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 and policy

Despite food’s central role in our lives, it did not garner much attention from law and policy quarters until somewhat 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 topics such as regulatory compliance, intellectual property, and trade. However, the growth of our food system has also produced new problems that can 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 sampling of the diverse array of choices, from traditional legal jobs to research, advocacy, or policy-making positions 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, trade, environmental justice, and human rights. This career 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 taking a stand against hunger; and law firms that have mastered the business of food and agriculture 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 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 because 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!
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 opportunities included in the guide, you should be able to use these terms as starting points to begin reaching out to the right organizations.

Areas of Specialization

Agriculture/Agricultural Law  Food Systems
Animal Welfare  General Legal
Biotechnology and GMOs  Hunger/Food Security
Community Development  International
Disaster Relief  Labor
Economics  Land Use/Conservation
Education  Legal Advocacy/Litigation
Environment/Sustainability  Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease
Finance/Microfinance  Policy
Food Advertising  Public Health
Food Justice  Research
Food Labeling  Rural Issues
Food Marketing  School Food
Food Safety  Trade
Food Studies  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 systems provides a wide range of opportunities in the field, ranging from food law and policy, to food science, sustainable agriculture, anthropology, and marketing. Because 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**  
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Bloomington, IN 47405  
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http://www.indiana.edu/~anthro/grad/foodStudies/index.shtml

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, Food Systems, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease

Employment: Including professional vacancies and Postdoctoral Fellowship in Food Studies, see http://www.indiana.edu/~anthro/about/job.shtml.
Center for Agriculture and Food Systems (CAFS)
Vermont Law School
164 Chelsea Street, PO Box 96
South Royalton, VT 05068
Tel: (802) 831-1230
http://www.vermontlaw.edu/Academics/Environmental_Law_Center/Institutes_and_Initiatives/About.htm

Description (from website): The Center for Agriculture and Food Systems (CAFS) has a dual mission: to develop the next generation of sustainable food and agriculture law and policy leaders while providing legal and policy resources and solutions for citizens to build and support such systems. CAFS’ approach to progressing sustainable agriculture and food systems is systems-based, as their name implies. CAFS believes that in order to truly foster sustainable agriculture and food, we need to understand the connections these systems have to the environment, energy, human and animal health, labor, and climate change. CAFS and VLS offer an expanding curriculum in food and agriculture for law and policy students. In addition, CAFS supports scholars and practitioners in producing practical, robust scholarship for use by the food and agriculture community. CAFS also offers training and legal tools to help build sustainable local and regional food systems.

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

Employment: Including two-year LLM fellowship, see www.vermontlaw.edu/About_VLS/Employment_at_VLS.htm and http://www.vermontlaw.edu/Admissions/Tuition_and_Financial_Aid/Fellowships/Center_for_Agriculture_and_Food_Systems_LLM_Fellowship.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
foodsecurity.stanford.edu

Description (from website): Stanford University’s Center on Food Security and the Environment (FSE), a joint program between the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies (FSI) and the Woods Institute for the Environment (Woods), addresses critical global issues of hunger, poverty and environmental degradation by generating vital knowledge and policy-relevant solutions. FSE accomplishes this mission through a focused research portfolio, teaching program, and direct science and policy advising. 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. FSE is currently engaged in over 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 international agricultural research centers (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: Economics, Environment/Sustainability, Hunger/Food Security, International, Rural Issues, Trade

Courses: See 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
www.jhsph.edu/research/centers-and-institutes/center-for-law-and-the-publics-health/

Johns Hopkins
Bloomberg School of Public Health
615 N. Wolfe Street
Baltimore, MD 21205
www.jhsph.edu

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

Description (from website): The Centers for Law and the Public’s Health seek to: (i) serve as a primary resource on public health law for public health practitioners, lawyers, legislators, policy-makers, advocates, and the public; (ii) improve understanding about how the law affects the prevention of disease and injury through research, education, training, collaboration, and dissemination of information; and (iii) promote 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: Policy, Public Health, Research

Courses: See www.publichealthlaw.net/Courses/PublicHealthLaw.php.

