environment/Sustainability	Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease
Finance/Microfinance	Policy
Food Advertising	Public Health
Food Labeling	Research
Food Safety	School Food
Food Studies	Trade
Food Systems	Urban Issues

# section one: universities

Whether you are looking to work as a researcher or faculty member, or to pursue another degree, universities are at the forefront of research and activity around the food system and food policy. Working at a university department or program focused on food policy provides a wide range of opportunities in the field, ranging from food law and policy, to food science, to sustainable agriculture, to anthropology, to marketing. Since food policy is still a relatively new field, there may also be more job opportunities in universities that are starting to focus on food systems than there are in the other institutions covered in this guide. The cooperation between different university programs and departments makes academia an advantageous choice for staying at the forefront of emerging food law and policy issues, and the academic setting enables attorneys to engage in scholarly activity while undertaking projects and making a real world impact.

University settings can also offer attorneys the opportunity to take an interdisciplinary approach to food systems issues, allowing them to combine their legal skills with other areas of academic and professional research, in areas as diverse as public health and nutrition, environmental impacts of agriculture, sustainability, governance, or regulatory change. Finally, working at a university department or program focused on food systems can provide the opportunity to take additional courses or enroll in a graduate program with a food system focus. This guide draws attention to food system programs at universities in the United States, but you may also find opportunities abroad, especially if you wish to concentrate on global food policy.

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## **Anthropology of Food**

### **Indiana University**

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Bloomington, IN 47405

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[anthro@indiana.edu](mailto:anthro@indiana.edu)

[www.indiana.edu/~anthro/food\\_flash.html](http://www.indiana.edu/~anthro/food_flash.html)

Description (from website): The anthropology department at Indiana University has unique strengths and capabilities in the study of food. The Ph.D. concentration in the anthropology of food draws on those strengths to offer students unparalleled training in the roles of food in (1) prehistoric, historic and modern societies, (2) human evolution and adaptation, (3) human health, (4) political economic relationships, (5) human-environment interactions including sustainability, (6) the representation, construction and maintenance of ethnicity, social class, and cultural identity.

Areas of Specialization: Food Studies, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease

Courses: [www.indiana.edu/~anthro/assets/documents/Food%20Course/class.requirements.html](http://www.indiana.edu/~anthro/assets/documents/Food%20Course/class.requirements.html)

Employment: Including professional vacancies and Postdoctoral Fellowship in Food Studies. See [www.indiana.edu/~anthro/about/jobs.html](http://www.indiana.edu/~anthro/about/jobs.html)

### **Center for Agriculture and Food Systems**

#### **Vermont Law School**

164 Chelsea Street, PO Box 96

South Royalton, VT 05068

Tel: (802) 831-1338

[www.vermontlaw.edu/academics/environmental\\_law\\_center/institutes\\_and\\_initiatives/center\\_for\\_agriculture\\_and\\_food\\_systems/center\\_for\\_agriculture\\_and\\_food\\_systems.htm](http://www.vermontlaw.edu/academics/environmental_law_center/institutes_and_initiatives/center_for_agriculture_and_food_systems/center_for_agriculture_and_food_systems.htm)

Description (from website): Building on Vermont's reputation for small-scale agricultural innovation and ethos of environmental and social sustainability, the Center for Agriculture and Food Systems will provide support, research, and leadership for community-based agricultural systems, sustainable agriculture advocates, agencies, food hubs, incubators, and farmers. During its initial launch, the Center for Agriculture and Food Systems will expand on the law school's curriculum in agriculture and food policy. The current courses include: Agricultural Biotechnology and the Law, Agricultural Policy and the Environment, Ecology of Food and Agriculture, Food Regulation and Policy, and Public Health Implications of U.S. Agriculture and Food Policy. The Center will continue research and education projects such as The Farmer's Handbook for Energy Self-Reliance, distributed to over 4,000 farmers and taken to over a dozen farmers' forums and conferences nationally. In addition, the Center will support research by leading scholars in sustainable agriculture and food issues.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Environment/Sustainability

Employment: See [www.vermontlaw.edu/About\\_VLS/Employment\\_at\\_VLS.htm](http://www.vermontlaw.edu/About_VLS/Employment_at_VLS.htm)

### **Center on Food Security and the Environment (FSE)**

#### **Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies**

#### **Stanford University**

616 Serra Street C100

Stanford, CA 94305

Tel: (650) 723-4581

Fax: (650) 725-2592

[www.foodsecurity.stanford.edu](http://www.foodsecurity.stanford.edu)

Description (from website): A joint program between the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies (FSI) and the Woods Institute for the Environment (Woods). FSE addresses critical global issues of hunger, poverty and environmental degradation by generating vital knowledge and policy-relevant solutions. At FSE's core is an interdisciplinary team of scholars from departments such as economics, political science, biology, civil and environmental engineering, law, earth sciences, medicine, anthropology, education, and history. Faculty members collaborate on a set of focused research projects, teaching activities, and direct science and policy advising. FSE is currently engaged in 17 different research projects, and offers courses for graduate and undergraduate students at Stanford interested in issues of hunger, rural development, global resource and environmental degradation, agricultural technology, climate impacts on food security, and agricultural trade and policy.

FSE provides direct science and policy outreach through international development and aid institutions, the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), environmental nonprofit organizations, private sector firms, and other groups that play significant roles in the agricultural development and environment arenas.

Areas of Specialization: Environment/Sustainability, Hunger/Food Security, International

Courses: See [www.foodsecurity.stanford.edu/docs/fse\\_courses](http://www.foodsecurity.stanford.edu/docs/fse_courses)

**The Centers for Law and the Public's Health:  
A Collaborative at Johns Hopkins and Georgetown Universities**  
[www.publichealthlaw.net/index.php](http://www.publichealthlaw.net/index.php)

Johns Hopkins  
Bloomberg School of Public Health  
615 N. Wolfe Street  
Baltimore, MD 21205  
[www.jhsph.edu](http://www.jhsph.edu)

Georgetown University Law Center  
600 New Jersey Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20001  
Tel: (202) 662-9000  
[www.law.georgetown.edu](http://www.law.georgetown.edu)

Description (from website): Serves as a primary resource on public health law for public health practitioners, lawyers, legislators, policy-makers, advocates, and the public; improves understanding about how the law affects the prevention of disease and injury through research, education, training, collaboration, and dissemination of information; and promotes the development and implementation of an effective public health law infrastructure.

The Centers aim to develop core legal competencies in public health law and corresponding curricula, as well as new training materials as needed, and work with stakeholders and national partners to deliver training sessions and materials useful for public health practitioners, lawyers, legislators, and policymakers. The Centers conduct legal research and analysis in targeted areas relevant to public health law and policy, examine the public health law infrastructure and make recommendations for needed improvements, promote communication and collaboration among interest groups through our web site and other communication mediums, and enhance the visibility and effectiveness of law as a tool for the promotion of the public's health.

Areas of Specialization: Public Health, Research

Courses: See [www.publichealthlaw.net/Courses/PublicHealthLaw.php](http://www.publichealthlaw.net/Courses/PublicHealthLaw.php)



**Center for a Livable Future (CLF)**

**Johns Hopkins**

615 N. Wolfe Street, Suite W7010

Baltimore, MD 21205

Tel: (410) 502-7578

Fax: (410) 502-7579

[clf@jhsph.edu](mailto:clf@jhsph.edu)

[www.jhsph.edu/clf](http://www.jhsph.edu/clf)

Description (from website): Promotes research and develops and communicates information about the complex interrelationships among diet, food production, environment and human health in order to advance an ecological perspective in reducing threats to the health of the public and to promote policies that protect health, the global environment and the ability to sustain life for future generations. CLF engages public health professionals in the discovery of new knowledge, the communication of findings and the formation of public policy, and to influence attitudes and behaviors. The center seeks to raise individual and institutional awareness within the JHU and Greater Baltimore communities of our responsibility for environmental stewardship and, through curriculum, educational events, attention to university practices and technical assistance, effect individual behavior and stimulate societal changes.

Areas of Specialization: Education, Environment/Sustainability, Food Systems, Public Health, Research

Courses: See [www.jhsph.edu/clf/education/](http://www.jhsph.edu/clf/education/)

Employment: Including staff positions, internships, student research assistant positions. See [www.jhsph.edu/clf/about\\_clf\\_new/part\\_of\\_clf.html](http://www.jhsph.edu/clf/about_clf_new/part_of_clf.html)

**The C.S. Mott Group of Sustainable Food Systems**

**Michigan State University**

312 Natural Resources Building

East Lansing, MI 48824

Tel: (517) 432-1612

Fax: (517) 353-3834

[mottgroup@anr.msu.edu](mailto:mottgroup@anr.msu.edu)

[www.mottgroup.msu.edu](http://www.mottgroup.msu.edu)

Description (from website): A vehicle to promote community engagement and scholarly activity focused on community-based food systems. The C.S. Mott Group of Sustainable Food Systems engages communities in applied research and outreach to promote sustainable food systems. The group's goal is to improve access and availability of locally produced food.

Areas of Specialization: Environment/Sustainability, Food Systems, Research

**Department of Food Science**

**Purdue University**

745 Agriculture Mall Drive

West Lafayette, IN 47907

Tel: (765) 494-8256

Fax: (765) 494-7953  
foodsci@purdue.edu  
www.ag.purdue.edu/foodsci/Pages/default.aspx

Description (from website): An interdepartmental program, including all 20 of the faculty in the Department of Food Science and 11 select faculty in the following departments: Agricultural and Biological Engineering, Animal Sciences, Foods and Nutrition. Over the past two years, we have averaged 60 graduate students in the program, equally divided between M.S. and Ph.D. students, and approximately equally divided between U.S. and international students. All graduate students are supported on assistantships (or fellowships).

Areas of Specialization: Food Studies, Food Systems, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease

Graduate Admissions Process: See [www.ag.purdue.edu/foodsci/Pages/prospective\\_grads.aspx](http://www.ag.purdue.edu/foodsci/Pages/prospective_grads.aspx)

Employment: Including faculty positions and the Industry Fellows Program within the Food Science Graduate Program. See [www.ag.purdue.edu/foodsci/Pages/employment.aspx](http://www.ag.purdue.edu/foodsci/Pages/employment.aspx)

### **Drake Agricultural Law Center**

2621 Carpenter Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50311  
Tel: (515) 271-2824  
[www.law.drake.edu/academics/agLaw](http://www.law.drake.edu/academics/agLaw)

Description (from website): Provides opportunities to study how the legal system shapes our food system and influences the ability of the agricultural sector to produce, market and utilize agricultural products. The Drake Law School supports an array of courses, publications, conferences, and research initiatives, and created a certification program in food and agricultural law. Students learn about legal issues involving the full scope of food and agriculture, including marketing and finance; biotechnology; international trade; soil and water conservation; land use and environmental issues; food safety; and federal farm programs. The Center also hosts international law scholars to study food and agricultural law and policy in the U.S.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Environment/Sustainability, Food Safety, Food Systems

Courses and Careers: Including the Visiting Scholars program and the Summer Agricultural Law Institute. See [www.law.drake.edu/academics/agLaw/?pageID=agCourses](http://www.law.drake.edu/academics/agLaw/?pageID=agCourses)

### **Food and Brand Lab**

#### **Cornell University**

14 Warren Hall  
Ithaca, NY 14853  
foodandbrandlab@cornell.edu  
[www.foodpsychology.cornell.edu](http://www.foodpsychology.cornell.edu)

Description (from website): An interdisciplinary group of graduate and undergraduate students from psychology, food science, marketing, agricultural economics, human nutrition, education, history, library science, and journalism along with a number of affiliated faculty. The Lab's research has driven the creation of the Smarter Lunchrooms Initiative and the Cornell Center for Behavioral Economics in Child Nutrition Programs - two programs devoted to the funding, conduction, and dissemination of research concerning children's health.

Areas of Specialization: Food Advertising, Food Labeling, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, Research, School Food

Employment: Including internships and research opportunities at the Lab. See [www.foodpsychology.cornell.edu/about/internships.html](http://www.foodpsychology.cornell.edu/about/internships.html)

### **Food Law and Policy Clinic**

#### **Harvard Law School**

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[www.blogs.law.harvard.edu/foodpolicyinitiative/](http://www.blogs.law.harvard.edu/foodpolicyinitiative/)

Description (from website): The Food Law and Policy Clinic of the Harvard Law School Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation was established in 2010 to link Harvard Law students with opportunities to work with clients and communities on various food law and policy issues. The Clinic aims to increase access to healthy foods, prevent diet-related diseases such as obesity and type 2 diabetes, and assist small farmers and producers in participating in food markets.

The Food Law and Policy Clinic has focused much of its work in the Delta region, with projects underway in Mississippi, Arkansas, and Tennessee; however, starting in fall 2011 the Clinic began to replicate its work in other regions and communities, using its expertise in food law and policy to build similar federal, state, and local advocacy infrastructure around access to food and assisting small producers.

Areas of Specialization: Food Systems, Policy, Public Health, Research, School Food

Employment: Including internships and fellowships within the Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation. See <http://blogs.law.harvard.edu/foodpolicyinitiative/>

### **Food Marketing Policy Center**

#### **University of Connecticut**

1376 Storrs Road, Unit 4021

Storrs, CT 06269

Tel: (860) 486-1927

Fax: (860) 486-2461

[FMPC@uconn.edu](mailto:FMPC@uconn.edu)

[www.fmpe.uconn.edu](http://www.fmpe.uconn.edu)

Description (from website): Conducts research on food and agricultural marketing and related policy questions with the intention to provide information that can contribute to improved performance of the food production and marketing system. The Policy Center is primarily an economic research organization, yet it conducts interdisciplinary research when appropriate, and it communicates results to the public. Key users include farmer and consumer organizations, agribusiness firms, public agencies, state legislatures, and the U.S. Congress.

Areas of Specialization: Policy, Research

**Food Studies Program  
The New School**

Department of Food Studies  
66 W. 12th Street, Room 901  
New York, NY 10011  
Tel: (212) 229-5124  
[foodstudies@newschool.edu](mailto:foodstudies@newschool.edu)  
[www.newschool.edu/continuing-education/food-studies](http://www.newschool.edu/continuing-education/food-studies)

Description (from website): Draws on a range of disciplines to explore the connections between food and the environment, politics, history, and culture. The faculty of culinary historians, policy activists, entrepreneurs, and scientists provides students with the theoretical and practical tools they need to engage in the developing conversation about food production, distribution, quality, and taste and to effect positive change in their own food environments.

The Food Studies Program offers full-term undergraduate and continuing education courses on culinary history, food policy, the food business, food and health, and food and culture. It also offers one-day workshops for working and aspiring food professionals and a series of public events, panel discussions, and readings. Food studies undergraduate courses can be taken as part of the New School Bachelor's Program in the Liberal Arts for adults and other nontraditional students.

Areas of Specialization: Food Studies, Food Systems

Employment: Including part- and full-time faculty positions. See [www.careers.newschool.edu/](http://www.careers.newschool.edu/)

**Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy  
Tufts University**

150 Harrison Avenue  
Boston, MA 02111  
Tel (Office of Admissions): (617) 636-3777  
Fax (Office of Admissions): (617) 636-3600  
[nutritionadmissions@tufts.edu](mailto:nutritionadmissions@tufts.edu)  
[www.nutrition.tufts.edu](http://www.nutrition.tufts.edu)

Description (from website): The School of Nutrition Science and Policy is the only graduate and professional school of nutrition in North America. Its mission is to improve the nutritional well-being of

people worldwide through the creation of new knowledge, the application and dissemination of evidence-based information and the education and training of future leaders in the field.

This mission is fulfilled by bringing together experts from the areas of clinical nutrition, social and public policy, and biomedicine. Faculty at the school include biomedical scientists, economists, epidemiologists, nutritionists, physicians, political scientists and psychologists who focus on a myriad of issues with the common thread of nutrition and its role in fostering the growth and development of human populations.

Areas of Specialization: Food Studies, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, Policy

Courses: See [www.nutrition.tufts.edu/academics/courses](http://www.nutrition.tufts.edu/academics/courses)

Employment: Including faculty positions. See [www.nutrition.tufts.edu/about/jobs-at-friedman](http://www.nutrition.tufts.edu/about/jobs-at-friedman)

### **Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture**

#### **Iowa State University**

209 Curtiss Hall  
Ames, IA 50011  
Tel: (515) 294-3711  
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[www.leopold.iastate.edu](http://www.leopold.iastate.edu)

Description (from website): A research and education center on the campus of Iowa State University created to identify and reduce negative environmental and social impacts of farming and develop new ways to farm profitably while conserving natural resources. The Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture explores and cultivates alternatives that secure healthier people and landscapes in Iowa and the nation.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Environment/Sustainability, Research

### **LL.M. Program in Agricultural and Food Law**

#### **University of Arkansas School of Law**

Fayetteville, AR 72701  
Tel: (479) 575-3706  
Fax: (479) 575-2224  
[llm@uark.edu](mailto:llm@uark.edu)  
[www.law.uark.edu/llm](http://www.law.uark.edu/llm)

Description (from prospective): Advanced legal degree program in agricultural and food law in the United States, with a curriculum specializing in the law of food and agriculture. The program offers the full spectrum of law and policy from “farm to fork”--from the perspective of the farmer, the processor, the retailer, and the consumer.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Food Systems, Policy

Courses: See [www.law.uark.edu/prospective/llm/specialized-courses.html](http://www.law.uark.edu/prospective/llm/specialized-courses.html)

LL.M. Admissions Process: See [www.law.uark.edu/prospective/llm/llm-admission-process.html](http://www.law.uark.edu/prospective/llm/llm-admission-process.html)

**NYU Steinhardt School of Culture, Education and Human Development  
Department of Nutrition, Food Studies, and Public Health**

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New York, NY 10003  
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[www.steinhardt.nyu.edu/nutrition](http://www.steinhardt.nyu.edu/nutrition)

Description (from website): Masters and Doctoral programs in Nutrition, Food Studies, and Public Health. The Department of Nutrition, Food Studies, and Public Health offers an interdisciplinary program of advanced study in nutrition and dietetics that prepares graduates for teaching, research, administrative, and leadership positions in academic, public health, government, industry, and other institutions.

The Doctoral Program in Food Studies offers an interdisciplinary approach to the study of food in its historical and cultural dimensions. Employing methods from the humanities and social sciences (archival, ethnographic, survey and semiotics), this highly selective program prepares students for teaching and research at the college and university level, as well as in institutions outside the academy. The curriculum is tailored to the particular research interests of each student. In consultation with an advisor and a doctoral committee, students develop their research projects.

The Doctoral Program in Public Health is targeted to individuals who wish to develop advanced skills in public health research. A prior graduate degree in public health or a related field is strongly preferred. Graduates of the program are prepared in careers as leaders in academic institutions, public and private sector organizations, and government agencies in state, national, and international settings. Students will benefit from the interdisciplinary nature of the Department and the wider NYU community where faculty have existing research programs in the United States and internationally.

Areas of Specialization: Food Studies, Food Systems, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, Public Health, Research

Courses: See [www.steinhardt.nyu.edu/nutrition/courses](http://www.steinhardt.nyu.edu/nutrition/courses)

Employment: See [www.steinhardt.nyu.edu/nutrition/internships](http://www.steinhardt.nyu.edu/nutrition/internships) for internship opportunities

**Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity  
Yale University**

PO Box 208369  
New Haven, CT 06520  
Tel: (203) 432-6700  
Fax: (203) 432-9674  
[rudd.center@yale.edu](mailto:rudd.center@yale.edu)  
[www.yaleruddcenter.org](http://www.yaleruddcenter.org)

Description (from website): A nonprofit research and public policy organization devoted to improving the world's diet, preventing obesity, and reducing weight stigma. The Rudd Center serves as a leader in

building broad-based consensus to change diet and activity patterns, while holding industry and government agencies responsible for safeguarding public health. The Center serves as a leading research institution and clearinghouse for resources that add to our understanding of the complex forces affecting how we eat, how we stigmatize overweight and obese people, and how we can change.