Center for a Livable Future (CLF)
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clf@jhsph.edu
www.jhsph.edu/clf

Description (from website): The mission of the Center for a Livable Future (CLF) is to promote research and to develop and communicate 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 supports and conducts interdisciplinary research through collaboration with experts in a variety of fields; educates and trains students and professionals through doctoral fellowships, graduate courses and curricula; generates resource materials and providing technical expertise for policy, advocacy, and outreach initiatives; and partners with organizations that complement CLF’s resources and expertise in order to improve our food system overall and strengthen local and regional capacity.

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


**Center for Regional Food Systems**
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CRFS@anr.msu.edu
foodsystems.msu.edu

Description (from website): The mission of the Center for Regional Food Systems (CRFS) is to engage the people of Michigan, the United States and the world in applied research, education and outreach to develop regionally integrated, sustainable food systems. CRFS partners with stakeholders across Michigan to advance the goals of the Michigan Good Food Charter and works to educate new generations to lead regional food systems research and practice.

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

**Department of Food Science**
**Purdue University**
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Description (from website): The Department of Food Science is committed to impacting the world food system and quality of life by educating and training undergraduate and graduate students for careers in industry, government, and academia. Their mission is to expand and transfer knowledge for continuous improvement of the safety, quality, value, and security of the world's food supply through basic research and outreach programs. Department facilities include excellent research laboratories, as well as specialized facilities such as the sensory evaluation laboratory, pilot scale-manufacturing plant, student product development and innovation laboratory, and enology library for us to engage with the food and beverage industry and government partners.

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


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

**Department of Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies (CARRS)**
**Michigan State University**
131 Natural Resources Building
East Lansing MI 48824
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www.carrs.msu.edu

Description (from website): The Department of Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies (CARRS) addresses critical issues at the interfaces of agriculture, natural resources, recreation, and communities. CARRS' mission is to assist the development of sustainable communities by conducting excellent scholarly research, teaching and outreach in the following areas: (1) education and civic engagement; (2) community, food, and agriculture; (3) natural resources and environment; and (4) recreation and tourism systems.

Areas of Specialization: Food Systems, Environment/Sustainability, Community Development

Employment: For undergraduate internships, see http://www.carrs.msu.edu/programs/internships.php, and graduate fellowships, see http://www.carrs.msu.edu/programs/fellowships.php.

Courses: See www.carrs.msu.edu/courses/index.php.

**Drake Agricultural Law Center**
**Drake University Law School**
2621 Carpenter Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50311
Tel: (515) 271-2824
www.law.drake.edu/academics/agLaw

Description (from website): The Drake Agricultural Law Center 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.

Food and Brand Lab
Cornell University
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www.foodpsychology.cornell.edu

Description (from website): The Food and Brand Lab is 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, Food Marketing, 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.

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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 initially focused much of its work in the Mississippi Delta region, but has since expanded with projects in Massachusetts, Arkansas, Tennessee, as well as other regions and communities. The Clinic uses
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/.

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University of Connecticut
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Storrs, CT 06269
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Fax: (860) 486-2461
FMPC@uconn.edu
www.fmpc.uconn.edu

Description (from website): The Food Marketing Policy Center 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: Food Marketing, Economics, 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
www.newschool.edu/continuing-education/food-studies

Description (from website): The Food Studies Program at the New School draws on a range of disciplines to explore the connections between food and the environment, politics, history, and culture. Their 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 New School for Public Engagement offers full-term undergraduate-continuing education courses in culinary history, food policy, food business, food and health, and food and culture. They also offers short courses and one-day workshops for working and aspiring food professionals. Throughout the year, they host lectures, panel discussions, and readings open to the public. Food Studies undergraduate courses can be taken as part of a School of Undergraduate Studies bachelor's degree program, a program for working people and other nontraditional students.

Areas of Specialization: Food Studies, Food Systems
Employment: Including part- and full-time faculty positions, see careers.newschool.edu/.

**Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy**  
**Tufts University**  
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Boston, MA 02111  
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Fax (Office of Admissions): (617) 636-3600  
nutritionadmissions@tufts.edu  
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.

Employment: Including faculty positions, see www.nutrition.tufts.edu/about/jobs-at-friedman.

**Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture**  
**Iowa State University**  
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Ames, IA 50011  
Tel: (515) 294-3711  
Fax: (515) 294-9696  
leocenter@iastate.edu  
www.leopold.iastate.edu

Description (from website): The Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture is 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 Center's work is focused in these initiatives: ecological systems research, marketing and food systems research, policy research, and cross-cutting research that bridges all areas (water, energy, soil and alternative farming systems).

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Food Systems, Food Marketing, Environment/Sustainability, Research
**LL.M. Program in Agricultural and Food Law**  
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www.agfoodllm.com/

Description (from website): The LL.M. Program in Agricultural and Food Law is the only advanced legal degree program in agricultural and food law in the United States. 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. Alumni of the LL.M. program currently work in 40 different states and 17 foreign countries, serving as leaders in private practice, government, agribusiness, public policy, and academia.

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

Courses: See law.uark.edu/academics/llm.

LL.M. Admissions Process: See law.uark.edu/academics/llm/llm-admission-process.

**New Jersey Institute for Food, Nutrition, and Health**  
*Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey*  
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New Brunswick, NJ 08901-8520  
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Fax: (732) 932-8690  
director@IFNH.rutgers.edu  
http://ifnh.rutgers.edu/index.html

Description (from website): The New Jersey Institute for Food, Nutrition and Health (IFNH) will build on Rutgers’ extensive and pioneering work in the fields of agriculture, food science, nutrition science, and human health. The institute, one of the signature initiatives of the university, will focus on society’s pressing challenges in cardio-inflammatory disease, cancer, and obesity. IFNH draws on the strengths of the entire university as it physically co-locates with other university centers and strategically aligns the diverse competencies and deep capacity of Rutgers to address society’s major unmet needs. In addition to science-based research, IFNH will also provide a think tank of experts for the development of "evidence-based" nutrition policy that is integral to our nation's health economic strategy. IFNH is a new institute and the building which will house IFNH is anticipated to be completed in 2014. Recruitment of the Institute’s leadership team, new faculty, and advisory boards are proceeding in parallel with the construction of the building.

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

New York City Food Policy Center at Hunter College
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New York, NY 10035
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Sphinfo@hunter.cuny.edu
http://www.cuny.edu/site/sph/research/centers-institutes.html
http://www.cuny.edu/site/sph/hunter-college.html

Description (from website): New York City Food Policy Center at Hunter College seeks to contribute to the creation of policies that improve New York City's food environments to reduce food-related health, social, and environmental problems. To realize its goals, the NYC Food Policy Center at Hunter College seeks to create public-private partnerships for improved food environments in New York City. In this capacity, the NYC Food Policy Center at Hunter College proposes to work with City Harvest, a food rescue and distribution organization dedicated to ending hunger in New York City, on several research initiatives regarding City Harvest's nutrition education programs.

Areas of Specialization: Food Systems, Hunger/Food Security, Policy, Public Health, Research

NYU Steinhardt School of Culture, Education and Human Development
Department of Nutrition, Food Studies, and Public Health
411 Lafayette Street, 5th Floor
New York, NY 10003
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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
Employment: For internship opportunities, see www.steinhardt.nyu.edu/nutrition/internships.

Public Health Advocacy Institute  
Northeastern School of Law  
360 Huntington Avenue, Suite 117CU  
Boston, MA 02115-0000  
Tel: (617) 373-2026  
Fax: (617) 373-3672  
moreinfo@phaionline.org  
http://www.phaionline.org/  
http://www.northeastern.edu/law/academics/institutes/phai.html  

Description (from website): The Public Health Advocacy Institute (PHAI) is a legal research center focused on public health law. Its goal is to support and enhance a commitment to public health in individuals and institutes who shape public policy through law. Our current areas of work include tobacco control and childhood obesity.