The Rudd Center aims to reverse the global spread of obesity; to reduce weight bias; and to galvanize community members, public officials, and advocacy groups to achieve positive, lasting change. The Center pursues its bold goals through: strategic science; interaction with key players in media, industry, and government; and mobilization of grassroots efforts. The Center stands at the intersection of science and public policy to develop innovative and effective measures to combat obesity and improve global health.

Areas of Specialization: Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, Policy, Public Health, Research

Employment: Including professional vacancies and internships. See [www.yaleruddcenter.org/who\\_we\\_are.aspx?id=17](http://www.yaleruddcenter.org/who_we_are.aspx?id=17)

**World Food Law Institute**

**Howard University School of Law**

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[www.law.howard.edu/worldfoodlaw/index.html](http://www.law.howard.edu/worldfoodlaw/index.html)

Description (from website): Uses a multidisciplinary approach to promote social development in the agricultural and agribusiness sectors, emphasizing the importance of law and legal research. The Institute tries to improve the understanding of issues faced by the millions of persons living and working in rural areas around the world and to provide support for those seeking food security.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, International, Policy

## section two: government agencies

A range of different government agencies impact food law and policy issues at the federal, state, and local levels. Within these agencies, attorneys have the opportunity to either conduct research to drive new government policies that benefit the food system or play a more traditional legal role in a legal counsel office for a specific agency. Working in a government agency may allow you to take advantage of unique opportunities to influence and make policy by: drafting regulatory guidelines on topics such as nutrition or diet; conducting research programs to inform private and public decision-making on policy issues involving food, agriculture, natural resources, and rural development; shaping food safety education, policies, and regulations; and overseeing food benefit program eligibility and distribution. For attorneys who seek more traditional legal work, these agencies also have legal counsel offices that provide legal advice and represent the agencies in court proceedings and administrative hearings; participate in civil and criminal cases; draft pleadings, motions, and briefs; and take part in discovery and trials.

At the federal level, the primary agencies tasked with food policy duties are the U.S. Department of Agriculture, including the Food and Nutrition Service, and the Department of Health and Human Services, including the Food and Drug Administration. Agencies such as the Department of Commerce, Department of State, and U.S. Agency for International Development allow attorneys to develop food policy at the international level. At the state level, a range of government agencies offer employment opportunities in food policy. State agencies have different names in different states, but the main players in food policy are as follows: the Department of Health, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Economic Development, the Department of Environmental Protection, and the Department of Education. Attorneys may also find many opportunities to work on food policy at the local level, through working with city council officials, the city board of health, or in the office of the city's food policy director, if the city is lucky enough to have one!

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## FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

### United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

*\*\*In addition to the divisions listed below, attorneys interested in working for the USDA may also want to look at the following divisions: Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Forest Service, National Agricultural Library, and National Agricultural Statistics Service.*

#### **USDA: Office of the General Counsel (OGC)**

DC Main Office

Room 107 W, Whitten Building

1400 Independence Ave. SW



Washington, DC 20250  
Tel: (202) 720-3351  
[www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=OGC](http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=OGC)

Description (from website): An independent legal agency within the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). OGC provides legal advice and services to the Secretary of Agriculture and to all other officials and agencies of the Department with respect to all USDA programs and activities. All legal services are centralized within OGC and the General Counsel reports directly to the Secretary. The General Counsel is assisted by a Deputy General Counsel, a Senior Counselor, six Associate General Counsels, a Director of Administration and Resource Management, and four Regional Attorneys.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, General Legal

Employment: See [www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=OGC](http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=OGC) for regional office locations and contact information

**USDA: Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)**

1400 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, DC 20250  
[www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/](http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/)

Description (from website): The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service administers programs that facilitate the efficient, fair marketing of U.S. agricultural products, including food, fiber, and specialty crops. The AMS provides standardization, grading, and market news services for those commodities. They enforce such Federal Laws as the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act and the Federal Seed Act. AMS commodity programs also oversee marketing agreements and orders, administer research and promotion programs, and purchase commodities for Federal food programs.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Trade

Employment: Jobs are posted on [USAjobs.gov](http://USAjobs.gov). Links to available jobs divided by program type can be found at the following: [www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/ams.fetchTemplateData.do?template=TemplateC&navID=Opportunity&topNav=Opportunity&page=Opportunities&acct=AMSPW](http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/ams.fetchTemplateData.do?template=TemplateC&navID=Opportunity&topNav=Opportunity&page=Opportunities&acct=AMSPW)

Internships: See [www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/studentopportunities](http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/studentopportunities) for student job opportunities, including internships

**USDA: Agricultural Research Service (ARS)**

ARS Headquarters  
Jamie L. Whitten Building  
1400 Independence Ave., S.W.  
Washington, DC 20250

ARS Headquarters Staff  
George Washington Carver Center  
5601 Sunnyside Avenue  
Beltsville, MD 20705

[www.ars.usda.gov/](http://www.ars.usda.gov/)

Description (from website): The Agricultural Research Service (ARS) is the U.S. Department of Agriculture's chief scientific in-house research agency. ARS research is organized into National Programs divided by subject: Nutrition, Food Safety, and Quality; Animal Production and Protection; Natural Resources and Sustainable Agricultural Systems; Crop Production and Protection; Overseas Biological Control Laboratories.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Research

Employment: See [www.ars.usda.gov/Careers/Careers.htm](http://www.ars.usda.gov/Careers/Careers.htm) for job postings and [www.ars.usda.gov/careers/docs.htm?docid=11778](http://www.ars.usda.gov/careers/docs.htm?docid=11778) for information on a career with ARS

### **USDA: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)**

Legislative and Public Affairs Mailing Address

1400 Independence Avenue, SW

Room 1147 South Building

Washington, DC 20250

Tel: (202) 799-7030

[www.aphis.usda.gov/](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/)

Description: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is a multi-faceted Agency with a broad mission area that includes protecting and promoting U.S. agricultural health, regulating genetically engineered organisms, administering the Animal Welfare Act, and carrying out wildlife damage management activities. To protect agricultural health, APHIS works to prevent the introduction of foreign pests and diseases. To promote the health of U.S. agriculture in the international trade arena, APHIS develops and advances science-based standards with trading partners to ensure America's agricultural exports, worth more than \$50 billion annually, are protected from unjustified restrictions.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Biotechnology and GMOs, International, Trade, Research

Employment: See [www.aphis.usda.gov/career\\_opportunities/](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/career_opportunities/) for job postings and student programs

### **USDA: Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion (CNPP)**

**3101 Park Center Drive, 10th Floor**

Alexandria, VA 22302

Tel: (703) 305-7600

Fax: (703) 305-3300

[www.cnpp.usda.gov](http://www.cnpp.usda.gov)

Description (from website): Works to improve the health and well-being of Americans by developing and promoting dietary guidance that links scientific research to the nutrition needs of consumers. CNPP is an agency of USDA's Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services. CNPP carries out its mission to improve the health of Americans by (1) advancing and promoting food and nutrition guidance for all Americans; (2) assessing diet quality; and (3) advancing consumer, nutrition, and food economic knowledge. CNPP staff help to define and coordinate nutrition education policy within USDA and to translate nutrition research

into information and materials for consumers; policymakers; and professionals in health, education, industry, and media.

Areas of Specialization: Education, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, Public Health, Research

Employment: Including internship positions for nutritionists, nutrition scientists, dietitians, economists, policy experts. See [www.cnpp.usda.gov/Publications/Internships/CNPPInternships-8-22-11.pdf](http://www.cnpp.usda.gov/Publications/Internships/CNPPInternships-8-22-11.pdf)

**USDA: Economic Research Service (ERS)**

(Street Address)

355 E Street SW  
Washington, DC 20024

(Mailing Address)

1400 Independence Ave.  
SW Mail Stop 1800  
Washington, DC 20250  
[www.ers.usda.gov](http://www.ers.usda.gov)

Description (from website): The Economic Research Service is a primary source of economic information and research in the USDA. ERS conducts a research program to inform public and private decision-making on economic and policy issues involving food, farming, natural resources, and rural development. ERS's highly trained economists and social scientists conduct research, analyze food and commodity markets, produce policy studies, and develop economic and statistical indicators. The agency's research program is aimed at the information needs of USDA, other public policy officials, and the research community. ERS information and analysis is also used by the media, trade associations, public interest groups, and the general public.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Research

Employment: Vacancy announcements at [www.ers.usda.gov/abouters/employment](http://www.ers.usda.gov/abouters/employment); for Student Internship Program, contact Lori McPherson at [lorim@ers.usda.gov](mailto:lorim@ers.usda.gov)

**USDA: Farm Service Agency (FSA)**

Public Affairs Staff

1400 Independence Ave., S.W.  
STOP 0506  
Washington, DC 20250  
[www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)

HR Headquarters

1280 Maryland Ave SW  
4th Floor, Suite 490  
Washington, DC 20024  
Tel: (202) 401-0089  
Fax: (202) 205-9004

FSA also maintains offices in each state. Find applicable state office at: [www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/stateOffices?area=stoffice&subject=landing&topic=landing](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/stateOffices?area=stoffice&subject=landing&topic=landing)

Description: Serves farmers, ranchers, and agricultural partners through the delivery of effective, efficient agricultural programs for all Americans. The agency provides America's farmers with a strong safety net through the administration of farm commodity programs and ad hoc disaster programs. FSA also helps protect natural resources through the Conservation Reserve Program. The agency provides credit to agricultural producers who are unable to receive private, commercial credit. FSA places special emphasis on providing loans to beginning, minority, and women farmers and ranchers. FSA programs help feed America's school children and hungry people around the globe.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Education, Environment/Sustainability, Finance/Microfinance

### **USDA: Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS)**

1400 Independence Ave., S.W.  
Washington, DC 20250  
[www.fsis.usda.gov](http://www.fsis.usda.gov)

Description: FSIS is the public health agency in the USDA responsible for ensuring that the nation's commercial supply of meat, poultry, and egg products is safe, wholesome, and correctly labeled and packaged.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Disaster Relief, Food Safety, Public Health, Research

Employment: See Career Opportunities at [www.fsis.usda.gov/Careers/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Careers/index.asp); Internships at [www.fsis.usda.gov/Careers/Student\\_Internships\\_Externships/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Careers/Student_Internships_Externships/index.asp)

### **USDA: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA)**

Stop 3601, Room 2055-South Building  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20250  
Tel: (202) 720-0219  
[www.gipsa.usda.gov/](http://www.gipsa.usda.gov/)

Description (from website): The USDA's agency that facilitates the marketing of livestock, poultry, meat, cereals, oilseeds, and related agricultural products, and promotes fair and competitive trading practices for the overall benefit of consumers and American agriculture. GIPSA is part of USDA's Marketing and Regulatory Programs, which are working to ensure a productive and competitive global marketplace for U.S. agricultural products.

The Agency's Packers and Stockyards Program (P&SP) promotes fair business practices and competitive environments to market livestock, meat, and poultry. Through its oversight activities, including monitoring programs, reviews, and investigations, P&SP fosters fair competition, provides payment protection, and guards against deceptive and fraudulent trade practices that affect the movement and price

of meat animals and their products. P&SP's work protects consumers and members of the livestock, meat, and poultry industries.

The Agency's Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) facilitates the marketing of U.S. grain and related agricultural products by establishing standards for quality assessments, regulating handling practices, and managing a network of Federal, State, and private laboratories that provide impartial, user-fee-funded official inspection and weighing services.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, General Legal, Trade

**USDA: National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)**

Waterfront Centre  
800 9th St. SW  
Washington, DC 20024  
Tel: (202) 720-4423  
[www.csrees.usda.gov/](http://www.csrees.usda.gov/)

Description (from website): NIFA's unique mission is to advance knowledge for agriculture, the environment, human health and well being, and communities by supporting research, education, and extension programs in the Land-Grant University System and other partner organizations. NIFA doesn't perform actual research, education, and extension but rather helps fund it at the state and local level and provides program leadership in these areas.

NIFA collaborates or has formal working partnerships with many institutions and individuals. Key partners are the institutions of higher learning making up the Land-Grant University System. However, NIFA also partners with other federal agencies, within and beyond USDA; nonprofit associations; professional societies; commodity groups and grower associations; multistate research committees; private industry; citizen groups; foundations; regional centers; the military; task forces; and other groups.

NIFA responds to quality-of-life problems such as: improving agricultural productivity; creating new products; protecting animal and plant health; promoting sound human nutrition and health; strengthening children, youth, and families; revitalizing rural American communities

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Environment/Sustainability, Finance/Microfinance, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, Research

Employment: Job openings listed at: [www.csrees.usda.gov/about/jobs\\_vacancy.html](http://www.csrees.usda.gov/about/jobs_vacancy.html); information on student and summer employment found at: [www.csrees.usda.gov/about/jobs\\_summer.html](http://www.csrees.usda.gov/about/jobs_summer.html); further information on employment, including international assignments and land-grant institution jobs found at: [www.csrees.usda.gov/about/jobs.html](http://www.csrees.usda.gov/about/jobs.html)

**USDA: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)**

1400 Independence Ave., SW, Room 5105-A  
Washington, DC 20250  
Tel: (202) 720-7246  
Fax: (202) 720-7690  
[www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/home](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/home)

Description (from website): Originally established by Congress in 1935 as the Soil Conservation Service (SCS), NRCS has expanded to ensure that private lands are conserved, restored, and more resilient to environmental challenges, like climate change. NRCS works with landowners through conservation planning and assistance designed to benefit the soil, water, air, plants, and animals that result in productive lands and healthy ecosystems.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Environment/Sustainability, Research

Employment: Including professional vacancies, student programs, internships, and scholarships. See [www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/careers](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/careers)

**USDA: Office of Congressional Relations (OCR)**

1400 Independence Ave. SW  
Washington, DC 20250  
Tel: (202) 720-7095  
Fax: (202) 720-8077  
[www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=OCR](http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=OCR)

Description (from website): Serves as the Department's liaison with Members of Congress and their staffs. OCR works closely with members and staffs of various House and Senate Committees including the House Agriculture Committee and the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry to communicate USDA's legislative agenda and budget proposals.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, General Legal, Policy

Employment: See [www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=OCR](http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=OCR)

**USDA: Office of Tribal Relations (OTR)**

Room 500A, Whitten Building  
1400 Independence Ave. SW  
Washington, DC 20250  
Tel: (202) 205-2249  
[www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=OTR](http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=OTR)

Description (from website): Located within the Office of the Secretary, works to ensure that relevant programs and policies are efficient, easy to understand, accessible, and developed in consultation with the Native American Indians and Alaskan Native constituents they impact. OTR is the primary point of contact for Tribal issues within the USDA. The Office works cooperatively and collaboratively across USDA to build an integrated approach to issues, programs, and services addressing the needs of American Indians and Alaskan Natives.

Areas of Specialization: Environment/Sustainability, General Legal, Hunger/Food Security

Employment: See [www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=NA\\_COTACT\\_US](http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=NA_COTACT_US)

**USDA: Risk Management Agency (RMA)**

1400 Independence Ave., SW, Room 6092-South  
Washington, DC 20250  
Tel: (202) 690-2803  
Fax: (202) 690-2818  
[www.rma.usda.gov/](http://www.rma.usda.gov/)

Description (from website): The role of USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) is to help producers manage their business risks through effective, market-based risk management solutions. RMA's mission is to promote, support, and regulate sound risk management solutions to preserve and strengthen the economic stability of America's agricultural producers. As part of this mission, RMA operates and manages the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC).

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, General Legal

Employment: See [www.rma.usda.gov/aboutrma/opportunities/jobs.html](http://www.rma.usda.gov/aboutrma/opportunities/jobs.html)

**USDA: Rural Development (RD)**

1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 205-W  
Washington, DC 20250  
Tel: (202) 720-4581  
Fax: (202) 720-2080  
[www.rurdev.usda.gov/Home.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/Home.html)

Description (from website): Rural Development's financial programs support such essential public facilities and services as water and sewer systems, housing, health clinics, emergency service facilities and electric and telephone service. RD promotes economic development by supporting loans to businesses through banks, credit unions, and community-managed lending pools. It offers technical assistance and information to help agricultural producers and cooperatives get started and improve the effectiveness of their operations. It also provides technical assistance to help communities undertake community empowerment programs. RD has a \$155 billion portfolio of loans and will administer \$20 billion in loans, loan guarantees, and grants through its programs in the current fiscal year.

Areas of Specialization: Education, Environment/Sustainability, Finance/Microfinance, General Legal

**USDA: Food and Nutrition Services (FNS)****USDA Food and Nutrition Service Headquarters**

3101 Park Center Drive  
Alexandria, VA 22302  
Tel: (703) 305-2017  
[www.fns.usda.gov](http://www.fns.usda.gov)

Description (from website): The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), formerly known as the Food and Consumer Service, administers the nutrition assistance programs of the USDA. The mission of FNS is to provide children and needy families better access to food and a more healthful diet through its food assistance programs and comprehensive nutrition education efforts. FNS has elevated nutrition and

nutrition education to a top priority in all its programs. In addition to providing access to nutritious food, FNS also works to empower program participants with knowledge of the link between diet and health. FNS works in partnership with the States in all its programs. States determine most administrative details regarding distribution of food benefits and eligibility of participants, and FNS provides funding to cover most of the States' administrative costs.

Areas of Specialization: Education, Finance/Microfinance, Hunger/Food Security, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, Public Health, School Food

Employment: Local agencies, states, and FNS share the responsibility for operating the food assistance programs. This means that local agencies serve program participants directly, and the states guide their local agencies' activities. Federal employees in FNS provide overall direction, administer the funds, and monitor program operation. FNS employees work at the national headquarters in Alexandria, VA, in seven regional offices, and in field offices across the country. See [www.fns.usda.gov/hr/](http://www.fns.usda.gov/hr/)

Employment includes: program administration (Program Analysts/Specialists; Investigators), management (Accountants; Budget Analysts; Computer Specialists; Information Specialists; Personnel Specialists; Management Analysts; Contract Specialists), nutrition (Dietitians; Nutritionists; Public Health Nutritionists; Home Economists)

### **USDA/FNS: Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)**

FNS Headquarters  
3101 Park Center Drive  
Alexandria, VA 22302  
[www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/care/default.htm](http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/care/default.htm)

Description (from website): Through CACFP, more than 3.2 million children and 112,000 adults receive nutritious meals and snacks each day as part of the day care they receive. Day care centers and home day care providers can participate in the program. CACFP plays a vital role in improving the quality of day care for children and elderly adults by making care more affordable for many low-income families.

Areas of Specialization: Education, Finance/Microfinance, Hunger/Food Security, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease

### **USDA/FNS: Disaster Assistance**

FNS Headquarters  
3101 Park Center Drive  
Alexandria, VA 22302  
[www.fns.usda.gov/disasters/disaster.htm](http://www.fns.usda.gov/disasters/disaster.htm)

Description (from website): Coordinates with state, local, and voluntary organizations to provide food for shelters and other mass feeding sites, distribute food packages directly to households in need in limited situations, and issue emergency SNAP benefits.

As part of the National Response Framework, FNS supplies food to disaster relief organizations such as the Red Cross and the Salvation Army for mass feeding or household distribution. State agencies notify



USDA of the types and quantities of food that relief organizations need for emergency feeding operations. FNS also authorizes States to operate a Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP).