The Law and Obesity Project explores the use of the law in slowing obesity and reversing the epidemic of obesity-related diseases. The project examines the use of litigation, legislation, regulation, and other legal tools in conjunction with public health practitioners and policymakers. PHAI publishes widely in the area, works with policymakers and advocates, and hosts the annual Legal Approaches to the Obesity Epidemic conference.

Areas of Specialization: Legal Advocacy/Litigation, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, Policy, Public Health, Research

Employment: Contact PHAI directly for employment, independent study, co-op, and other internship opportunities.

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http://publichealthlawcenter.org/  

Description (from website): The Public Health Law Center (PHLC) is a national non-profit organization of law and policy specialists that help health leaders, officials, and advocates use the law to advance public health. Founded in 2000, PHLC is a preeminent authority in U.S. public health policy and a respected legal resource for dozens of local, state, national and international health organizations. PHLC creates and makes available an abundance of information and resources related to healthy eating and active living.

Areas of Specialization: Legal Advocacy/Litigation, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, Policy, Public Health, Research
Resnick Program for Food Law and Policy  
UCLA School of Law  
Box 951476  
Los Angeles, CA 90095-1476

Description (from website): Announced in 2013, the newly-established Resnick Program for Food Law and Policy will explore ways to hasten improvements in the modern food system. In addressing questions of food safety, distribution and access, the Program will focus on reforming food law and policy for the benefit of the consumer. The Program is designed to bring policy analysis, research, and educational opportunities in food law and policy to UCLA, the broader community of Southern California, the nation and the world.

Through the publication and dissemination of policy briefs and position papers, the program will play a crucial role in shaping the policy-making process. A research agenda will evaluate food law and policy initiatives using measurable outcomes, such as changes in consumer awareness of food and health issues, changes in eating patterns and changes in health outcomes. The program will also feature an educational component with conferences, classes, workshops and scholarly publications to foster future leaders in the food law and policy arena.

Associated with the Program is a full-time, year-round, one academic-year Fellowship position. The position involves law teaching, legal and policy research and writing, preparing to go on the law teaching market, and assisting with organizing projects such as conferences and workshops. There is no degree offered as part of the Fellowship program.

Areas of Specialization: Education, Food Marketing, Food Safety, Policy, Public Health, Research

Employment: Fellowship applications may be sent to Edna Sasis, Office of the Dean, sasis@law.ucla.edu.

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www.yaleruddcenter.org

Description (from website): The Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity is 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.

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Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
3 Rutgers Plaza
New Brunswick, NJ 08901-8559
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Fax: (732) 932-9544
foodpolicy@njaes.rutgers.edu
http://foodpolicyinstitute.rutgers.edu/

Description (from website): The Food Policy Institute (FPI) is an academic research unit of Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. Founded in 1999, with the generous support of the Kellogg Foundation, Cook College and NJAES, FPI is the product of a collective vision of leaders from the food industry, government, consumer groups and university researchers. Our mission is to bring the depth of academia's knowledge to bear on pressing issues and challenges facing the food system by providing timely and relevant research that is responsive to the needs of government, industry and the consumer.

Areas of Specialization: Economics, Food Systems, Policy, Research

Employment: See http://foodpolicyinstitute.rutgers.edu/.

Urban Food, Farm & Agricultural Law Clinic
Michigan State University College of Law
610 Abbot Rd.
East Lansing, MI 48823
Tel: (517) 336-8088
http://www.law.msu.edu/clinics/food/index.html

Description (from website): The Urban Food, Farm & Agriculture Law Practicum, administered as part of Michigan State University College of Law's Legal Clinic, is a multifaceted law school course committed to providing sophisticated counseling and transactional services to nonprofit entities or low-income persons developing or working in various phases of urban agriculture, primarily in Detroit, Michigan. The Practicum addresses a full range of urban agriculture law issues, and not only provides direct assistance to others, but also engages in research, policy development, educational outreachs, and public programming. Enrolled law students are dedicated to obtaining the best possible outcomes for their assigned work, which occurs under the supervision of experienced legal professionals and faculty. Students work closely or partner with other participants in Detroit's urban agriculture setting to delineate, analyze, and resolve legal issues surrounding planned agricultural initiatives, as well as to ensure the development of accessible and wholesome food markets that will enhance the health of Detroit residents.

Among the types of legal matters the Practicum may address are: evaluating the language of current state legislation and municipal ordinances and their impact on urban agriculture endeavors; assisting those who wish to use urban land for agricultural purposes with environmental concerns; and,
consulting with nonprofit entities working in the urban agriculture area about their legal needs and drafting legal documents as required.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Food Systems, Food Labeling, General Legal, Research, Urban Issues

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www.law.howard.edu/worldfoodlaw/index.html

Description (from website): The World Food Law Institute 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 or serve a more traditional legal role as legal counsel 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, but not limited to, the Food and Nutrition Service) and the Department of Health and Human Services (which houses 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, many government agencies offer employment opportunities in food policy. State agencies have different names across states, but the main players in food policy generally include: 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!).

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

Description (from website): The Office of the General Counsel (OGC) is 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: For regional office locations and contact information, see www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=OGC.

**USDA: Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)**
1400 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20250
www.ams.usda.gov/AMSv1.0/

Description (from website): The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) administers programs that facilitate the efficient, fair marketing of U.S. agricultural products, including food, fiber, and specialty crops. AMS provides standardization, grading, and market news services for those commodities. Through its commodity programs, AMS also oversees marketing agreements and orders, administers research and promotion programs, and purchases commodities for federal food programs.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Trade

Employment: Jobs are posted on 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

Internships: For student job opportunities, including student internships, see www.ams.usda.gov/AMSv1.0/studentopportunities.

**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/

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


**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/

Description: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) 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: For job postings and student programs, see www.aphis.usda.gov/career_opportunities/.

**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

Description (from website): The Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion (CNPP) 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 helps define and coordinate nutrition education policy within USDA and 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

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

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


USDA: Farm Service Agency (FSA)
Public Affairs Staff
1400 Independence Ave., S.W.
STOP 0506
Washington, DC 20250
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

Description: The USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) 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

Description: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is the public health agency within 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


**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/

Description (from website): The USDA’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) 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.

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/

Description (from website): The National Institute of Food and Agriculture’s (NIFA) 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 itself does not perform research, education, and extension but rather helps fund these activities at the state and local level and provides program leadership in these areas.
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; and revitalizing rural American communities.

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

Employment: For job openings, see www.csrees.usda.gov/about/jobs_vacancy.html; for information on student and summer employment, see www.csrees.usda.gov/about/jobs_summer.html; further information on employment, including international assignments and land-grant institution jobs, can be found at 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

Description (from website): The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) was 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, such as 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


USDA: Office of Congressional Relations (OCR)
1400 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20250
Tel: (202) 720-7095
Fax: (202) 720-8077

Description (from website): The Office of Congressional Relations (OCR) 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

USDA: Office of Tribal Relations (OTR)
Room 500A, Whitten Building
1400 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20250
Tel: (202) 205-2249

Description (from website): The Office of Tribal Relations (OTR) is located within the Office of the Secretary, and 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 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


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/

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


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

Description (from website): Rural Development’s (RD) 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.
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

Description (from website): The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) 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

Description (from website): Through the Child and Adult Care Food Program (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

Description (from website): FNS’s Disaster Assistance 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: FNS’s Food Distribution Programs strengthen 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.

Areas of Specialization: Hunger/Food Security, School Food

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

USDA/FNS: Child Nutrition Programs (school meals)
FNS Headquarters
3101 Park Center Drive
Alexandria, VA 22302
www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/

Description: FNS’s Child Nutrition Programs provide meals and snacks to the nation’s children through the National School Lunch Program, the School Breakfast Program, the Special Milk Program, and the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program.

Areas of Specialization: Education, Hunger/Food Security, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, School Food
USDA/FNS: Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)
FNS Headquarters
3101 Park Center Drive
Alexandria, VA 22302
www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/summer/

Description (from website): The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) was established to ensure that low-income children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is not in session. SFSP provides free meals that meet federal nutrition guidelines to all children 18 years old and under at approved SFSP sites in areas with significant concentrations of low-income children.