Areas of Specialization: Disaster Relief, Finance/Microfinance, Hunger/Food Security

### **USDA/FNS: Food Distribution Programs**

FNS Headquarters  
3101 Park Center Drive, Room 504  
Alexandria, VA 22302  
Tel: (703) 305-2680  
Fax: (703) 305-2420  
fdd-psb@fns.usda.gov  
www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/

Description: Strengthens the nutrition safety net through USDA Foods distribution and other nutrition assistance to low-income families, emergency feeding programs, Indian Reservations, and the elderly. USDA purchases commodities to remove surpluses from the marketplace and delivers them through the food distribution programs to State agencies. These agencies, in turn, provide them to schools and other outlets.

Areas of Specialization: Hunger/Food Security, School Food

Employment: Contact the Food Distribution Division of FNS at fdd-psb@fns.usda.gov

### **USDA/FNS: Schools Meals**

FNS Headquarters  
3101 Park Center Drive  
Alexandria, VA 22302  
www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/

Description (from website): The Child Nutrition Programs provide healthy, nutritious meals and snacks to the nation's children. Through the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program, school children have access to healthy meals. Through the Special Milk Program, school children who do not have access to other meal programs can supplement their day with a serving of milk. The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program provides free fresh fruits and vegetables in selected low-income elementary schools nationwide, and the School Breakfast Program uses nutritious breakfasts to promote learning readiness and healthy eating behaviors.

Areas of Specialization: Education, Hunger/Food Security, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, School Food

### **USDA/FNS: Summer Food Service Program**

FNS Headquarters  
3101 Park Center Drive  
Alexandria, VA 22302  
www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/summer/

Description (from website): Provides children healthy meals during those times when school is closed for the summer. During the school year, many children receive free and reduced-price breakfast and lunch through the School Breakfast and National School Lunch Programs. What happens when school lets out? Hunger is one of the most severe roadblocks to the learning process. Lack of nutrition during the summer months may set up a cycle for poor performance once school begins again. Hunger also may make children more prone to illness and other health issues. The Summer Food Service Program is designed to fill that nutrition gap and make sure children can get the nutritious meals they need.

Areas of Specialization: Hunger/Food Security, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease

### **USDA/FNS: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**

FNS Headquarters  
3101 Park Center Drive, Suite 808  
Alexandria, VA 22302  
Tel: (800) 221-5689  
[www.fns.usda.gov/snap/](http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/)

Description (from website): As of October 2008, SNAP is the new name for the federal Food Stamp Program. The new name reflects changes including a focus on nutrition and an increase in benefit amounts. SNAP is the federal name for the program; state programs may have different names. Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) staff write rules (regulations) to implement the Act and changes in it, and publish those rules in the Federal Register. FNS also authorizes States to operate a Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP).

Areas of Specialization: Disaster Relief, Hunger/Food Security, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease

Employment: See [www.fns.usda.gov/snap/contact\\_info/default.htm](http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/contact_info/default.htm) for contact information for FNS headquarters and regional offices and for local SNAP offices

### **USDA/FNS: Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program**

Food and Nutrition Service – USDA  
3101 Park Center Drive, Room 520  
Alexandria, VA 22302  
Tel: (703) 305-2746  
Fax: (703) 305-2196  
[www.fns.usda.gov/wic/](http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/)

Description (from website): Food, nutrition counseling, and access to health services are provided to low-income women, infants, and children under the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, popularly known as WIC. WIC provides Federal grants to states for supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children who are found to be at nutritional risk. WIC is administered at the Federal level by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) of the USDA. A wide variety of state and local organizations cooperate in providing the food and health care benefits.

Areas of Specialization: Hunger/Food Security, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease

Employment: FNS administers the WIC Program at the Federal level. State agencies, including the 50 States, 5 territories, and 32 Indian Tribal Organizations, administer the WIC Program at the State level. There is not one place that lists all of the Federal, State, and local openings related to the WIC Program.

Federal job openings are listed on the website of the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), located at <http://www.usajobs.gov>. To apply at State WIC agencies, to work in the WIC Program at the State or local level, contact the State agency directly. The mailing addresses, websites, and phone/fax numbers are located at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/Contacts/statealpha.HTM>. Many of the State agencies have websites that list job openings and instructions on how to apply.

## The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

### **The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**

200 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, DC 20201  
Tel: (877) 696-6775  
[www.hhs.gov](http://www.hhs.gov)

Description (from website): The United States government's principal agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services, especially for those who are least able to help themselves. HHS works closely with state and local governments, and many HHS-funded services are provided at the local level by state or county agencies, or through private sector grantees. The Department's programs are administered by 11 operating divisions, including eight agencies in the U.S. Public Health Service and three human services agencies. The department includes more than 300 programs, covering a wide spectrum of activities. In addition to the services they deliver, the HHS programs provide for equitable treatment of beneficiaries nationwide, and they enable the collection of national health and other data.

Areas of Specialization: Education, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, Public Health, Research

Employment: Information found at: [www.hhs.gov/careers/jobs/findjob.html](http://www.hhs.gov/careers/jobs/findjob.html)

### **HHS: Office of the General Counsel (OGC)**

200 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, DC 20201  
Tel: (202) 690-7741  
Fax: (202) 690-7998  
[www.hhs.gov/ogc/](http://www.hhs.gov/ogc/)

Description: The legal team for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) provides quality representation and legal advice on a wide range of highly visible national issues. OGC supports the development and implementation of the Department's programs by providing the highest quality legal services to the Secretary of HHS and the organization's various agencies and divisions.

A team of over 400 attorneys and a comprehensive support staff, OGC is one of the largest and most diverse and talented law offices in the country. Many OGC lawyers are heavily involved in administrative and Federal court litigation. In collaboration with the Department of Justice, OGC attorneys may have

primary responsibility for complex district court and appellate litigation, trying cases and arguing appeals in the initial years of service. The OGC team also reviews proposed regulations and legislation affecting significant issues of health and human services.

Areas of Specialization: Food Advertising, Food Labeling, Food Safety, General Legal, Public Health

Divisions:

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Division - Provides comprehensive legal services to the agency responsible for administering Medicare, Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Programs.

Children, Families, and Aging Division - Provides legal support in such areas as Head Start, child support enforcement, child abuse and neglect, foster care, adoption assistance, temporary assistance to needy families, and matters pertaining to senior citizens.

Civil Rights Division - Advises the HHS Office for Civil Rights staff on policy development, for example, medical records and privacy issues, as well as the conduct of civil rights investigations, enforcement proceedings and civil rights litigation.

Ethics Division - Provides advice and training to all HHS employees on Government ethics statutes and regulations, working closely with the White House Counsel and the U.S. Office of Government Ethics.

Food and Drug Division - Offers a full range of legal services to the Food and Drug Administration, specifically in implementing and defending the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

General Law Division - Provides legal advice and litigation support for matters such as appropriations, copyright law, Federal Tort Claims Act (including medical malpractice), the Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act, federal contract law, personnel law, equal employment opportunity, and labor relations.

Legislation Division - Drafts and analyzes bills affecting HHS programs while collaborating with other federal organizations on department-relevant bills introduced in Congress.

Public Health Division - Advises the Public Health Service, which includes the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Indian Health Service (IHS), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), on a myriad of issues including medical and biological research, women's health, and Native American health.

Across the Nation - Ten regional offices provide comprehensive litigation services, legal advice, and counseling in virtually every area of the Department of Health and Human Services' programs, including Medicare and Medicaid, Head Start, civil rights, ethics, personnel, and contract matters. Located in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Kansas City, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco, and Seattle.

Employment: Information about where to apply for full-time employment and summer internships found at: [www.hhs.gov/ogc/careers/apply.html](http://www.hhs.gov/ogc/careers/apply.html)

**HHS: Centers for Disease Control (CDC)**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

1600 Clifton Rd.

Atlanta, GA 30333

Tel: (800) 232-4636

[cdcinfo@cdc.gov](mailto:cdcinfo@cdc.gov)

[www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

Description: Charged with protecting public health and safety by developing and promoting disease prevention and control, education, occupational health and safety, environmental health, and injury protection. CDC seeks to accomplish its mission by working with partners throughout the nation and the world to monitor health, detect and investigate health problems, conduct research to enhance prevention, develop and advocate sound public health policies, implement prevention strategies, promote healthy behaviors, foster safe and healthful environments, and provide leadership and training. The CDC Food Safety Office (FSO) helps lead CDC in the prevention of illness, disability, and death due to foodborne diseases.

Areas of Specialization: Food Safety, International, Public Health, Research

Information on fellowships, internships, and career opportunities found at: [www.cdc.gov/employment/recruitment](http://www.cdc.gov/employment/recruitment)

**HHS/CDC: National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP)**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

4770 Buford Hwy, NE

MS K-40

Atlanta, GA 30341

Tel: (800) 232-4636

[www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/](http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/)

Description: NCCDPHP is within the Office of Noncommunicable Diseases, Injury, and Environmental Health (ONDIEH), whose mission is to reduce the burden of noncommunicable diseases, injuries, disabilities, and environmental health hazards.

NCCDPHP's strategic priorities are: (1) Focus on Well-Being - Increase emphasis on promoting health and preventing risk factors, thereby reducing the onset of chronic health conditions; (2) Health Equity - Leverage program and policy activities, build partner capacities, and establish tailored interventions to help eliminate health disparities; (3) Research Translation - Accelerate the translation of scientific findings into community practice to protect the health of people where they live, work, learn, and play; (4) Policy Promotion - Promote social, environmental, policy, and systems approaches that support healthy living for individuals, families, and communities; and (5) Workforce Development - Develop a skilled, diverse, and dynamic public health workforce and network of partners to promote health and prevent chronic disease at the national, state, and local levels.

Within the NCCDPHP, the CDC's Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity (DNPAO) is working to improve nutrition and physical exercise and reduce obesity through state programs, technical assistance and training, surveillance and applied research, program implementation and evaluation, translation and dissemination, and partnership development.

Areas of Specialization: Education, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, Policy, Public Health, Research

Employment: Information found at: [www.cdc.gov/employment/recruitment](http://www.cdc.gov/employment/recruitment)

**HHS/CDC: Public Health Law Program (PHLP)**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
1600 Clifton Rd.  
Atlanta, GA 30333  
Tel: (800) 232-4636  
[cdcinfo@cdc.gov](mailto:cdcinfo@cdc.gov)  
[www2.cdc.gov/phlp/](http://www2.cdc.gov/phlp/)

Description (from website): The CDC Director established the Public Health Law Program in 2000, following consultations with CDC programs and extramural partners, to lead the agency's public health law initiative. The Public Health Law Program is a component of the Office for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support. PHLP works to improve the health of the public by developing law-related tools and providing legal technical assistance to public health practitioners and policy makers in state, tribal, local, and territorial (STLT) jurisdictions. PHLP works to: identify public health law priorities, research laws that impact public health, analyze public health legal preparedness, conduct comparative analyses across jurisdictions, prepare guidance, articles, reports, and toolkits, and develop and disseminate public health law curricula.

Areas of Specialization: General Legal, Policy, Public Health, Research

Employment: For information about opportunities specific to this program, contact [cdcinfo@cdc.gov](mailto:cdcinfo@cdc.gov)

**HHS: Food and Drug Administration (FDA)**

10903 New Hampshire Avenue  
Silver Spring, MD 20993  
Tel: (888) 463-6332  
[www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov)

Description (from website): Responsible for protecting the public health by assuring the safety, efficacy and security of human and veterinary drugs, biological products, medical devices, our nation's food supply, cosmetics, and products that emit radiation. FDA is also responsible for advancing the public health by helping to speed innovations that make medicines more effective, safer, and more affordable and by helping the public get the accurate, science-based information they need to use medicines and foods to maintain and improve their health. FDA also has responsibility for regulating the manufacturing, marketing and distribution of tobacco products to protect the public health and to reduce tobacco use by minors. Finally, FDA plays a significant role in the Nation's counterterrorism capability. FDA fulfills this responsibility by ensuring the security of the food supply and by fostering development of medical products to respond to deliberate and naturally emerging public health threats.

Areas of Specialization: Biotechnology and GMOs, Food Advertising, Food Labeling, Food Safety, General Legal, International

Employment: FDA's Office of Chief Counsel is actively seeking experienced attorneys and third-year law students for permanent positions (and second-year law students for paid summer internships). Attorneys

in the Office of Chief Counsel advise the FDA on legal matters and represent the agency in court proceedings and in administrative hearings. They participate in both civil and criminal cases; draft pleadings, motions, and briefs; and participate in discovery and trials. Lawyers also serve as counselors to the major programs of the agency: drugs, foods, biologics, devices, veterinary products, tobacco products, and enforcement. They provide legal opinions, and participate in rule-making proceedings, legislative matters, policy deliberations, and international negotiations. In addition, lawyers are involved in explaining agency programs to Congress, the regulated industry, and the public. See [www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/WorkingatFDA/CareerDescriptions/ucm112708.htm](http://www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/WorkingatFDA/CareerDescriptions/ucm112708.htm)

## Other Federal Agencies

### **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**

Ariel Rios Building  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20460  
Tel: (202) 272-0167  
[www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov)

Description: Charged with protecting human health and the environment. The agency writes and enforces regulations under federal environmental statutes, largely in consultation with state, local, and tribal governments. EPA also conducts education campaigns, research, and environmental assessment.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Biotechnology and GMOs, Environment/Sustainability, Food Safety, Public Health, Research

Employment: Information on career and internship opportunities found at: [www.epa.gov/jobs](http://www.epa.gov/jobs); contact information for the EPA Office of General Counsel and Offices of Regional Counsel can be found at: [www.epa.gov/ogc/contactus.htm](http://www.epa.gov/ogc/contactus.htm)

### **Federal Trade Commission (FTC)**

600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20580  
Tel: (202) 326-2222  
[www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov)

Description (from website): The only federal agency with both consumer protection and competition jurisdiction in broad sectors of the economy. The FTC's strategic goals are: to protect consumers by preventing fraud, deception, and unfair business practices; to maintain competition by preventing anticompetitive mergers and business practices; to advance the FTC's performance through organizational, individual, and management excellence. FTC's work is performed by the Bureaus of Consumer Protection, Competition, and Economics. That work is aided by the Office of General Counsel and seven regional offices. The FTC: pursues vigorous and effective law enforcement; advances consumers' interests by sharing its expertise with federal and state legislatures and U.S. and international government agencies; develops policy and research tools through hearings, workshops, and conferences; and creates practical and plain-language educational programs for consumers and businesses in a global marketplace. The FTC is the lead agency of the Interagency Working Group on Food Marketed to

Children, and regulates food advertising under its statutory authority to prohibit deceptive acts or practices.

Areas of Specialization: Food Advertising, General Legal, Trade

Employment: Including entry level attorneys and summer legal interns. See [www.ftc.gov/ftc/oed/hrmo/jobops.shtm#elap](http://www.ftc.gov/ftc/oed/hrmo/jobops.shtm#elap)

### **U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)**

Ronald Reagan Building

Washington, DC 20523

Tel: (202) 712-4810

Fax: (202) 216-3524

[www.usaid.gov](http://www.usaid.gov)

Description (from website): USAID supports country-driven strategies and invests in strengthening both public and private institutions that underpin growth of the agricultural sector. The Agency works throughout the sector, from developing improved seeds and management practices to strengthening the industries along the agricultural value chain. USAID is scaling-up a comprehensive approach to agriculture by: developing agricultural markets, trade, and finance; promoting food and nutritional security; funding collaborative science and technology research efforts; organizing volunteer technical assistance and extension services; fostering support for biotechnology-related decisions and access; and developing and supporting sound programs for livestock and sustainable agriculture.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Biotechnology and GMOs, Education, General Legal, Hunger/Food Security, International, Public Health

Employment: For information on USAID careers, see [www.usaid.gov/careers/](http://www.usaid.gov/careers/); For General Counsel vacancies, see [www.usaid.gov/careers/gcvacancies.html](http://www.usaid.gov/careers/gcvacancies.html); For General Counsel internship information, see [www.usaid.gov/careers/gcintern.html](http://www.usaid.gov/careers/gcintern.html)

### **U.S. Department of Commerce**

1401 Constitution Avenue NW

Washington, DC 20230

Tel: (202) 482-2000

[www.commerce.gov](http://www.commerce.gov)

Description (from website): Promotes job creation, economic growth, sustainable development, and improved standards of living for all Americans by working in partnership with businesses, universities, communities, and our nation's workers. To drive U.S. competitiveness in the global marketplace, the Commerce Department works to strengthen the international economic position of the United States and facilitates global trade by opening up new markets for U.S. goods and services. Here at home, the Commerce Department promotes progressive business policies that help America's businesses and entrepreneurs and their communities grow and succeed.

The Commerce Department also provides effective management and monitoring of our nation's resources and assets to support both environmental and economic health. Through critical weather monitoring, weather forecasts and resource preservation, the department protects not only public safety and security



but also oceans, coasts, and marine life while assisting their economic development. Other essential operations conducted by the Commerce Department include the constitutionally mandated decennial census, which serves as the basis of America's representative democracy, as well as the system by which businesses and innovators secure intellectual property rights.

Areas of Specialization: General Legal, Trade

Employment: Career opportunity information at: [www.commerce.gov/about-commerce/careers](http://www.commerce.gov/about-commerce/careers);  
Employment opportunities in the Office of General Counsel at: [www.commerce.gov/os/ogc/employment](http://www.commerce.gov/os/ogc/employment)

**U.S. Department of Commerce: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)  
National Marine Fisheries Service**

Partnerships and Communications

1315 East West Highway

Silver Spring, MD 20910

Tel: (301) 427-8400

Fax: (301) 713-0376

[www.nmfs.noaa.gov/](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/)

Description: The lead federal agency responsible for the stewardship of the nation's offshore living marine resources and their habitat. NOAA Fisheries manages, conserves, and protects fish, whales, dolphins, sea turtles, and other living creatures in the ocean. NOAA Fisheries works within the Magnuson-Stevens Act, the Marine Mammal Protection Act, and the Endangered Species Act to fulfill its mission of promoting healthy ecosystems. Federally-managed marine resources provide an important source of food and recreation for the nation, as well as thousands of jobs and a traditional way of life for many coastal communities.

NOAA Fisheries works closely with other NOAA offices to protect and conserve marine resources. Specifically, NOAA's Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research explores and investigates ocean habitats and resources. NOAA's National Ocean Service provides maps and other data to help fishers and managers and also maintains a network of Marine Sanctuaries and Estuarine Research Reserves to help protect important resources. NOAA's Office of Marine and Aviation Operations provides a fleet of ships and boats to support the agency's fisheries operations.

Areas of Specialization: Environment/Sustainability

Employment: Career opportunities with NOAA listed at: [www.commerce.gov/about-commerce/careers](http://www.commerce.gov/about-commerce/careers);  
NOAA Careers Homepage at: [www.careers.noaa.gov/index.html](http://www.careers.noaa.gov/index.html)

**U.S. Department of State (DoS)**

2201 C. Street NW

Washington, DC 20520

Tel: (202) 647-4000

[www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov)

Description: Responsible for international relations, the Department of State promotes U.S. interests in the world via the implementation of the President's foreign policy, and supports foreign affairs activities

of other federal agencies. DoS promotes the interests of American citizens by: promoting peace and stability in regions of vital interest; creating jobs at home by opening markets abroad; helping developing nations establish investment and export opportunities; and bringing nations together and forging partnerships to address global problems, such as terrorism, the spread of communicable diseases, cross-border pollution, humanitarian crises, nuclear smuggling, and narcotics trafficking.

The DoS mission is to advance freedom for the benefit of the American people and the international community by helping to build and sustain a more democratic, secure, and prosperous world composed of well-governed states that respond to the needs of their people, reduce widespread poverty, and act responsibly within the international system.

Areas of Specialization: Environment/Sustainability, Hunger/Food Security, International, Policy

Employment: For information on careers in the Department of State, see [www.state.gov/careers](http://www.state.gov/careers); for information on careers and summer internships in the Office of the Legal Adviser, see [www.state.gov/s/1/3190.htm](http://www.state.gov/s/1/3190.htm)

### **U.S. DoS: Office of Global Food Security**

2201 C. Street, NW

Washington, DC 20520

Tel: (202) 647-4000

[www.state.gov/s/globalfoodsecurity/index.htm](http://www.state.gov/s/globalfoodsecurity/index.htm)

Description (from website): Responsible for the U.S. Government's Global Hunger and Food Security Initiative, Feed the Future. The U.S. strategy for reducing hunger and ensuring food security is being developed through a consultative process within the U.S. government and with the global community and other stakeholders, including foundations, universities, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector. It will support and advance joint action to reduce hunger and under-nutrition throughout the developing world. More information on the initiative can be found at: [www.state.gov/s/globalfoodsecurity/129952.htm](http://www.state.gov/s/globalfoodsecurity/129952.htm)

Areas of Specialization: Environment/Sustainability, Hunger/Food Security, International

Employment: For information on careers in the Department of State, see [www.state.gov/careers/](http://www.state.gov/careers/)

## STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

### State Food Policy Council, Task Force, Etc.

States often have task forces, food policy councils, and agencies that address food policy issues. Most of the task forces and policy councils are operated on a volunteer-basis. A few examples follow:

Employment: A good starting point would be to research various task forces and councils to find out their member lists and contact information. This is a good way to find out which state legislators are interested in food issues within the state and explore employment options from there.

## Specific State Examples:

### **Massachusetts Food Policy Council (MFPC)**

c/o Department of Agricultural Resources  
251 Causeway Street, Suite 500  
Boston, MA 02114  
Tel: (617) 626-1753  
Bonita.Oehlke@state.ma.us  
[www.mass.gov/agr/boards-commissions/mfpc.htm](http://www.mass.gov/agr/boards-commissions/mfpc.htm)

Description: The purpose of the MFPC is to increase production, sales, and consumption of Massachusetts-grown foods; develop and promote programs that bring healthy Massachusetts-grown foods to Massachusetts residents through various programs; protect the land and water resources needed for sustained local food production; and train, retain, and recruit farmers and to provide for the continued economic viability of local food production, processing, and distribution in the commonwealth.

### **New York State Task Force on Food, Farm, and Nutrition Policy**

Legislative Office Building, Albany, NY 12248  
Tel: (518) 455-5203 (Task Force Phone Number)

Description: Aims to address the food and nutrition problems facing New York. Their targeted issues include food assistance for struggling working families and seniors, food safety, and food-based economic development.

News Updates: [www.assembly.state.ny.us/comm/?sec=post&id=62](http://www.assembly.state.ny.us/comm/?sec=post&id=62)  
Member List: [www.assembly.state.ny.us/comm/?sec=mem&id=62](http://www.assembly.state.ny.us/comm/?sec=mem&id=62)

## Other Food-Related Agencies

Overview: Even if a state doesn't have an agency devoted specifically to food, food policy work can be found within other state agencies. The major state agencies dealing with food issues are listed below, with brief descriptions of their related food policy areas.

Employment: Research agency websites to discover employment opportunities. The jobs for state agencies are mostly policy-based and many of the agencies offer student internship opportunities.

### Department of Agriculture

State agricultural departments work to promote in-state agriculture through technical assistance, conservation, and support programs. Agricultural departments also inspect and regulate state agricultural products to ensure environmental and food safety. Above all, state agricultural programs work to promote crops grown within the state. Some state agriculture departments also implement the National School Lunch Program at the state level.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Environment/Sustainability, Food Safety, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, Policy, Research

## Department of Education

State education departments sometimes administer federal nutrition programs relating to meals and snacks in schools, daycare, and summer program sites (such as the National School Lunch Program and the Summer Food Service Program). State education departments implement these federal programs with program guidance, technical assistance, monitoring, and evaluation, and sometimes supplement the federal program with state funding.

Areas of Specialization: Education, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, School Food

## Department of Health

State health departments are usually heavily involved in nutrition matters throughout the given state. For example, many state health departments are implementing anti-obesity programs to encourage healthy eating and physical activity through intervention, education, and policy changes. These health departments often have nutrition divisions, which oversee federal programs such as WIC.

Areas of Specialization: Food Safety, Education, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, Public Health

## Department of Human Services or Department of Transitional Services

State departments of human services or departments of transitional assistance are usually the agencies in charge of providing benefits to low-income families or families in times of need. In particular, the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly food stamps) is generally administered at the state level through state departments of human services. These agencies also administer other benefits such as Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF).

Areas of Specialization: Hunger/Food Security, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease

## Economic Development Agency

Every state has an economic development agency to promote business investment and growth to foster job creation and prosperous communities. Economic Development agencies frequently provide support for small business creation and development, including minority-owned businesses. With regard to food issues, this might include small businesses that support increased access to healthy and local foods (e.g. farmers markets).

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Finance/Microfinance

## Environmental Quality Agency

Every state has a department that deals with environmental protection or environmental quality. These agencies are involved in regulation pollution sources in the state, cleaning up past pollution, and creating new systems to improve environmental impacts. Agriculture, as a polluting industry, often must interact with the state environmental quality department in order to make sure that regulations are being met. State environmental agencies also have some duties to enforce federal regulations promulgated by the EPA.

Areas of Specialization: Environment/Sustainability, General Legal

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

There are various local government agencies that impact the food system as well. These agencies vary from state to state, but you might look to the city planning commission or planning department (they are in charge of zoning, land use planning, etc.), board of health or department of health, department of transportation, food policy directors (if the city has one), department of sustainability (if the city has one), and even city council members who are interested in food system development.

## FEDERAL OR STATE LEGISLATORS

Find federal or state legislators involved in food issues to target and contact for internships and employment. There are two ways to investigate which legislators are involved in food policy:

Committee Membership: Research which legislators are on food-related committees

- U.S. House of Representatives: Agriculture, Natural Resources, Small Business. See [www.house.gov/committees](http://www.house.gov/committees)
- U.S. Senate: Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Energy and Natural Resources; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. See [www.senate.gov/pagelayout/committees/d\\_three\\_sections\\_with\\_tasers/committees\\_home.htm](http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/committees/d_three_sections_with_tasers/committees_home.htm)
- At the state level, these might include: Agriculture, Education, Public Health and Welfare. Visit individual state websites for more information.

Bill Sponsorship: Research food-related bills and who sponsored them as an indication of which legislators work on food policy

- U.S. House of Representatives: track current bills at [www.thomas.loc.gov/home/LegislativeData.php](http://www.thomas.loc.gov/home/LegislativeData.php)
- U.S. Senate: track current bills at [www.senate.gov/pagelayout/legislative/g\\_three\\_sections\\_with\\_tasers/legislative\\_home.htm](http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/legislative/g_three_sections_with_tasers/legislative_home.htm)
- At the state level, research individual state legislature websites for bill tracking information.

## section three: non-governmental organizations & research institutes

Non-governmental agencies, research institutes, and nonprofit organizations in the fields of sustainable food, the environment, and human rights provide unique services in the food law and policy context. For the most part, non-governmental organizations dedicate their work to specific issues or sets of issues within the food system, including: sustainable food systems, local and urban agriculture, farmers' rights, school nutrition, food safety, hunger and poverty, food justice, climate change, and international trade. They also tend to be divided between regional, local, national, and international organizations.

Within these organizations, attorneys may conduct conventional legal work such as challenging harmful food production technologies and promoting sustainable alternatives, litigating civil or criminal cases against food system actors, and lending legal support to various sustainable agriculture and food safety constituencies. However, attorneys working at these organizations may also serve in less traditional legal roles and have the opportunity to influence policy. For example, the duties might include coordinating grassroots organizing efforts to bring together various food system stakeholders in order to create a more sustainable and accessible food system. The work might also include spreading nutrition and health information in order to educate and empower communities to seek policy change. Because new organizations appear frequently across different areas, the following catalog is just a start. It is important to note that we have generally listed larger nonprofit organizations with a national or at least regional focus area, but there are many smaller nonprofit organizations that are not included in this guide. In your internship/career search, you should make sure to go beyond this list and investigate nonprofit organizations operating within the specific fields and geographic areas of interest to you.

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### NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

#### **CANFIT (Communities - Adolescents - Nutrition - Fitness)**

2140 Shattuck Avenue, Suite 610

Berkeley, CA 94704

Tel: (510) 644-1533

Fax: (510) 644-1535

[www.canfit.org](http://www.canfit.org)

Description (from website): A leader in building community leadership and stimulating change at multiple levels, from individual behavior to public policy. Its approach to partnering with communities builds capacity and leadership, while helping to advance sustainable change in low-income communities and communities of color. CANFIT works with communities and policymakers to develop culturally resonant

policies and practices that improve food and fitness environments for adolescents in low income communities and communities of color.

Areas of Specialization: Hunger/Food Security, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, Policy, School Food

Employment: Contact headquarters for job and internship opportunities

**Center for Food Law and Policy (CFLP)**

11444 Olympic Blvd. 10th Floor

Los Angeles, CA 90064

Tel: (310) 966-8284

Fax: (310) 966-5758

info@foodlawpolicy.com

www.foodlawpolicy.com

Description (from website): Promotes good governance of the modern, global food system for the benefit of consumers, which requires that law and policy interact with food in a thoughtful, honest, and meaningful way. CFLP fosters good governance in the modern food system by promoting balanced discussions, debate, and first-rate scholarship on critical issues and by providing a platform for regulatory change locally, state-wide, nationally, and beyond.

CFLP collaborates closely with public-policy makers, leading law schools and universities, and other nonprofit organizations. Over the next two years, CFLP will focus especially on the relationship of law and policy to the growing epidemic of obesity. Too often, commentators address obesity issues without an in-depth understanding of the food and agriculture system and its underlying legal framework, which is requisite for effective regulation and real change. The Center is engaged in a number of activities in this and other areas to make a real difference.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Food Systems, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, Policy, Public Health

**Center for Food Safety (CFS)**

660 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, Suite 302

Washington, DC 20003

Tel: (202) 547-9359

Fax: (202) 547-9429

office@centerforfoodsafety.org

www.centerforfoodsafety.org

Description (from website): A nonprofit public interest and environmental advocacy membership organization established in 1997 by its sister organization, International Center for Technology Assessment, for the purpose of challenging harmful food production technologies and promoting sustainable alternatives. CFS combines multiple tools and strategies in pursuing its goals, including litigation and legal petitions for rulemaking, legal support for various sustainable agriculture and food safety constituencies, as well as public education, grassroots organizing, and media outreach.

Areas of Specialization: Biotechnology and GMOs, Environment/Sustainability, Food Advertising, Food Labeling, Food Safety, Public Health

Employment: See [www.centerforfoodsafety.org/about/jobs/](http://www.centerforfoodsafety.org/about/jobs/)

**Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI)**

1220 L St. N.W., Suite 300  
Washington, DC 20005  
Tel: (202) 332-9110  
Fax: (202) 265-4954  
[www.cspinet.org](http://www.cspinet.org)

Description (from website): A consumer advocacy organization whose twin missions are to conduct innovative research and advocacy programs in health and nutrition, and to provide consumers with current, useful information about their health and well-being. In general, CSPI's three main goals are to provide useful, objective information to the public and policymakers through research on food, alcohol, health, the environment, and other issues related to science and technology; to represent the citizens' interests before regulatory, judicial, and legislative bodies on food, alcohol, health, the environment, and other issues; and to ensure that science and technology are used for the public good and to encourage scientists to engage in public-interest activities.

Areas of Specialization: Education, Environment/Sustainability, Food Advertising, Food Labeling, Food Safety, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, Policy, Public Health, Research

Employment: See [www.cspinet.org/about/jobs](http://www.cspinet.org/about/jobs)

**ChangeLab Solutions (formerly Public Health Law and Policy)**

2201 Broadway, Suite 502  
Oakland, CA 94612  
Tel: (510) 302-3380  
Fax: (510) 444-8253  
[www.phlpnet.org](http://www.phlpnet.org)

Description: ChangeLab Solutions (formerly Public Health Law and Policy) works with neighborhoods, cities, and states to transform communities with laws and policies that create lasting change. ChangeLab Solutions has provided legal and policy guidance on public health issues for more than a decade. For example, it created a legal resource center for the tobacco control movement in California that has been tested and refined over the past 10 years. ChangeLab Solutions helps empower communities in moving forward with concrete policies and strategies for creating real and lasting change. Their Childhood Obesity division focuses on policies that help bring healthy foods to all communities.

Areas of Specialization: Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, Policy, Public Health, Research, School Food

Employment: Contact headquarters for job and internship opportunities



**Community Food Security Coalition (CFSC)**

3830 SE Division St.  
Portland, OR 97202  
Tel: (503) 954-2970  
Fax: (503) 954-2959  
www.foodsecurity.org

Description (from website): A North American coalition of diverse people and organizations working from the local to international levels to build community food security. CFSC has a diverse membership with almost 300 organizations from social and economic justice, anti-hunger, environmental, community development, sustainable agriculture, community gardening, and other fields. CFSC is dedicated to building strong, sustainable, local and regional food systems that ensure access to affordable, nutritious, and culturally appropriate food to all people at all times. CFSC seeks to develop self-reliance among all communities in obtaining their food and to create a system of growing, manufacturing, processing, equitable distribution, and selling food that is regionally based and grounded in the principles of justice, democracy, and sustainability.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Environment/Sustainability, Food Systems, Hunger/Food Security, Policy, Research, Urban Issues

Employment: Contact headquarters for job and internship opportunities

**Domestic Fair Trade Association (DFTA)**

P.O. Box 300190  
Boston, MA 02130  
Tel: (617) 680-9862  
www.thedfta.org

Description (from website): An association of members from across the food and agriculture system representing farmers, farmworkers, food system workers, retailers, marketers, processors, manufacturers, and NGOs. Its mission is to promote and protect the integrity of Domestic Fair Trade Principles through education, marketing, advocacy, and endorsements. DFTA's primary goals are to support family-scale farming, to reinforce farmer-led initiatives such as farmer co-operatives, and to bring these groups together with mission-based traders, retailers, and concerned consumers to build the movement for sustainable agriculture in North America.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Labor

Employment: Contact headquarters for job and internship opportunities

**Fair Food Network**

205 E. Washington St., Suite B  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
Tel: (734) 213-3999  
info@fairfoodnetwork.org  
www.fairfoodnetwork.org

Description: A national nonprofit dedicated to building a more just and sustainable food system. Fair Food Network works at the intersection of food systems, sustainability, and social equity to provide access to healthy, fresh, and sustainably grown food, especially in underserved communities. It implements model programs and brings the right people together to generate ideas, share resources, and promote policy changes to repair the food system.

Areas of Specialization: Education, Environment/Sustainability, Food Systems, Hunger/Food Security, Labor, Research

Employment: Contact headquarters for job and internship opportunities

**Farm Aid**

501 Cambridge Street, 3rd Floor  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
Tel: (617) 354-2922  
Fax: (617) 354-6992  
[www.farmaid.org](http://www.farmaid.org)

Description (from website): A nonprofit organization whose mission is to keep family farmers on their land by increasing awareness about the loss of family farms and raising funds to keep farm families on their land. Farm Aid has raised more than \$39 million to promote a strong and resilient family farm system of agriculture.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Disaster Relief, Finance/Microfinance, Labor

Employment: Contact headquarters for job and internship opportunities

**Farm to Consumer Legal Defense Fund (FTCLDF)**

8116 Arlington Blvd, Ste. 263  
Falls Church, VA 22042  
Tel: (703) 208-3276  
Fax: (703) 208-3278  
[info@farmtoconsumer.org](mailto:info@farmtoconsumer.org)  
[www.farmtoconsumer.org](http://www.farmtoconsumer.org)

Description (from website): A nonprofit organization that protects the rights of farmers and consumers to engage in direct commerce; it protects the rights of farmers to sell the products of the farm and the rights of consumers to access the foods of their choice from the source of their choice. FTCLDF is a true grassroots organization and receives no government funding and little or no corporate funding.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, General Legal

Employment: Contact headquarters for job and internship opportunities

**Farmers Legal Action Group (FLAG)**

360 Robert Street North, Suite 500  
Saint Paul, MN 55101

Tel: (651) 223-5400  
Fax: (651) 223-5335  
[www.flaginc.org](http://www.flaginc.org)

Description (from website): A nonprofit law center dedicated to providing legal services and support to family farmers and their communities in order to help keep family farmers on the land. Since its inception, FLAG has provided an extensive array of legal services to financially distressed farmers and their advocates and attorneys nationwide.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Disaster Relief, Labor

Employment: See [www.flaginc.org/topics/about/internship.php](http://www.flaginc.org/topics/about/internship.php)

### **Farmers Market Coalition (FMC)**

P.O. Box 4089  
Martinsburg, WV 25402  
[www.farmersmarketcoalition.org](http://www.farmersmarketcoalition.org)

Description (from website): Has a mission “to strengthen farmers markets for the benefit of farmers, consumers, and communities.” The Farmers Market Coalition serves a rapidly growing industry with information and representation at state and federal levels. FMC helps build networks, link peers, and connect farmers markets old and new with tools and resources for success. The Coalition provides: information dissemination; north american farmers market advocacy; bringing private and public support to the table to sustain farmers markets in the long term, for the benefit of farmers, consumers, and communities; developing and providing educational programming and networking opportunities for farmers market managers and farmers market vendors

Areas of Specialization: Education, Environment/Sustainability, Food Systems, Policy, Research

Employment: See [www.farmersmarketcoalition.org/employment](http://www.farmersmarketcoalition.org/employment)

### **Farmworker Justice**

1126 16th Street NW, Suite 270  
Washington, DC 20036  
Tel: (202) 293-5420  
[www.farmworkerjustice.org](http://www.farmworkerjustice.org)

Description: A nonprofit organization that seeks to empower migrant and seasonal farmworkers to improve their living and working conditions, immigration status, health, occupational safety, and access to justice. Using a multi-faceted approach, Farmworker Justice engages in litigation, administrative and legislative advocacy, training and technical assistance, coalition-building, public education, and support for union organizing.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, General Legal, Labor

Employment: See [www.fwjjustice.org/jobs-and-internships](http://www.fwjjustice.org/jobs-and-internships)

**Food Research and Action Center (FRAC)**

1875 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 540

Washington, DC 20009

Tel: (202) 986-2200

Fax: (202) 986-2525

[www.frac.org](http://www.frac.org)

Description (from website): The leading national nonprofit organization working to improve public policies and public-private partnerships to eradicate hunger and undernutrition in the United States. FRAC works with hundreds of national, state, and local nonprofit organizations, public agencies, corporations, and labor organizations to address hunger, food insecurity, and their root cause, poverty.

Areas of Specialization: Education, Hunger/Food Security, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, Policy, Research

Employment: Contact headquarters for job and internship opportunities

**The Food Trust**

One Penn Center, Suite 900

1617 John F. Kennedy Blvd.

Philadelphia, PA 19103

Tel: (215) 575-0444

Fax: (215) 575-0466

[contact@thefoodtrust.org](mailto:contact@thefoodtrust.org)

[www.thefoodtrust.org](http://www.thefoodtrust.org)

Description (from website): Strives to make healthy food available to all. Working with neighborhoods, schools, grocers, farmers, and policymakers, the Food Trust has developed a comprehensive approach that combines nutrition education and greater availability of affordable, healthy food.