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/

Description (from website): FNS’s Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as the Food Stamp Program, offers nutrition assistance to millions of eligible, low-income individuals and families and provides economic benefits to communities. FNS works with State agencies, nutrition educators, and neighborhood and faith-based organizations to ensure that those eligible for nutrition assistance can make informed decisions about applying for the program and can access benefits. FNS also works with State partners and the retail community to improve program administration and ensure program the integrity.

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

Employment: See 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/

Description (from website): The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program provides food, nutrition counseling, and access to health services to low-income women, infants, and children. 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.

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.

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

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20201
Tel: (877) 696-6775
www.hhs.gov

Description (from website): HHS is the federal 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. HHS’s programs are administered by eleven 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.

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


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/

Description: The Office of the General Counsel (OGC), the legal team for 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.

With 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: For information about where to apply for full-time employment and summer internships see 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
www.cdc.gov

Description: The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is 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

Employment: For information on fellowships, internships, and career opportunities see 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/

Description: The National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP) is located 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: See 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  
www2.cdc.gov/phlp/
Description (from website): The CDC Director established the Public Health Law Program (PHLP) 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 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: Contact cdcinfo@cdc.gov.

HHS: Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
10903 New Hampshire Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20993
Tel: (888) 463-6332
www.fda.gov

Description (from website): The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is 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.
Other Federal Agencies

**Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**
Ariel Rios Building  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20460  
Tel: (202) 272-0167  
www.epa.gov

Description: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is 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: For information on career and internship opportunities, see www.epa.gov/jobs; for contact information for the EPA Office of General Counsel and Offices of Regional Counsel, see www.epa.gov/ogc/contactus.htm.

**Federal Trade Commission (FTC)**
600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20580  
Tel: (202) 326-2222  
www.ftc.gov

Description (from website): The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is 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. 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.

**U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)**
Ronald Reagan Building  
Washington, DC 20523  
Tel: (202) 712-4810  
Fax: (202) 216-3524  
www.usaid.gov
Description (from website): The U.S. Agency for International Development (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/.

U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20230
Tel: (202) 482-2000
www.commerce.gov

Description (from website): The U.S. Department of Commerce 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 the public safety and security but also oceans, coasts, and marine life while assisting with their economic development.

Areas of Specialization: General Legal, Trade

Employment: Career opportunity information can be found at www.commerce.gov/about-commerce/careers; Employment opportunities in the Office of General Counsel can be found at 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/
Description: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is 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.

Areas of Specialization: Environment/Sustainability


U.S. Department of State (DoS)

2201 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20520
Tel: (202) 647-4000
www.state.gov

Description: Responsible for international relations, the Department of State (DoS) 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.

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; for information on careers and summer internships in the Office of the Legal Adviser, see www.state.gov/s/l/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

Description (from website): The Office of Global Food Security is 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.

Areas of Specialization: Environment/Sustainability, Hunger/Food Security, International
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 couple examples follow to help guide your search.

Massachusetts Food Policy Council (MFPC)
c/o Department of Agricultural Resources
251 Causeway Street, Suite 500
Boston, MA 02114
Tel: (617) 626-1753
www.mass.gov/agr/boards-commissions/mfpc.htm

Description: The purpose of the Massachusetts Food Policy Council (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: The New York State Task Force on Food, Farm, and Nutrition Policy 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.
Member List: www.assembly.state.ny.us/comm/?sec=mem&id=62.

Other Food-Related Agencies

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 agriculture departments work to promote in-state agriculture through technical assistance, conservation, and support programs. Departments of agriculture 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 the Food Stamp Program) is often 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

All states have 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.
- 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. Senate: track current bills at www.senate.gov/pagelayout/legislative/g_three_sections_with_teasers/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. Generally, 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, they might coordinate grassroots organizing efforts to unite various food system stakeholders to create a more sustainable and accessible food system. They may also disseminate nutrition and health information 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 this guide generally lists larger nonprofit organizations with a national or regional focus area, but there are many smaller nonprofit organizations that are not included. In your internship/career search, you should go beyond this list and investigate nonprofit organizations operating within the specific fields and geographic areas of interest to you.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Farmland Trust (AFT)
1200 18th Street NW
Suite 800
Washington, D.C. 20036
Tel: (202) 331-7300
Fax: (202) 659-8339
info@farmland.org