Areas of Specialization: Education, Environment/Sustainability, Finance/Microfinance, Hunger/Food Security, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease

Employment: See [www.thefoodtrust.org/php/about/jobs.php](http://www.thefoodtrust.org/php/about/jobs.php)

**National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL)**

444 North Capitol Street, N.W., Suite 515

Washington, DC 20001

Tel: (202) 624-5400

Fax: (202) 737-1069

[www.ncsl.org](http://www.ncsl.org)

Description (from website): A bipartisan organization that serves the legislators and staffs of the nation's 50 states, commonwealths, and territories, NCSL provides research, technical assistance, and opportunities for policymakers to exchange ideas on the most pressing state issues. NCSL is an effective and respected advocate for the interests of state governments before Congress and federal agencies.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Biotechnology and GMOs, Food Safety, Trade

Employment: Contact headquarters for job and internship opportunities

**National Family Farm Coalition (NFFC)**

110 Maryland Ave. N.E., Suite 307  
Washington, DC 20002  
Tel: (202) 543-5675  
Fax: (202) 543-0978  
nffc@nffc.net  
www.nffc.net

Description (from website): Unites and strengthens the voices and actions of its diverse grassroots members to demand viable livelihoods for family farmers, fishers, and workers; safe and healthy food for everyone; and economically and environmentally sound rural communities.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Biotechnology and GMOs, Environment/Sustainability, Food Safety, Finance/Microfinance, Labor, Trade

Employment: See [www.nffc.net/Get%20Involved/page-getinvolved.htm](http://www.nffc.net/Get%20Involved/page-getinvolved.htm)

**National Farm to School Network**

8770 West Bryn Mawr Ave, Suite 1300  
Chicago, IL 60631  
Tel: (847) 917-7292  
www.farmtoschool.org

Description (from website): A program that connects schools (K-12) and local farms with the objectives of serving healthy meals in school cafeterias; improving student nutrition; providing agriculture, health, and nutrition education opportunities; and supporting local and regional farmers. The National Farm to School Network envisions a nation in which Farm to School programs are an essential component of strong and just local and regional food systems, ensuring the health of all school children, farms, the environment, economy, and communities.

Areas of Specialization: Hunger/Food Security, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, Public Health, School Food

Employment: Contact headquarters for job and internship opportunities

**National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition (NSAC)**

110 Maryland Avenue NE  
Washington, DC 20002  
Tel: (202) 547-5754  
Fax: (202) 547-1837  
info@sustainableagriculture.net  
www.sustainableagriculture.net

Description (from website): An alliance of grassroots organizations that advocates for federal policy reform to advance the sustainability of agriculture, food systems, natural resources, and rural

communities. NSAC's vision of agriculture is one where a safe, nutritious, ample, and affordable food supply is produced by a legion of family farmers who make a decent living pursuing their trade, while protecting the environment, and contributing to the strength and stability of their communities.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Education, Environment/Sustainability, Hunger/Food Security, Food Advertising, Food Labeling, Labor, Research, Trade

Employment: Contact headquarters for job and internship opportunities

**Partnership for a Healthier America (PHA)**

1301 K St. NW  
Washington, DC 20005  
Tel: (202) 842-9001 ext. 203  
news@healthieramerica.org  
www.healthieramerica.org/#!/home

Description (from website): Devoted to working with the private sector to ensure the health of our nation's youth by solving the childhood obesity crisis, PHA brings together public, private, and nonprofit leaders to broker meaningful commitments and develop strategies to end childhood obesity. Most importantly, PHA ensures that commitments made are commitments kept by working with unbiased, third parties to monitor and publicly report on the progress its partners are making to show everyone what can be achieved when everyone works together.

Areas of Specialization: Education, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, Public Health, Research, School Food

Employment: Contact headquarters for job and internship opportunities

**Policy Link**

1438 Webster Street, Suite 203  
Oakland, CA 94612  
Tel: (510) 663-2333  
Fax: (510) 663-9684  
info@policylink.org  
www.policylink.org

Description (from website): A national research and action institute advancing economic and social equity by Lifting Up What Works. PolicyLink connects the work of people on the ground to the creation of sustainable communities of opportunity that allow everyone to participate and prosper. Such communities offer access to quality jobs, affordable housing, good schools, transportation, and the benefits of healthy food and physical activity.

Guided by the belief that those closest to the nation's challenges are central to finding solutions, PolicyLink relies on the wisdom, voice, and experience of local residents and organizations. Lifting Up What Works is its way of focusing attention on how people are working successfully to use local, state, and federal policy to create conditions that benefit everyone, especially people in low-income communities and communities of color. Policy Link shares its findings and analysis through publications,

website and online tools, meetings, national summits, and in briefings with national and local policymakers.

Areas of Specialization: Hunger/Food Security, Policy, Research

Employment: Including job opportunities and internships, see the following:  
[www.policylink.org/site/c.lkIXLbMNJrE/b.7977455/k.C021/Job\\_Opportunities.htm](http://www.policylink.org/site/c.lkIXLbMNJrE/b.7977455/k.C021/Job_Opportunities.htm) and  
[www.policylink.org/site/c.lkIXLbMNJrE/b.7977457/k.9D43/Internships.htm](http://www.policylink.org/site/c.lkIXLbMNJrE/b.7977457/k.9D43/Internships.htm)

**Restaurant Opportunities Center United (ROC- United)**

350 7th Avenue, Suite 1504  
New York, NY 10001  
Tel: (212) 243-6900  
Fax: (212) 243-9800  
[www.rocunited.org](http://www.rocunited.org)

Description (from website): Aims to improve wages and working conditions for the nation's low-wage restaurant workforce. ROC-United is the only national organization in the United States dedicated exclusively to the needs of restaurant workers. Through participatory research and policy work, employer engagement, workplace justice campaigns, membership and leadership development, and more, ROC-United has become a powerful national vehicle for restaurant workers to lift their collective voice on issues affecting all low-wage workers, including the minimum wage, paid sick days, compliance with basic employment standards, and lack of health care.

Areas of Specialization: Labor, Policy

Employment: Contact headquarters for job and internship opportunities

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)**

Route 1 and College Road East  
Princeton, NJ 08543  
Tel: (877) 843-7953  
[www.rwjf.org](http://www.rwjf.org)

Description: As the nation's largest philanthropy organization devoted solely to the public's health, RWJF has a unique capability and responsibility to confront the most pressing health and health care problems threatening our society. Its efforts focus on improving both the health of everyone in America, and their health care—how it's delivered, how it's paid for, and how well it works for patients and their families.

Areas of Specialization: Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, Public Health, Research, School Food

Employment: See [www.rwjf.org/about/joblisting.jsp](http://www.rwjf.org/about/joblisting.jsp)

**School Food FOCUS (Food Options for Children in Urban Schools)**

40 Worth Street, 5th Floor  
New York, NY 10013  
Tel: (646) 619-6728

Fax: (646) 619-6777  
arosenthal@schoolfoodfocus.org  
www.schoolfoodfocus.org

Description (from website): A national collaborative that leverages the knowledge and procurement power of large school districts to make school meals nationwide more healthful, regionally sourced, and sustainably produced. Funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the Kresge Foundation, and a growing number of sponsors, individuals, and private funders, FOCUS aims to transform food systems to support students' academic achievement and lifelong health, while directly benefiting farmers, regional economies, and the environment.

Areas of Specialization: Education, Environment/Sustainability, Finance/Microfinance, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, Research, Public Health, School Food

Employment: Contact headquarters for job and internship opportunities

**School Nutrition Association (SNA)**

120 Waterfront Street, Suite 300  
National Harbor, MD 20745  
Tel: (301) 686-3100  
Fax: (301) 686-3115  
servicecenter@schoolnutrition.org  
www.asfsa.org

Description: Recognized as the authority on school nutrition, SNA has been advancing the availability, quality, and acceptance of school nutrition programs as an integral part of education since 1946. SNA (formerly American School Food Service Association) is a national, nonprofit professional organization representing more than 55,000 members who provide high-quality, low-cost meals to students across the country. SNA works to ensure all children have access to healthful school meals and nutrition education by providing members with education and training; setting standards through certification and credentialing; gathering and transmitting regulatory, legislative, industry, nutritional, and other types of information related to school nutrition; and representing the nutritional interests of all children.

Areas of Specialization: Education, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, Policy, Public Health, School Food

Employment: See [www.careers.schoolnutrition.org/home/index.cfm?site\\_id=6966](http://www.careers.schoolnutrition.org/home/index.cfm?site_id=6966)

**United Farm Workers (UFW)**

29700 Woodford-Tehachapi Road  
Keene, CA 93531  
Tel: (661) 823-6151  
www.ufw.org

Description (from website): The nation's first successful and largest farm workers union currently active in 10 states. UFW continues to organize in major agricultural industries across the nation. Recent years



have witnessed dozens of key UFW union contract victories, among them the largest strawberry, rose, winery, and mushroom firms in California and the nation.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, General Legal, Labor

Employment: See [www.ufw.org/\\_board.php?b\\_code=about\\_job](http://www.ufw.org/_board.php?b_code=about_job)

### **United Food and Commercial Workers International Union (UFCW)**

1775 K St. NW  
Washington, DC 20006  
Tel: (202) 223-3111  
[www.ufcw.org](http://www.ufcw.org)

Description (from website): North America's Neighborhood Union—1.3 million members standing together to improve the lives and livelihoods of workers, families, and communities. While the history of the UFCW begins in 1979, the history of the various industries that make up our union is long and proud. The industries that UFCW members work in were involved in the earliest stages of trade unionism in North America, and many times these workers acted as a catalyst for early change within the labor community.

Areas of specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, General Legal, Labor

Employment: See [www.ufcw.org/ufcw%5Fjobs/](http://www.ufcw.org/ufcw%5Fjobs/)

### **Wholesome Wave**

189 State Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06604  
Tel: (203) 226-1112  
[www.wholesomewave.org](http://www.wholesomewave.org)

Description (from website): A national nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting small and midsize farms, and making fresh, healthy, locally grown fruits and vegetables available to all people, regardless of income. Wholesome Wave partners with farmers markets, community leaders, healthcare providers, like-minded nonprofits, and government entities to implement programs that benefit both consumers in underserved communities and the farmers who provide for them.

Areas of Specialization: Environment/Sustainability, Finance/Microfinance, Hunger/Food Security, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease

Employment: See [www.wholesomewave.org/employment/](http://www.wholesomewave.org/employment/)

### **WHY Hunger**

505 Eighth Avenue, Suite 2100  
New York, NY 10018  
Tel: (800) 548-6479  
[www.whyhunger.org](http://www.whyhunger.org)

Description (from website): A grassroots support organization that works with more than 8,000 community-based groups across the country and around the world to fight hunger and poverty. What began as a simple commitment between two friends to make a difference has grown into an award-winning global nonprofit, leading the movement to end hunger and poverty and creating a just and sustainable food system. From humble beginnings, WhyHunger remains committed to the belief that everyone deserves access to nutritious, affordable food and that together we can truly make a difference.

Areas of Specialization: Education, Food Systems, Hunger/Food Security, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease

Employment: See [www.whyhunger.org/about/mission](http://www.whyhunger.org/about/mission)

## REGIONAL/LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

### Northeast

#### **ABT Associates**

55 Wheeler St.  
Cambridge, MA 02138  
Tel: (617) 492-7100  
Fax: (617) 492-5219  
[www.abtassociates.com](http://www.abtassociates.com)

Description (from website): In 1965, Clark Abt brought together a group of scientists, engineers, and educators in a small office above a machine shop in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He created a new kind of company—using interdisciplinary social science research to solve social, economic, and technological problems. Today, Abt Associates is still a mission-driven, global leader in research and program implementation in the fields of health, social and environmental policy, and international development.

Areas of Specialization: Environment/Sustainability, Hunger/Food Security, International, Public Health, Research

Employment: See [www.abtassociates.com/Careers.aspx](http://www.abtassociates.com/Careers.aspx)

#### **The Food Project**

10 Lewis Street  
Lincoln, MA 01773  
Tel: (781) 259-8621  
Fax: (781) 258-9659  
[info@thefoodproject.org](mailto:info@thefoodproject.org)  
[www.thefoodproject.org](http://www.thefoodproject.org)

Description (from website): The Food Project aims to create a thoughtful and productive community of youth and adults from diverse backgrounds who work together to build a sustainable food system. Its community produces healthy food for residents of the city and suburbs, provides youth leadership opportunities, and inspires and supports others to create change in their own communities.

Areas of Specialization: Education, Environment/Sustainability, Food Systems, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, Urban Issues

Employment: See [www.thefoodproject.org/work-here](http://www.thefoodproject.org/work-here)

**John C. Stalker Institute of Food and Nutrition**

100 State Street  
Framingham, MA 01701  
Tel: (508) 626-4756  
Fax: (508) 626-4018  
[johnstalker@framingham.edu](mailto:johnstalker@framingham.edu)  
[www.johnstalkerinstitute.org](http://www.johnstalkerinstitute.org)

Description (from website): The creative entity and force to lead Massachusetts school and child nutrition professionals in forward thinking, growth, education, and development to address the needs of the whole child. The Institute uses current research and technology to educate and inform Massachusetts professionals concerned with child nutrition and healthy nutrition environments.

Areas of Specialization: Education, Public Health, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease

Employment: Contact headquarters for job and internship opportunities

**Just Food**

1155 Avenue of the Americas, 3rd Floor  
New York, NY 10036  
Tel: (212) 645-9880 ext. 221  
[www.justfood.org](http://www.justfood.org)

Description (from website): A nonprofit organization that connects communities and local farms with the resources and support they need to make fresh, locally grown food accessible to all New Yorkers. Just Food provides regional farmers and food producers, CSA-organizers and everyday eaters with the resources and support they need to establish and experience healthy food systems—in every neighborhood.

Areas of Specialization: Education, Environment/Sustainability, Food Systems, Hunger/Food Security

Employment: Contact headquarters for job and internship opportunities

**Maine Farmland Trust**

97 Main Street  
Belfast, ME 04915  
Tel: (207) 338-6576  
Fax: (207) 338-6024  
[info@mainefarmlandtrust.org](mailto:info@mainefarmlandtrust.org)  
[www.mainefarmlandtrust.org](http://www.mainefarmlandtrust.org)

Description (from website): Created in 1999 to help preserve farmland, both directly, and by assisting other organizations. Farmland preservation is critical to the future of farming in Maine. Though farming in Maine remains a major economic force (adding \$2 billion each year to the state's economy) and is well poised for the future, that future promise depends on the protection of the resource base.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Environment/Sustainability

Employment: Contact headquarters for job and internship opportunities

**Urban Nutrition Initiative (UNI)**

3451 Walnut Street, Suite P-117A

Philadelphia, PA 19104

Tel: (215) 898-1600

Fax: (215) 573-1134

urbannutritioninitiative@gmail.com

www.urbannutrition.org

Description: A program of the University of Pennsylvania's Netter Center for Community Partnerships to address issues of poor nutrition and physical fitness in West Philadelphia. UNI's activities are fully integrated into the university-assisted community school model. UNI organizes school days, after-school and summer learning opportunities for more than 10,000 students and their families at 20 public schools in Philadelphia. UNI's ecological approach to nutrition education includes hands-on experiences for students to grow, cook, consume, and sell healthy foods. UNI has in-school "Eat Right Now" programs and "UNI Youth Development" programs.

Areas of Specialization: Education, Environment/Sustainability, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, Public Health, Urban Issues

Employment: Contact headquarters for job and internship opportunities

## Southeast

**Alliance for Fair Food (AFF)**

1107 New Market Road

Immokalee, FL 34142

Tel: (212) 253-1710

info@allianceforfairfood.org

www.allianceforfairfood.org

Description (from website): A network of human rights, religious, student, labor, sustainable food and agriculture, environmental, and grassroots organizations that works in partnership with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW). AFF promotes principles and practices of socially responsible purchasing in the corporate food industry that advance and ensure the human rights of farmworkers at the bottom of corporate supply chains.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Environment/Sustainability, Labor, Trade

Employment: Contact headquarters for job and internship opportunities

**Campaign for Fair Food**

P.O. Box 603  
Immokalee, FL 34143  
Tel: (239) 657-8311  
Fax: (239) 657-5055  
workers@ciw-online.org  
www.ciw-online.org/

Description (from website): Seeks to improve wages and working conditions in an effort to provide a growing and more stable market for Florida tomato farms. The Campaign for Fair Food looks to continue advancing through organizing on the national level to expand its foothold in the supermarket sector and through working with the participating growers in Florida to ensure that the agreements function smoothly and effectively.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Labor, Trade

Employment: Contact headquarters for job and internship opportunities

## West

**The California Endowment**

1000 North Alameda Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
Tel: (800) 449-4149  
Fax: (213) 253-0973  
www.calendow.org

Description (from website): A private, statewide health foundation that was created in 1996 as a result of Blue Cross of California's creation of WellPoint Health Networks, a for-profit corporation. The California Endowment's mission is to expand access to affordable, quality health care for underserved individuals and communities, and to promote fundamental improvements in the health status of all Californians.

Areas of Specialization: Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, Public Health

Employment: See [www.tcewebservices.calendow.org/cyberrecruitercareers/](http://www.tcewebservices.calendow.org/cyberrecruitercareers/)

**California Food Policy Advocates (CFPA)**

436 14th St. Suite 1220  
Oakland, CA 94612  
Tel: (510) 433-1122  
Fax: (510) 433-1131  
www.cfpa.net/

Description (from website): A statewide policy and advocacy organization dedicated to improving the health and well being of low-income Californians by increasing their access to nutritious, affordable food. CFPA values public policies that recognize the fundamental contributions of nutrition to health, education, productivity, and overall well-being.

Areas of Specialization: Education, Food Systems Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, Public Health

Employment: CFPA staff and interns embody a wide range of academic backgrounds and professional experience including public health, public policy, social welfare, law, and nutritional sciences. See [www.cfpa.net/career-opportunities](http://www.cfpa.net/career-opportunities)

### **California Project LEAN**

1616 Capitol Avenue, MS 7211

Sacramento, CA 95899

Tel: (916) 552-9907

Fax: (916) 552-9909

[www.californiaprojectlean.org](http://www.californiaprojectlean.org)

Description (from website): California Project LEAN (Leaders Encouraging Activity and Nutrition) is a joint program of the California Department of Public Health and the Public Health Institute. Project LEAN works to advance nutrition and physical activity policy in schools and communities in order to prevent obesity and its associated chronic diseases. Its efforts center around youth and parent empowerment approaches, policy and environmental change strategies, and community-based solutions that improve nutrition and physical activity environments.

Project LEAN provides input on the development of national, state, and local policies and works with communities and schools to implement policies that will improve access to healthy foods and physical activity opportunities. Specifically, it works with state and local physical activity and nutrition leaders, key school and community organizations, school board members, youth, and parents, as stakeholder engagement is an essential component of obesity prevention and health promotion.

Areas of Specialization: Education, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, Policy, Public Health

Employment: Contact headquarters for job and internship opportunities

### **Marin Agricultural Land Trust (MALT)**

P.O. Box 809

Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Tel: (415) 663-1158

Fax: (415) 663-1099

[farmland@malt.org](mailto:farmland@malt.org)

[www.malt.org](http://www.malt.org)

Description (from website): A private, member-supported nonprofit organization created in 1980 by a coalition of ranchers and environmentalists to permanently preserve Marin County farmland for agricultural use. MALT eliminates the development potential on farmland through the acquisition of conservation easements in voluntary transactions with landowners. MALT also promotes public awareness and encourages policies that support and enhance agriculture.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Environment/Sustainability

Employment: Contact headquarters for job and internship opportunities

## section four: international organizations & agencies

Various international agencies work in the realm of food policy and play important roles in confronting the modern challenges of hunger, poverty, climate change, resource degradation, and population growth. For example, international agencies such as the World Food Programme provide direct food aid to people who cannot obtain the food necessary to lead active and healthy lives. Other agencies support farmers and offer them education about sustainable growing practices and organic agriculture. Generally, these agencies identify and analyze international, national, and local policies in support of improved food security and nutrition, with an emphasis on low-income countries and undernourished populations. These agencies may work on policy issues at the local/regional, national, or international level to achieve structural change or they may operate on the ground to strengthen the capacity of local institutions by contributing to food systems research, education, and expertise.

For attorneys interested in more traditional legal work, many international organizations need lawyers to research national and international laws, draft legal memos, and write country comparison reports. One option for those interested in this type of work is to look at the legal departments of the United Nations organizations, such as the Food and Agriculture Organization, where lawyers provide legal advisory services to the organizations' members, assist in the formulation of treaties, publish legal studies, and maintain databases of national legislation and international agreements. Most international organizations also employ attorneys to work on policy topics, such as researching and advocating for international, national, and local policies that improve food security, nutrition, and agricultural practices. This section lists only a handful of the many international organizations interested in food policy, but you should be able to identify others, including those established in other countries, that work on food policy at the international level.

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### United Nations

#### **Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)**

FAO Headquarters  
Viale delle Terme di Caracalla  
00153 Rome, Italy  
Tel: +39 06 57051  
Fax: + 39 06 570 53151  
[www.fao.org](http://www.fao.org)

Description: FAO's mandate is to achieve food security for all: to make sure people have regular access to enough high-quality food to lead active, healthy lives. FAO seeks to raise levels of nutrition, improve agricultural productivity, better the lives of rural populations, and contribute to the growth of the world



economy through activities that comprise four main areas: putting information within reach, sharing policy expertise, providing a meeting place for nations, and bringing knowledge to the field.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Education, Environment/Sustainability, Hunger/Food Security, International, Research

The Legal Office has its own website: [www.fao.org/Legal/index\\_en.htm](http://www.fao.org/Legal/index_en.htm)

Employment: Includes senior-level, professional, and project vacancies, consultancies, an Associate Professional Officer program, a FAO internship program, a FAO Junior Professional program, and a FAO Volunteer program. See [www.fao.org/employment/en/](http://www.fao.org/employment/en/)

### **International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)**

Via Paolo di Dono, 44  
00142 Rome Italy  
Tel: +39 0654591  
Fax: +39 065043463  
[ifad@ifad.org](mailto:ifad@ifad.org)  
[www.ifad.org](http://www.ifad.org)

Description (from website): A specialized agency of the United Nations established as an international financial institution in 1977 as one of the major outcomes of the 1974 World Food Conference. The Conference was organized in response to the food crises of the early 1970s that primarily affected the Sahelian countries of Africa. IFAD's mission is to enable poor rural people to overcome poverty. IFAD is dedicated to eradicating rural poverty in developing countries. Working with rural poor people, governments, donors, non-governmental organizations, and many other partners, IFAD focuses on country-specific solutions, which can involve increasing rural poor peoples' access to financial services, markets, technology, land, and other natural resources.

IFAD provides loans to its developing Member States on highly concessional, intermediate and ordinary terms for approved projects and programs. It provides grants to institutions and organizations in support of activities to strengthen the technical and institutional capacities linked to agricultural and rural development.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Education, Finance/Microfinance, Hunger/Food Security, International

Employment: Including professional vacancies, Associate Professional Officer Programme, and Internship Programme. See [www.ifad.org/job/index.htm](http://www.ifad.org/job/index.htm)

### **United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food**

Olivier de Schutter (2008 - present)  
University of Louvain - SSH/JURI/PJTD  
College Thomas More  
Place Montesquier, 2, bte L2.07.01  
1348 Louvain-la-Neuve  
Belgium

Fax: +32 10 47 24 03  
srfood@ohchr.org  
www.srfood.org

Description (from the website of the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights): The Special Rapporteur (SR) is an independent expert appointed by the UN Human Rights Council to examine and report back on a country situation or a specific human rights theme. This position is honorary and the expert is not a staff of the United Nations nor paid for his/her work.

The SR implements the mandate on the right to food through different means and activities. The SR presents annual reports to the UN Human Rights Council and to the General Assembly on the activities and studies undertaken in the view of the implementation of the mandate. He/She monitors the situation of the right to food throughout the world. He/She identifies general trends related to the right to food and undertakes country visits that provide the SR with a firsthand account on the situation concerning the right to food in a specific country. He/She communicates with States and other concerned parties with regard to alleged cases of violations of the right to food and other issues related to his/her mandate. He/She promotes the full realization of the right to food through dialogue with relevant actors by participating in seminars, conferences, expert meetings.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Hunger/Food Security, International, Policy, Research, Trade

Employment: Contact the office at srfood@ohchr.org

### **World Food Programme (WFP)**

Via C.G. Viola 68  
Parco dei Medici  
00148 Rome, Italy  
Tel: +39 06 65131  
Fax: +39 06 6590632  
www.wfp.org

Description (from website): The food aid arm of the United Nations system. Food aid is one of the many instruments that can help to promote food security, which is defined as access of all people at all times to the food needed for an active and healthy life. The policies governing the use of WFP food aid must be oriented towards the objective of eradicating hunger and poverty. The ultimate objective of food aid should be the elimination of the need for food aid.

Targeted interventions are needed to help to improve the lives of the poorest people--people who, either permanently or during crisis periods, are unable to produce enough food or do not have the resources to otherwise obtain the food that they and their households require for active and healthy lives.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Disaster Relief, Hunger/Food Security, International, Trade

Employment: Includes professional vacancies, short-term consultancies, the Junior Professional Officer Program, and internships. See [www.wfp.org/about/vacancies/](http://www.wfp.org/about/vacancies/)

### **World Health Organization (WHO)**

Avenue Appia 20  
1211 Geneva 27  
Switzerland  
Tel: + 41 22 791 21 11  
Fax: + 41 22 791 31 11  
info@who.int  
www.who.int

Description (from website): The directing and coordinating authority for health within the United Nations system. It is responsible for providing leadership on global health matters, shaping the health research agenda, setting norms and standards, articulating evidence-based policy options, providing technical support to countries, and monitoring and assessing health trends.

Areas of Specialization: International, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, Public Health

Employment: Includes professional vacancies, an Internship Programme, and a Junior Professional Officer Programme. See [www.who.int/employment/](http://www.who.int/employment/)

## Other Organizations

### **Food First (Institute for Food and Development Policy)**

398 60<sup>th</sup> Street  
Oakland, CA 94618  
Tel: (510) 654-4400  
Fax: (510) 654-4551  
info@foodfirst.org  
www.foodfirst.org

Description (from website): Aims to eliminate the injustices that cause hunger through analyzing the root causes of global hunger, poverty, and ecological degradation and developing solutions in partnership with movements working for social change.

Areas of Specialization: Environment/Sustainability, Food Systems, Hunger/Food Security, Research

Employment: Contact headquarters for job and internship opportunities

### **Food & Water Watch**

1616 P Street NW, Suite 300  
Washington, DC 20036  
Tel: (202) 683-2500  
Fax: (202) 683-2501  
www.foodandwaterwatch.org

Description (from website): Works to ensure the food, water, and fish we consume is safe, accessible, and sustainably produced. So we can all enjoy and trust in what we eat and drink, Food & Water Watch helps people take charge of where their food comes from, keep clean, affordable public tap water flowing freely

to our homes, protect the environmental quality of oceans, force government to do its job protecting citizens, and educate about the importance of keeping the global commons — our shared resources — under public control.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Biotechnology and GMOs, Environment/Sustainability, Food Advertising, Food Safety, Public Health, Research

Employment: See [www.foodandwaterwatch.org/about/career-opportunities/](http://www.foodandwaterwatch.org/about/career-opportunities/)

### **Health Care without Harm**

Healthy Food Systems Program

12355 Sunrise Valley Dr., Suite 680

Reston, VA 20191

Tel: (703) 860-9790

Fax: (703) 860-9795

[www.noharm.org/all\\_regions/issues/food/](http://www.noharm.org/all_regions/issues/food/)

Description (from website): Works with hospitals to adopt food procurement policies that provide nutritionally improved food for patients, staff, visitors, and the general public; and that support and create food systems that are ecologically sound, economically viable, and socially responsible. Health Care without Harm operates globally, implementing different health care food systems programs for different parts of the world.

Areas of Specialization: Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, Public Health

Employment: Contact headquarters for job and internship opportunities

### **Heifer International**

P.O. Box 8058

Little Rock, AR 72203

Tel: (800) 422-0474

Fax: (501) 907-2902

[info@heifer.org](mailto:info@heifer.org)

[www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org)

Description (from website): Works with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth. With gifts of livestock and training, Heifer projects help families improve their nutrition and generate income in sustainable ways. Heifer refers to the animals as "living loans" because in exchange for their livestock and training, families agree to give one of its animal's offspring to another family in need. It's called Passing on the Gift--a cornerstone of Heifer's mission that creates an ever-expanding network of hope and peace.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Disaster Relief, Finance, Hunger/Food Security, International

Employment: Contact the office at <http://www.heifer.org/inside/careers>

**Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy**

2105 First Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55404  
Tel: (612) 870-0453  
Fax: (612) 870-4846  
[www.iatp.org](http://www.iatp.org)

Description (from website): Works locally and globally at the intersection of policy and practice to ensure fair and sustainable food, farm, and trade systems.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Environment/Sustainability, Hunger/Food Security, International, Labor, Public Health, Trade

Employment: See [www.iatp.org/about/jobs-and-internships](http://www.iatp.org/about/jobs-and-internships)

**International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)**

IFPRI Headquarters  
2033 K St, NW  
Washington, DC 20006  
Tel: (202) 862-5600  
Fax: (202) 467-4439  
[ifpri@cgiar.org](mailto:ifpri@cgiar.org)  
[www.ifpri.org](http://www.ifpri.org)

Description (from website): Seeks sustainable solutions for ending hunger and poverty. IFPRI is one of 15 centers supported by the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), an alliance of 64 governments, private foundations, and international and regional organizations.

IFPRI's mission focuses on (1) identifying and analyzing alternative international, national, and local policies in support of improved food security and nutrition, emphasizing low-income countries and poor people and the sound management of the natural resource base that supports agriculture; (2) contributing to capacity strengthening of people and institutions in developing countries that conduct research on food, agriculture, and nutrition policies; and (3) actively engaging in policy communications, making research results available to all those in a position to apply or use them, and carrying out dialogues with those users to link research and policy action.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Disaster Relief, Environment/Sustainability, Hunger/Food Security, International, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, Research

Employment: Including Research Positions, Other Positions and Internships. See <http://www.ifpri.org/careers>

**Oxfam International Secretariat**

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Oxford OX2 7DL  
United Kingdom  
Tel: +44 1865 339 100  
Fax: +44 1865 339 101

[www.oxfam.org](http://www.oxfam.org)

Oxfam America Office  
226 Causeway Street 5th Floor  
Boston, MA 02114  
Tel: (617) 482-1211 or (800) 77-OXFAM  
[info@oxfamamerica.org](mailto:info@oxfamamerica.org)  
[www.oxfam.org](http://www.oxfam.org)

Description: Working with thousands of local partner organizations, Oxfam works with people living in poverty striving to exercise their human rights, assert their dignity as full citizens, and take control of their lives. Oxfam focuses its efforts in several areas including development, emergencies, campaigning, advocacy, and policy research.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Disaster Relief, Education, Environment/Sustainability, Hunger/Food Security, International, Public Health

Employment: Including professional vacancies and volunteer opportunities with Oxfam International Secretariat and Oxfam Affiliates. See [www.oxfam.org/en/jobs](http://www.oxfam.org/en/jobs)

**Pesticide Action Network (PAN North America or PANNA)**

49 Powell Street, Suite 500  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
Tel: (415) 981-1771  
[www.panna.org](http://www.panna.org)

Description (from website): Works to replace the use of hazardous pesticides with ecologically sound and socially just alternatives. As one of five PAN Regional Centers worldwide, Pesticide Action Network North America links local and international consumer, labor, health, environment, and agriculture groups into an international citizens' action network. This network challenges the global proliferation of pesticides, defends basic rights to health and environmental quality, and works to ensure the transition to a just and viable society.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Environment/Sustainability, International

Employment: Including professional vacancies, internships, and volunteer opportunities. See [www.panna.org/about/work-with-PAN](http://www.panna.org/about/work-with-PAN)

**Rodale Institute**

611 Siegfriedale Road  
Kutztown, PA 19530  
Tel: (610) 683-1400  
Fax: (610) 683-8548  
[www.rodaleinstitute.org](http://www.rodaleinstitute.org)

Description (from website): A 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to pioneering organic farming through research and outreach. For over sixty years, the Rodale Institute has been researching the best practices of organic agriculture and sharing its findings with farmers and scientists throughout the world,

advocating for policies that support farmers, and educating consumers about how going organic is the healthiest option for people and the planet.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Environment/Sustainability, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, Research

Employment: Including professional vacancies, internships, and volunteer opportunities. See [www.rodaleinstitute.org/work\\_with\\_us](http://www.rodaleinstitute.org/work_with_us)

### **Slow Food Foundation for Biodiversity**

Via Mendicita Istruita, 14  
12042 Bra (Cuneo), Italy  
Tel: +39 0172 419701  
Fax: +39 0172 414498  
[foundation@slowfood.com](mailto:foundation@slowfood.com)  
[www.slowfoodfoundation.org](http://www.slowfoodfoundation.org)

Description: A nonprofit organization that coordinates numerous projects in support of Terra Madre communities, providing them with technical and financial assistance. The Foundation works in over 50 countries and involves over 10,000 small-scale food producers, promoting environmentally and culturally sustainable agriculture.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Environment/Sustainability, Finance/Microfinance, International

Employment: Contact the office at [foundation@slowfood.com](mailto:foundation@slowfood.com)

### **Slow Food International**

Piazza XX Settembre, 5  
12042 Bra (Cuneo), Italy  
Tel: +39 0172 419611  
Fax: +39 0172 421293  
[international@slowfood.com](mailto:international@slowfood.com)  
[www.slowfood.com](http://www.slowfood.com)

Description: A global, grassroots organization with supporters in 150 countries around the world who are linking the pleasure of good food with a commitment to their community and the environment.

Slow Food develops projects, events, and activities all around the world and at all levels--by convivia at the community level and by Slow Food offices at the regional and global level. It has adopted innovative approaches to defend food biodiversity, develop networks, conduct food and taste education, and connect producers and consumers.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Environment/Sustainability, Biotechnology and GMOs, International

Employment (Slow Food USA): Includes professional vacancies and internships. See [www.slowfoodusa.org/index.php/about\\_us/employment\\_and\\_internships/](http://www.slowfoodusa.org/index.php/about_us/employment_and_internships/)

**Sustainable Food Systems @ Oakland Institute**

4173 MacArthur Blvd., Suite 9  
Oakland, CA 94619  
[info@oaklandinstitute.org](mailto:info@oaklandinstitute.org)  
[www.oaklandinstitute.org](http://www.oaklandinstitute.org)

Description (from website): An independent policy think tank, bringing fresh ideas and bold action to the most pressing social, economic, and environmental issues of our time. Its mission is to increase public participation and promote fair debate on critical social, economic, and environmental issues in both national and international forums.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Environment/Sustainability, Food Systems, Hunger/Food Security, International, Research, Trade

Employment: See [www.oaklandinstitute.org/join](http://www.oaklandinstitute.org/join)

**U.S. Food Sovereignty Alliance**

[info@usfoodsovereigntyalliance.org](mailto:info@usfoodsovereigntyalliance.org)  
[www.usfoodsovereigntyalliance.org/](http://www.usfoodsovereigntyalliance.org/)

Description (from website): Works to end poverty, rebuild local food economies, and assert democratic control over the food system. U.S. Food Sovereignty Alliance believes all people have the right to healthy, culturally appropriate food, produced in an ecologically sound manner. As a U.S.-based alliance of food justice, anti-hunger, labor, environmental, faith-based, and food producer groups, it upholds the right to food as a basic human right and work to connect our local and national struggles to the international movement for food sovereignty.

Areas of Specialization: Environment/Sustainability, Food Systems, Hunger/Food Security, International, Labor, Trade

Employment: Contact headquarters for job and internship opportunities

**Worldwatch Institute**

1776 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Suite 800  
Washington, DC 20036  
Tel: (202) 452-1999  
Fax: (202) 296-7365  
[worldwatch@worldwatch.org](mailto:worldwatch@worldwatch.org)  
[www.worldwatch.org](http://www.worldwatch.org)

Description (from website): Delivers the insights and ideas that empower decision makers to create an environmentally sustainable society that meets human needs. Worldwatch focuses on the 21st-century



challenges of climate change, resource degradation, population growth, and poverty by developing and disseminating solid data and innovative strategies for achieving a sustainable society.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Environment/Sustainability, Research

Employment: Including professional vacancies and internships. See [www.worldwatch.org/taxonomy/term/33](http://www.worldwatch.org/taxonomy/term/33)

## section five: fellowship- & grant-giving organizations

One alternative way to get involved in food policy is to apply for a grant or a fellowship that would help fund your work. This is a great way to get targeted funding for a specific project or idea, if you have some background knowledge about food policy or if you know exactly what you want to concentrate on. The following foundations provide funding to support fellows or grantees to work on issues such as hunger, nutrition, health, poverty, and social justice at the local, national, and international levels. Some foundations place fellows with partner organizations such as the International Food Policy Research Institute, World Food Programme, or United States Department of Agriculture, where fellows combine opportunities to work on the ground and at the policy level, forming bridges between local communities and decision-makers. Other foundations award grants to candidates who propose projects related to the foundation's mission. In either case, fellows or grantees engage in a broad range of activities around program development, outreach, organizing, and advocacy projects. As the food policy field grows and gains momentum, you should be able to find even more opportunities to apply for--and receive--grants and fellowships in this field.

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### **Bill Emerson Hunger Fellowship**

#### **Congressional Hunger Center**

Hall of the States Building  
400 North Capitol Street, NW, Suite G100  
Washington, DC 20001  
Tel: (202) 547-7022  
Fax: (202) 547-7575  
[www.hungercenter.org/fellowships/emerson/](http://www.hungercenter.org/fellowships/emerson/)

Description: A social justice program that trains, inspires, and sustains leaders. Fellows gain field experience fighting hunger and poverty through placements in community-based organizations across the country, and policy experience through placements in Washington, DC. The program bridges community-based efforts and national public policy, and Fellows develop as effective leaders in the movement to end hunger and poverty.

The Emerson Program supports a diversity of local and national approaches to eliminate hunger, poverty, and social inequality, particularly racism. It seeks to craft successful and mutually beneficial partnerships between Fellows and partner organizations while developing a new generation of hunger and poverty leaders. Fellows support partner organizations with program development, research, evaluation, outreach, organizing, and advocacy projects.

Areas of Specialization: Hunger/Food Security, Policy, Research

Employment: In addition to the fellowship, permanent jobs at the Congressional Hunger Center include Program Director and Coordinator positions. See [www.hungercenter.org/about/jobs/](http://www.hungercenter.org/about/jobs/) for current job openings.

### **Community Food Projects Competitive Grants**

#### **United States Department of Agriculture**

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Stop 2201

Washington, DC 20250

Tel: (202) 720-4423

[www.csrees.usda.gov/nea/food/in\\_focus/hunger\\_if\\_competitive.html](http://www.csrees.usda.gov/nea/food/in_focus/hunger_if_competitive.html)

Description: Has existed since 1996 to fight food insecurity through developing community food projects that help promote the self-sufficiency of low-income communities. Community Food Projects are designed to increase food security in communities by bringing the whole food system together to assess strengths, establish linkages, and create systems that improve the self-reliance of community members over their food needs.

Areas of Specialization: Finance/Microfinance, Food Systems, Hunger/Food Security, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease

Employment: See website for information about preferred projects for this grant. See government section of this guide for information about employment at USDA.

### **Leland International Hunger Fellows Program**

#### **Congressional Hunger Center**

Hall of the States Building

400 North Capitol Street, NW, Suite G100

Washington, DC 20001

Tel: (202) 547-7022

Fax: (202) 547-7575

[www.hungercenter.org/fellowships/leland/](http://www.hungercenter.org/fellowships/leland/)

Description: Trains emerging leaders in the fight to end hunger worldwide. It is a unique two-year program that combines field and policy work. Leland Fellows develop new skills while actively working to alleviate hunger and poverty in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. During the first year, fellows work directly to build food security in the field. In the second year, fellows apply their field experience to the design of sound development policy at the organizational, national, and international level.

In addition to their field and policy work, fellows take part in annual CHC-sponsored training sessions and a range of professional development activities aimed at further adding to their skills and expertise. Each Leland class consists of 14-17 skilled and committed individuals. The application process for fellows is highly selective. Most Leland Fellows hold advanced degrees and have spent at least one year working or volunteering in a developing country.

CHC places fellows with organizations that make a difference both on the ground and at the policy level. Past host organizations have included the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Mercy

Corps, Helen Keller International, Land O'Lakes, Inc., the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the UN World Food Programme.

Areas of Specialization: Hunger/Food Security, International, Public Health

Employment: In addition to the fellowship, permanent jobs at the Congressional Hunger Center include Program Director and Coordinator positions. See [www.hungercenter.org/about/jobs/](http://www.hungercenter.org/about/jobs/) for current job openings.

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**

Route 1 and College Road East  
P.O. Box 2316  
Princeton, NJ 08543  
Tel: (877) 843-RWJF (7953)  
[www.rwjf.org/](http://www.rwjf.org/)

Description: Seeks to improve the health and health care of all Americans. The foundation's goal is clear: To help society transform itself for the better.

Areas of Specialization: Finance/Microfinance, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, Public Health, Research

Employment: Permanent jobs include Program Officer positions within different program areas. See [www.rwjf.org/about/joblisting.jsp](http://www.rwjf.org/about/joblisting.jsp) for current positions.

**W.K. Kellogg Foundation**

One Michigan Avenue East  
Battle Creek, MI 49017  
Tel: (269) 968-1611  
Fax: (269) 968-0413  
[www.wkkf.org/](http://www.wkkf.org/)

Description: Awards grants to support children, families, and communities as they strengthen and create conditions that propel vulnerable children to achieve success as individuals and as contributors to the larger community and society.

Areas of Specialization: Finance/Microfinance, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, Public Health

Employment: Apply for grants through the foundation website at [www.wkkf.org/grants/for-grantseekers.aspx](http://www.wkkf.org/grants/for-grantseekers.aspx). There are no submissions deadlines; applications are accepted throughout the year. There are also permanent positions in the organization including attorney, program officer, and program manager positions. See [www.wkkf.org/employment/employment.aspx](http://www.wkkf.org/employment/employment.aspx) for currently available positions.

## section six: law firms

For attorneys who want to practice law in a firm, opportunities to focus on food law have been steadily increasing as firms adapt to meet the growing demands of their clients. Firms often combine food law with other practice areas such as alcoholic beverage and/or pharmaceutical law, and offer clients transactional, regulatory, and litigation services. As sourcing and consumer markets spread around the globe, these practices have simultaneously expanded to the international level. Lawyers in these practice areas represent a broad range of clients across all sectors of the food industry, including producers, retailers, suppliers, and distributors, and handle regulatory and other legal matters from corporate governance and planning through the execution of contracts and transactions. They also regularly advise on health and safety topics, products liability issues, intellectual property enforcement, insurance matters, and various aspects of food labeling. Lawyers also provide food system clients tailored advice on product safety, product recall, crisis management, and enforcement actions. Attorneys may defend food industry clients against criminal charges from alleged violations of food and drug regulations or represent consumers in class action lawsuits based on issues such as misleading labeling practices. They may also represent clients before administrative proceedings at the Food and Drug Administration, Federal Trade Commission, or United States Department of Agriculture. This section includes firms from the American Lawyer's list of top 100 firms, as well as others that are known for their food law practices. However, you may be able to find additional firms that operate a food law practice, especially if you conduct a targeted search in your desired geographic region.

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### **Alston & Bird LLP**

One Atlantic Center  
1201 West Peachtree Street  
Atlanta, GA 30309  
Tel: (404) 881-7000  
Fax: (404) 881-7777  
info@alston.com  
www.alston.com

Description: Alston & Bird is a U.S. law firm with 800 attorneys located in offices in Atlanta, Charlotte, Dallas, Los Angeles, New York, the Research Triangle, Silicon Valley, Ventura County, and Washington, DC.

The firm's Food, Drug, and Device Group serves both domestic and foreign clients handling products regulated by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The FDA practice is led by a former FDA associate commissioner for legislative affairs and a former FDA associate chief counsel. The team offers core legal and regulatory services to the makers, marketers, and users of drugs (prescription, over-the-counter, generic, and animal), biologics, medical devices and in vitro diagnostics (IVDs), foods (and dietary supplements), cosmetics, tobacco products, and any of their components.

Areas of Specialization: General Legal

Size of Food, Drug, and Device Team: 12 lawyers listed

**Bryan Cave**

Multiple offices

[www.bryancave.com](http://www.bryancave.com)

Description (from website): Examples of work include regulatory issues, including environmental and antitrust; domestic and international mergers and acquisitions; commercial finance and restructuring; commercial transactions; licensing (in and out); funded research and development agreements; real estate transactions; formation issues for start-ups such as venture capital, commercial agreements, and intellectual property protection. See [www.bryancave.com/agribusiness](http://www.bryancave.com/agribusiness)

Areas of Specialization: Environment/Sustainability, General Legal, Trade

Size of Agribusiness, Ag Biotechnology, and Food Processing Practice Group: Currently 17 attorneys listed (all partners) located in St. Louis, Kansas City, and Chicago

**Chadbourne & Parke**

Multiple offices

[www.chadbourne.com](http://www.chadbourne.com)

Description (from website): Companies in the food and beverage industry deal daily with matters of product safety and regulation, financing for expansion, cross-border trade, and protection of intellectual property. Legal and business concerns can arise worldwide, as sourcing and consumer markets spread beyond home territories.

Areas of Specialization: General Legal, International, Trade

Size of Food and Beverage Team: Currently 31 attorneys listed (both partners and associates) all located in New York

**Cooley**

Multiple offices

[www.cooley.com](http://www.cooley.com)

Description (from website): Has one of the country's leading litigation practices. Its diverse litigation capability includes the representation of clients in the food production, processing, and distribution sectors when they are confronted with disputes, claims, and the adversarial situations that arise in the course of doing business. The firm has advised clients in the food industry in regard to claims and disputes ranging from breach of contract actions, insurance coverage matters, and false advertising claims to potentially catastrophic bacterial outbreak incidents that trigger action lawsuits and even criminal investigations. See [www.cooley.com/foodlitigation](http://www.cooley.com/foodlitigation)

Areas of Specialization: Food Safety, General Legal

Size of Food Litigation Team: Currently 3 attorneys listed (all partners) located in San Francisco and Palo Alto

**Covington & Burling LLP**

1201 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20004  
Tel: (202) 662-6000  
Fax: (202) 662-6291  
www.cov.com

Description: Covington & Burling was founded in Washington, DC in 1919. Today, the firm numbers more than 800 lawyers in eight offices: Beijing, Brussels, London, New York, San Diego, San Francisco, Silicon Valley, and Washington.

Covington draws on nearly a century of experience in food and beverage law, as well as the expertise and insights of numerous former high-ranking FDA and FTC officials. The Food and Beverage Team advises on all aspects of food and beverage product development, labeling, and promotion. At the formulation stage, the firm has substantial experience with new food technologies as irradiation, DNA techniques, and other forms of genetic engineering. Regarding sourcing and manufacturing, the team assists clients in qualifying their suppliers and ensuring that current good manufacturing practices (cGMPs) are followed. For claims in labeling and advertising, attorneys provide advice on legal issues surrounding the development of technical substantiation and claim language to best convey the health benefits of products within the applicable legal frameworks. Additionally, Covington's food and beverage lawyers have been at the forefront of issues relating to current concerns about obesity and marketing to children, advising clients on marketing strategies and claims.

Areas of Specialization: Biotechnology and GMOs, Food Advertising, Food Labeling, General Legal

Size of Food and Beverage Team: 6 lawyers listed

**Cozen O'Connor**

Multiple offices  
www.cozen.com

Description (from website): Has always been at the forefront of assisting the insurance industry in responding to new and emerging challenges. In order to better serve its clients in the aftermath of large-scale food contamination and product recall claims, the firm has established a national team of attorneys experienced in handling food contamination and product recall insurance coverage matters related to first-party, third-party, and specialty policies.

Areas of Specialization: Food Safety

Size of Food Contamination and Product Recall: Currently 10 attorneys listed (both partners and associates) located in Dallas, Houston, New York, Philadelphia, San Diego, and Seattle

**Crowell & Moring**

Multiple offices  
www.crowell.com

Description (from website): Crowell & Moring attorneys have broad experience in defending criminal charges springing from violation of food and drug regulations and statutes. Such cases are often handled in concert with our Health Care practice group.

Areas of Specialization: Food Safety, General Legal

**Dechert LLP**

Cira Centre  
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Philadelphia, PA 19104  
Tel: (215) 994-4000  
Fax: (215) 994-2222  
www.dechert.com

Description (from website): An international law firm with 22 offices in the United States, Europe, and Asia. Founded in 1875, the firm has grown to over 800 lawyers. The firm represents some of the world's leading food and beverage companies. Areas of experience include corporate and securities transactions, antitrust and merger structuring and clearances, consumer fraud, and product liability litigation, and the full range of marketing, promotional, labeling, and intellectual property issues. The team counsels clients on regulatory investigations and compliance including matters involving the Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission.

Areas of Specialization: Food Advertising, Food Labeling, General Legal, Trade

Size of Food and Beverage Team: 14 lawyers listed

**DLA Piper LLP**

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Chicago, IL 60601  
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www.dlapiper.com

Description (from website): Became one of the largest business law firms in the world in 2005 through one of the largest mergers in the legal sector. The firm has 4,200 lawyers in offices throughout Asia Pacific, Europe, the Middle East, and the United States. In the United States, DLA Piper has 1,370 lawyers and offices in 24 cities, including in every major business center across the country.

Areas of Experience: The firm represents a broad range of food, beverage, and tobacco companies in dispute resolution and regulatory compliance. They advise on the requirements of regulatory authorities, implementation of directives at local markets, and compliance in the context of multi-market, multi-product operations.



Areas of Specialization: Food Advertising, Food Labeling, General Legal, Trade

In the U.S., DLA Piper maintains an active federal regulatory practice counseling a broad range of companies that import, manufacture, process, distribute, and/or market FDA-regulated products, including foods, food additives, dietary supplements, medical devices, pharmaceuticals, animal drugs, biologics, and cosmetics. The firm represents clients on a wide variety of matters before FDA and USDA.

Size of Food and Beverage Team: 11 lawyers listed

**Duane Morris**

Multiple offices

[www.duanemorris.com](http://www.duanemorris.com)

Description (from website): The firm forms attorney-client relationships with members of the food and dietary supplement industries to further the client's legal, regulatory, competitive, and other business objectives by employing a variety of available means. The attorneys counsel on regulatory compliance, enforcement risk and corrective action; draft notifications, petitions, and other voluntary or mandatory submissions; file complaints against competitors; and otherwise advance and defend client interests before courts as well as federal and state enforcement officials and in the marketplace.

Areas of Specialization: Food Advertising, Food Labeling, General Legal

Size of Pharmaceutical, Pharmacy, and Food Team: Currently 47 attorneys listed (both partners and associates) located in Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Houston, Newark, New York, Philadelphia, San Diego, San Francisco, Washington, DC

**Foley & Lardner LLP**

777 East Wisconsin Avenue

Milwaukee, WI 53202

Tel: (414) 271-2400

Fax: (414) 297-4900

[www.foley.com](http://www.foley.com)

Description: Founded in Milwaukee nearly 170 years ago. Currently, the firm has over 900 lawyers nationwide, and utilizes an industry-team approach to client services.

The Food Industry Team provides legal and lobbying services for companies that produce, distribute, or sell food, and the businesses that deal with them. The firm represents manufacturers, processors, packers, farmers, warehousemen, distributors, brokers, wholesalers, and retailers in structuring their organizations, navigating regulatory processes, and protecting the proprietary rights associated with their products and technologies. It also assists agribusinesses, importers/exporters, food service organizations, trade associations, and equipment manufacturers.

Areas of Specialization: General Legal, Trade

Size of Food and Beverage Team: 35 lawyers listed

**Frost, Brown & Todd**

Multiple offices

[www.frostbrowntodd.com](http://www.frostbrowntodd.com)

Description (from website): Represents a variety of national and international manufacturers, retailers, suppliers, and distributors of food and beverage products. The firm counsels food and beverage clients on a wide variety of issues, including commercial and contract matters, labor issues, trade compliance, international matters, and merger and acquisition transactions. Its focus is on understanding its clients' strategic business goals and helping them to achieve those goals as efficiently as possible.

Areas of Specialization: General Legal, International, Trade

Size of Food and Beverage Team: Currently 13 attorneys listed

**Graham & Dunn PC**

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[www.grahamdunn.com](http://www.grahamdunn.com)

Description (from website): Graham & Dunn's motto is "Big Law Firm Experience Without the Big Law Firm Experience," and it is one of the nation's first full-service law firms to organize and operate through integrated industry teams. The firm has replaced the conventional law firm structure, where attorneys are grouped by the type of law they practice, with teams organized to address the specific needs of the industries they serve. Each "industry team" at Graham & Dunn includes an array of both litigation and transactional practitioners grouped together.

The Graham & Dunn Food and Beverage Industry lawyers specialize in the overall business aspects of corporate product development, marketing, operations, and finance for food and beverage industry companies. They handle regulatory and other special legal requirements, from corporate governance and planning through execution of transactions and operations. Specifically, they counsel clients on laws and regulations governing production, labeling, marketing, distribution, advertising, consumer protection, privacy, e-commerce, and weights and measures. Areas of expertise include the formation, acquisition, and financing food and beverage businesses and facilities. They also regularly advise on health and safety, and product liability issues, as well as on insurance matters, food and beverage labeling, and provide tailored advice on product safety, product recall, crisis management, and enforcement actions. Their clients include food, and alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverage producers, retailers, suppliers, and distributors.

Areas of Specialization: Food Advertising, Food Labeling, Food Safety, General Legal

Size of Food and Beverage Team: 7 lawyers listed

**Haynes Boone**

Multiple offices

[www.haynesboone.com](http://www.haynesboone.com)

Description (from website): Serves national and global restaurant chains, food suppliers, food service equipment manufacturers and distributors. Its lawyers know the restaurant industry thoroughly, and have hands-on experience with solutions to both the everyday and unique challenges its franchisor, franchisee, operator, owner, and investor clients face.

Areas of Specialization: Environment/Sustainability, General Legal

Size of Restaurant and Foodservice Team: Currently 7 attorneys listed (both partners and associates) located in Dallas and Houston

**Hogan Lovells U.S. LLP**

Columbia Square

555 Thirteenth Street, NW

Washington, DC 20004

Tel: (202) 637-5600

Fax: (202) 637-5910

[www.hoganlovells.com](http://www.hoganlovells.com)

Description: A global law firm with over 2,500 lawyers operating out of more than 40 offices in the United States, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, and Asia.

Many of the lawyers in the Food, Drug, Medical Device, and Agriculture practice are former officials with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture, or from other regulatory agencies.

The team assists clients in areas such as product development and approval; development, implementation, and compliance with government inspection; food safety, labeling, and advertising requirements; product recalls; and regulatory and criminal investigations; as well as compliance with federal bioterrorism laws and other laws and regulations affecting the global marketing of food, drugs, and medical devices. Clients include manufacturers, distributors, retailers, research institutions, biotechnology firms, and trade associations.

Areas of Specialization: Food Advertising, Food Safety, General Legal, International

Size of Food, Drug, Medical Device and Agriculture Team: 5 lawyers listed

**Holland & Knight LLP**

701 Brickell Avenue, Suite 3000

Miami, FL 33131

Tel: (305) 374-8500

Fax: (305) 789-7799

[www.hklaw.com](http://www.hklaw.com)

Description: Founded in 1889, Holland & Knight has grown into one of the largest law firms in the United States, with more than 1,000 lawyers and legal colleagues in 40 countries.

The firm serves the alcohol beverage and hospitality industries in all legal matters related to the production, distribution, and sale of licensed beverages, including liquor law, the marketing and advertising of alcohol beverages, taxation, intellectual property, regulatory compliance, and dispute resolution. The Alcohol Beverage Team includes lawyers, government consultants, and other professionals who are former industry regulators. Team members regularly work with key Congressional committees, the U.S. Treasury's Alcohol Beverage Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) and other executive branch agencies such as the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the U.S. Bureau of Customs and Border Protection and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Size of Alcohol Beverage Team: 13 lawyers listed

Areas of Specialization: Food Advertising, General Legal

**Hunton & Williams LLP**

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New York, NY 10166  
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info@hunton.com  
www.hunton.com

Description: Founded in 1901, Hunton & Williams has more than 800 attorneys practicing from 19 offices across the United States, Europe, and Asia. Lawyers in the Food Industry Regulatory Practice counsels and represents clients in all sectors of the food industry, from producers of agricultural commodities to companies manufacturing consumer products or operating restaurants.

The firms' Food and Drug practice consists of several attorneys formerly with the FDA's Office of the Chief Counsel, including a former FDA Chief Counsel, and regularly represents clients before the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Federal Trade Commission (FTC), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Areas of Specialization: Food Advertising, Food Labeling, Food Safety, General Legal

Size of Food and Drug Team: 14 lawyers listed

**Husch Blackwell**

Multiple offices  
www.huschblackwell.com

Description (from website): The Food Law practice focuses on the specific needs of producers, processors, distributors, and sellers in the highly regulated food industry. Its food clients are involved in food production from farm to table, planting to processing, and distribution.

Areas of Specialization: Food Safety, General Legal

Size of Food Law Team: 2 attorneys listed (1 partner, 1 associate) both located in St. Louis

**Hyman, Phelps & McNamara**

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Washington, DC 20005

Tel: (202) 737-5600

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[www.hymanphelps.com](http://www.hymanphelps.com)

Description: Largest dedicated food and drug law firm in the country.

Areas of Specialization: Biotechnology and GMOs, Food Advertising, General Legal

Membership: 38 attorneys listed (22 partners, 3 Senior Counsel, 3 Of Counsel, 10 associates)

**Jenner & Block**

Multiple offices

[www.jenner.com](http://www.jenner.com)

Description (from website): Has represented national food manufacturers against nationwide class actions and individual claims arising out of alleged food contamination following a national recall of multiple product lines. The firm also represents clients in connection with related regulatory and law enforcement investigations.

Areas of Specialization: Food Safety, General Legal

Size of Products Liability, Food Contamination Team: Currently 14 attorneys listed (both partners and associates) all located in Chicago

**Katten Muchin Rosenman**

Multiple offices

[www.kattenlaw.com](http://www.kattenlaw.com)

Description (from website): Offers a Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Group along with substantial patent, trademark, and copyright capabilities. The Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Group is a key component of the firm's Intellectual Property Practice and offers a strong chemical/pharmaceutical and technology base to support the full life cycles of pharmaceuticals, biotechnology drugs, cosmetics, medical devices, diagnostics, foods, dietary supplements, and other products regulated by the FDA. In addition to Intellectual Property Litigation, the full range of services includes litigation involving FDA and generic drug approval requirements.

Areas of Specialization: Biotechnology and GMOs, General Legal

Size of Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Practice Group: Currently 8 attorneys listed (both partners and associates) located in Chicago, New York, and Washington, DC

**Keller and Heckman**

Multiple offices

[www.khlaw.com](http://www.khlaw.com)

Description (from website): Offers global food and drug services to its clients. The firm's comprehensive and extensive food and drug practice is one of the largest in the world. It promotes, protects, and defends products made by the spectrum of industries regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the European Commission and Member States authorities in the European Union (EU), and similar authorities throughout the world. In addition, the firm has a very comprehensive practice in the regulation of packaging materials for food, drugs, and cosmetics and other food-contact articles.

In the U.S., Keller and Heckman has represented companies and trade associations before the FDA and Federal Trade Commission (FTC) for over 40 years in all areas of the food (including animal and pet food) industry and allied industries. Keller and Heckman also represented clients in the EU for several decades. Since 1992, with the opening of its Brussels office, the firm takes an even more active role in providing input and advising clients regarding changes that will affect the marketing of food, dietary supplement, cosmetic, drug, and device products in Europe as the EU moves towards harmonization.

Areas of Specialization: Food Advertising, Food Labeling, General Legal

Size of Team: Currently 40 attorneys listed (both partners and associates)

**King & Spalding LLP**

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Description (from website): Founded approximately 125 years ago, King & Spalding is an international law firm that represents a broad array of clients, including half of the Fortune Global 100, with 800 lawyers in 17 offices in the U.S., Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. King & Spalding's FDA and Life Sciences practice is highly regarded for its expertise in the healthcare and pharmaceutical sectors. Its members advise a range of clients from the food and beverage sector on regulatory issues, including labeling, product recalls, and food safety concerns.

Areas of Specialization: Food Labeling, Food Safety, General Legal

Size of FDA and Life Science Practice: 2 lawyers listed

**Marler Clark**

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[www.marlerclark.com](http://www.marlerclark.com)

Description (from website): Established in 1998 by the top food attorneys for the plaintiffs and defendants in the landmark litigation arising from the 1993 Jack in the Box E. coli outbreak. The firm has since represented thousands of victims of foodborne illness outbreaks across the country.

Marler Clark has litigated against huge corporations including Cargill, Dole, Wal-Mart, Wendy's, McDonald's, Nebraska Beef, Nestle, and Yum! Brands on behalf of clients injured in foodborne illness outbreaks traced back to the companies' food products.

Areas of Specialization: Food Safety, General Legal

**Mayer Brown**

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www.mayerbrown.com

Description (from website): A global law firm advising clients across the Americas, Europe, and Asia. Mayer Brown is particularly renowned for its Supreme Court and appellate, litigation, corporate and securities, finance, real estate, and tax practices. The firm has seven offices in Asia, six offices in Europe, and seven offices in the United States.

The food and beverage false advertising litigation group leverages the experience of more than 40 lawyers in the firm's Consumer Litigation and Class Actions practice, along with their Supreme Court and Appellate practices. The team advises on how to minimize exposure to future false advertising claims, and has successfully resolved class actions in federal and state courts across the country; government investigations and enforcement actions by the FTC, state attorneys general, and other federal and state regulators; and claims in arbitration and before the National Advertising Division of the Council of the Better Business Bureaus.

Areas of Specialization: Food Advertising, General Legal

Size of Food and Beverage Team: 7 lawyers listed

**MBV Law LLP**

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San Francisco, CA 94111  
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www.mbvlaw.com

Description (from website): Has served as business and litigation counsel to companies and entrepreneurs in the San Francisco Bay Area for over 25 years. MBV offers business judgment and specialized legal expertise in Corporate, Business, Architecture and Design, Labor and Employment, Real Estate, Food and Beverage, and Intellectual Property law, and Commercial Litigation.

The firm provides a full range of legal services to clients in the food and beverage and food service industries. Their lawyers have helped such companies raise millions of dollars in capital through private offerings of their stock, negotiate complex agreements for the production and distribution of their products, comply with applicable laws and regulations, protect their trademarks, trade secrets and other intellectual property, and sell select assets, operating divisions, or their entire enterprise.

Areas of Specialization: General Legal

Size of Food and Beverage Team: 2 lawyers listed

**McDermott Will & Emery LLP**

227 West Monroe Street  
Chicago, IL 60606  
Tel: (312) 372-2000  
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[www.mwe.com](http://www.mwe.com)

Description (from website): An international law firm with more than 1,000 lawyers. The firm has offices in Boston, Brussels, Chicago, Düsseldorf, Houston, London, Los Angeles, Miami, Milan, Munich, New York, Orange County, Paris, Rome, Seoul, Silicon Valley, and Washington, DC. It also has a strategic alliance with MWE China Law Offices in Shanghai.

Areas of Specialization: Biotechnology and GMOs, Food Labeling, Food Safety, General Legal, International, Trade

**McGuire Woods**

Multiple offices  
[www.mcguirewoods.com](http://www.mcguirewoods.com)

Description (from website): Recently created a new Food and Beverage Industry team in response to client needs. With the enactment of the Food Safety and Modernization Act in 2011, the food and beverage industry has experienced the most sweeping reform in recent decades. The team, which includes attorneys from several practice groups throughout the firm, will focus on representing clients that are facing the unique challenges of executing a successful business model; overcoming complex distribution and supply chain hurdles; and managing increased government oversight and the constant risk of costly litigation relating to food and product safety. See [www.mcguirewoods.com/industries/food.asp](http://www.mcguirewoods.com/industries/food.asp)

The Foodborne Illness Litigation Practice Group has developed a particular focus on litigating food safety issues--having advised companies on some of the largest and most prominent food recalls in U.S. history. The firm's national litigators have defended food manufacturers, suppliers, restaurants, and packaging entities in cases alleging food borne illness outbreaks caused by various pathogens.

Areas of Specialization: Food Safety, General Legal

Size of Food and Beverage Team: Currently 27 attorneys listed (both partners and associates) who are located in Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, London, Los Angeles, Norfolk, and Richmond



**McKenna Long & Aldridge**

Multiple locations  
www.mckennalong.com

Description (from website): Assist manufacturers of food ingredients in preparing and filing citizen petitions, comments on USDA and FDA proposals, food additive petitions, and generally recognized as safe (GRAS) affirmation petitions.

Areas of Specialization: Environment/Sustainability, Food Advertising, Food Labeling, Food Safety, General Legal

Size of Food Team: Currently 6 attorneys listed (all partners) located in Brussels, San Francisco, and Washington, DC.

**Nixon Peabody**

Multiple offices  
www.nixonpeabody.com

Description (from website): Represent food producers, food distributors, and consumer packaged goods companies in matters relating to compliance with FDA, USDA, CPSC, and FTC regulatory issues, “generally recognized as safe” (GRAS) determinations, product recalls, facility inspections, and government investigations. The firm’s clients are involved in the production, development, manufacture, and distribution of both conventional and medical foods in the U.S. and internationally, and include manufacturers of food products, functional foods or nutraceuticals, genetically modified foods, and dietary supplements.

Areas of Specialization: Food Safety, General Legal

Size of Food Safety Litigation and FDA Regulatory Teams: Food Safety Litigation - currently 19 attorneys listed (both partners and associates) located in Boston, Buffalo, New York, Long Island, Los Angeles, Rochester, San Francisco; FDA Regulatory - currently 7 attorneys listed (all partners)

**Olsson Frank Weeda Terman Matz**

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Washington, DC 20037  
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www.ofwlaw.com

Description: Whether companies under FDA or USDA jurisdiction are bringing a new product to market, responding to an agency enforcement action, improving or responding to food safety and drug safety practices and needs, or attempting to challenge a new regulatory initiative, businesses regulated by FDA or USDA must know how to navigate the regulatory process. They must also clearly understand the legislative process and how new legislation can impact their businesses. OFW attorneys are well situated to anticipate legislative initiatives before Congress, to communicate with clients about proposed changes, to lobby Congress on their behalf, and to work with federal agencies to ensure the fair and effective implementation of new legislation.

Areas of Specialization: Biotechnology and GMOs, Food Safety, General Legal, International

Size of Team: Currently 28 attorneys listed (only 1 associate)

**Patton Boggs**

Multiple offices

[www.pattonboggs.com](http://www.pattonboggs.com)

Description (from website): Provide sound, knowledgeable, and pragmatic advice aimed at one goal – to help the firm’s clients, whether multinational corporations or start-ups, achieve their business objectives in the face of complex state, national, and global regulatory regimes. The firm’s clients include traditional food, drug, biologics, device, and dietary supplement companies, as well as trade associations, multi-level marketing companies, advertising agencies, catalog companies, and Internet-based companies.

Areas of Specialization: General Legal

Food and Drug Team: 9 attorneys listed (partners and associates) located in Washington, DC.

**Perkins Coie**

Multiple offices

[www.perkinscoie.com](http://www.perkinscoie.com)

Description (from website): Serves as general outside counsel for many food and beverage clients, counseling them on all aspects of their businesses and acting as their trusted advisors. The firm’s clients include food and beverage retailers, grocers, food processors, agricultural businesses, manufacturers, restaurants, franchises, and those providing prepared meals, water, wine, and beer, along with food preparation, catering, and other related services.

Areas of Specialization: Food Advertising, General Legal

Size of Food and Beverage Team: Currently 14 attorneys listed (both partners and associates) located in Chicago, Los Angeles, Portland, and Seattle. Contact: Dori Brewer (Partner, Seattle)

**Pillsbury Withrop**

Multiple offices

[www.pillsburylaw.com](http://www.pillsburylaw.com)

Description: The Restaurant, Food and Beverage practice group provides counsel and representation to a wide range of national and regional restaurant chains, wineries, early-stage restaurant ventures, packaged food companies, importers, distilleries, licensors, manufacturing companies, and franchisors. Pillsbury’s Wine, Beer, and Spirits Law practice is nationally ranked by Chambers USA, a leading independent guide that interviews clients to compile its rankings.

Areas of Specialization: Food Labeling, General Legal

Size of Restaurant, Food and Beverage Team and Wine, Beer, and Spirits Team: Currently 49 attorneys listed (both partners and associates) who are located in New York, Northern Virginia, Sacramento, San Francisco, Washington, DC.

**Reed Smith LLP**

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Description: A global law firm, with more than 1,600 lawyers in 23 offices throughout the United States, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. The firm's FDA Counseling and Litigation Team counseling clients on a range of matters related to FDA-regulated products, including pharmaceuticals; medical devices; biological products; human cells, tissues, and cellular and tissue-based products; cosmetics; and foods, including dietary supplements, functional foods, medical foods, and infant formula. The team includes former high-level FDA regulators who have led agency efforts in key areas such as: prescription drug advertising and promotion policies, food safety and food labeling initiatives, and implementation of compliance and enforcement programs. The team also includes former federal prosecutors, one of who is a registered pharmacist, who are intimately familiar with FDA and DOJ investigations and enforcement matters.

Areas of Specialization: Food Advertising, Food Labeling, Food Safety, General Legal

Size of the FDA Counseling and Litigation Team: 10 lawyers listed

**Robinson & Cole LLP**

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www.rc.com

Description: With approximately 225 lawyers, Robinson & Cole has nine offices throughout the Northeast and Florida. Clients range from Fortune 500 to start-up companies, as well as nonprofit and government organizations. Robinson & Cole assists food and beverage manufacturers, retailers, distributors, restaurants, and associated industries in legal matters representing all stages of the life cycle of a company, from concept to market to ultimate sale of the company.

Areas of Specialization: Environment/Sustainability, General Legal, Public Health

Size of Food and Beverage Team: 24 lawyers

**Sheppard Mullin**

Multiple offices  
www.sheppardmullin.com

Description (from website): Sheppard Mullin's Agribusiness team counsels companies that grow, process and distribute food products. The firm advises clients throughout the production and distribution chain on all aspects of their operations: business and financial counseling, litigation and dispute resolution, regulation (including environmental and labor and employment matters), intellectual property protection, interstate transportation, and product labeling and distribution law, and public policy advocacy.

Areas of Specialization: Food Advertising, Food Labeling, General Legal, Trade

Size of Agribusiness Team: 3 attorneys listed (all partners) located in Los Angeles and San Francisco

### **Shook, Hardy & Bacon**

Multiple offices

[www.shb.com](http://www.shb.com)

Description (from website): The SHB Agribusiness and Food Safety Practice assists clients with complex litigation. The practice focuses on integrated issues management involving preventative measures, internal auditing, public relations strategies, and tort reform initiatives. It also provides expertise on corporate compliance, internal and external education programs, document retention and technology solutions, and crisis management.

Areas of Specialization: Environment/Sustainability, Food Safety, General Legal

Size of Team: Currently 30 attorneys listed (both partners and associates)

### **Shutts & Bowen**

Multiple offices

[www.shutts.com](http://www.shutts.com)

Description (from website): Serve restaurants ranging from fast food to fine dining. The firm also works with bars and vendors on a variety of legal issues that include financing, business law, liquor licensing, regulatory issues, trademarks, employment, litigation, construction, real estate, and land use.

Areas of Specialization: General Legal

Size of Team: Currently 15 attorneys listed (all partners) located in Fort Lauderdale, Miami, Orlando, and Tampa

### **Sidley Austin**

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[www.sidley.com](http://www.sidley.com)

Description (from website): A global law firm, with approximately 1,700 lawyers in 18 offices.

Sidley's Food, Drug, and Medical Device Regulatory lawyers represent major pharmaceutical, biotechnology, medical device, food (including dietary supplement), tobacco product, and cosmetics companies in the U.S., EU, and Asia. In the food arena, the group helps navigate regulatory pathways for medical foods, foods for special dietary use, conventional foods, dairy products, and dietary supplements, and has represented both major finished product and ingredient suppliers on a number of regulatory issues on three continents. Safety determinations for dietary supplements and foods are becoming an increasing part of their team's work. A number of their lawyers have worked at the FDA, USDA, FTC, and the European Medicines Agency in various senior positions. The group includes a former Acting FDA Chief Counsel, a former Special Assistant to the FDA Chief Counsel, former federal prosecutors—including one who was in charge of FDA's special prosecution task force—and a former member of the European Commission's Legal Service with responsibility for review of all food and drug related proposals.

Areas of Specialization: Biotechnology and GMOs, Food Safety, General Legal, International

Size of Food and Beverage Team: 33 lawyers listed

### **Steptoe & Johnson**

Multiple offices

[www.steptoel.com](http://www.steptoel.com)

Description (from website): Provides a broad range of international legal and regulatory services to support its clients in their production and marketing of finished food, food ingredients, food contact materials (including packaging materials), dietary supplements, drugs, and medical devices. The firm's multi-disciplinary team consists of highly specialized and experienced lawyers, former decision makers in the leading regulatory authorities, non-attorney regulatory specialists, and scientists who work with clients to develop innovative compliance strategies for individual products and product lines. Steptoe has well-established relationships with the relevant industry bodies and regulators, such as the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC), European Commission (EC), EU Member State authorities, European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), and equivalent authorities in other jurisdictions.

Areas of Specialization: Environment/Sustainability, Food Advertising, Food Labeling, General Legal, International

Membership: Currently 9 attorneys listed (both partners and associates) located in Brussels and Washington, DC.

### **Stoel Rives**

Multiple offices

[www.stoel.com](http://www.stoel.com)

Description (from website): Have worked for decades with food, beverage and hospitality clients on virtually every aspect of their business, including corporate, finance, intellectual property, regulatory compliance, marketing law, employment, and real estate. The firm also places high importance on its relationships with industry participants, including staffs at key regulatory agencies such as the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), as well as with industry groups such as the Food Alliance, the Nutritional Law Symposium, the Washington State Hotel and Lodging Association, and the Oregon Wine Growers Association.

Areas of Specialization: General Legal, International

Size of Agribusiness Team: Currently 15 attorneys listed (both partners and associates) located in Boise, Minneapolis, Portland, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Seattle

**Sutherland**

Multiple offices  
www.sutherland.com

Description: Has an active practice in food and drug regulatory law. The firm's clients in the field include both domestic and multinational manufacturers of products regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, such as pharmaceuticals, over-the-counter medications, medical devices, cosmetics, paperboard and plastic food packaging materials, animal feed additives, and substances used in food processing. The firm also represents manufacturers of controlled substances in both administrative and court proceedings involving the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Areas of Specialization: General Legal, International

Size of Food and Drug Team: Currently 8 attorneys listed (in broader Healthcare group) (both partners and associates) located in Atlanta and Washington, DC.

**Venable**

Multiple offices  
www.venable.com

Description (from website): With decades of FDA and marketplace experience, the firm helps clients at every step of the product life cycle—from product development and regulatory approval/clearance to advertising, marketing, and distribution. Venable also provides services related to trade secrets, patents, trademarks, and copyrights. Venable attorneys structure and negotiate licenses, research contracts and technology transfer agreements.

Areas of Specialization: Food Advertising, Food Labeling, General Legal

Size of Team: Currently 21 attorneys listed (both partners and associates) almost all located in Washington, DC (one in New York, one in Baltimore).

**Winston & Strawn LLP**

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of food, beverage, and agriculture companies in a variety of corporate transactions, particularly in mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance, and restructuring and insolvency matters. The firm has also successfully litigated major cases for clients in this sector in disputes related to intellectual property and advertising, labor and employment, antitrust, and product liability matters.

Areas of Specialization: Food Advertising, General Legal

Size of Food and Beverage Team: 43 lawyers listed

## section seven: food listservs

This section includes a group of listservs that may help to link attorneys with various food policy institutions and organizations that are working to improve the food system and that may help you identify other targeted opportunities.

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### **Association for the Study of Food and Society (ASFS)**

The Listserv is a communications forum created and designed for the membership of the Association for the Study of Food and Society (ASFS) to discuss issues and share news related to food and society. See [www.food-culture.org/listserv.php](http://www.food-culture.org/listserv.php)

### **CDC Public Health Law News**

The CDC Public Health Law News is a monthly e-mail digest of current, worldwide news stories, court opinions, announcements, and special features related to public health law and legislation. The News is free and available to anyone with an interest in public health law. See [www2a.cdc.gov/phlp/CDCPHLN/](http://www2a.cdc.gov/phlp/CDCPHLN/)

### **COMFOOD**

COMFOOD is an email list created to link individuals and organizations involved with or interested in community food security (CFS). See [www.foodsecurity.org/list.html](http://www.foodsecurity.org/list.html)

### **Community Food Security Coalition (CFSC) Food Policy Council Listserv**

The Food Policy Council Listserv is managed by the CFSC's Food Policy Council Program. This list will facilitate discussion and resource sharing between local and statewide Council coordinators and members from around North America. The FPC Program at CFSC is designed to support the development of current and emerging Food Policy Councils, and to help them link with and build markets for small farmers. To subscribe, contact (505) 983-3047

### **Food Planning Listserv**

The Food Planning Listserv is designed to connect urban planning academics and practitioners who are interested in examining connections between urban planning and policy and the food system. See [www.mailman1.u.washington.edu/mailman/listinfo/foodplanning](http://www.mailman1.u.washington.edu/mailman/listinfo/foodplanning)

### **Immigrant Farming Listserv**

The Immigrant Farming Listserv is designed to provide news and updates from [ImmigrantFarming.org](http://ImmigrantFarming.org) and the National Immigrant Farming Initiative. See [www.immigrantfarming.org/index.php?page=Listserve](http://www.immigrantfarming.org/index.php?page=Listserve)

### **University of Arkansas Food and Agriculture Law LLM Program Listserv**

The University of Arkansas Food and Ag. Law LLM Program Listserv is designed to serve as an employment resource for prospective graduates of the program, but is accessible and free for the public to access. From Public Health Law to Nutrition Policy positions, among various other job opportunities, see <http://agfoodlawjobs.blogspot.com/>