Description (from website): American Farmland Trust (AFT) is the only national conservation organization dedicated to protecting farmland, promoting sound farming practices, and keeping farmers on the land. AFT is committed to protecting the nation’s farm and ranch land, keeping it healthy and improving the economic viability of agriculture. AFT’s staff of farmers, policy experts, researchers and scientists knows the issues from the ground up — how communities can be strengthened by protecting farmland and supporting local farmers, and how farmers and ranchers can best be engaged to conserve the land and protect our natural resources. AFT works with federal, state, and local leaders and communities to develop legislation, implement policies, and execute programs that keep farmers on their land and protect our environment.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture and Agricultural Law, Environment/Sustainability, Land Use/Conservation, Policy
Employment: Including permanent positions and internships, see www.farmland.org/about/careers/default.asp.

**American Planners Association**
205 N. Michigan Ave, Suite 1200
Chicago, IL 60601
Tel: (312) 431-9100
Fax: (312) 786-6700

1030 15th St., NW
Suite 750 West
Washington, DC 20005-1503
Tel: (202) 872-0611
Fax: (202) 872-0643

www.planning.org

Description (from website): The American Planning Association is an independent, not-for-profit educational organization that provides leadership in the development of vital communities by advocating excellence in community planning, promoting education and citizen empowerment, and providing the tools and support necessary to meet the challenges of growth and change.

Areas of Specialization: Urban Issues, Sustainability


**Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF)**
National Headquarters
170 East Cotati Avenue
Cotati, CA 94931
Tel: (707) 795-2533
Fax: (707) 795-7280
info@aldf.org
http://aldf.org/

Description (from website): For more than three decades, the Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF) has been fighting to protect the lives and advance the interests of animals through the legal system. Founded in 1979 by attorneys active in shaping the emerging field of animal law, ALDF has blazed the trail for stronger enforcement of anti-cruelty laws and more humane treatment of animals in every corner of American life. Today, ALDF’s groundbreaking efforts to push the U.S. legal system to end the suffering of abused animals are supported by thousands of dedicated attorneys and more than 100,000 members. Much of the ALDF’s work is devoted to farm animal welfare and combating factory farming practices. Along with PETA, the ALDF filed a historic lawsuit in 2013 challenging the constitutionality of Ag Gag laws.

Areas of Specialization: Animal Welfare, Legal Advocacy/Litigation, Policy

Animal Welfare Approved (AWA)
1007 Queen Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
Tel: (202) 546-5292 (5AWA)
Fax: (202) 446-2151
info@animalwelfareapproved.org
http://www.animalwelfareapproved.org/

Description (from website): Animal Welfare Approved (AWA) is a food label for meat and dairy products that come from farm animals raised to the highest animal welfare and environmental standards. The program was founded in 2006 as a market-based solution to the growing consumer demand for meat, eggs and dairy products from animals treated with high welfare and managed with the environment in mind. AWA audits, certifies, and supports independent family farmers raising their animals according to the highest animal welfare standards, outdoors on pasture or range. Called a "badge of honor for farmers" and the "gold standard," AWA has come to be the most highly regarded food label when it comes to animal welfare, pasture-based farming, and sustainability.

Areas of Specialization: Animal Welfare, Food Labeling, Research, Policy

Employment: See http://www.animalwelfareapproved.org/about/employment/.

Animal Welfare Institute (AWI)
900 Pennsylvania Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20003
Tel: (202) 337-2332
Fax: (202) 446-2131
awi@awionline.org
http://www.awionline.org

Description (from website): Since its founding in 1951, the Animal Welfare Institute (AWI) has sought to alleviate the suffering inflicted on animals by people. In the organization's early years, AWI's particular emphasis was on the desperate needs of animals used for experimentation. In the decades that followed, AWI expanded the scope of its work to address many other areas of animal suffering. Today, one of their greatest areas of emphasis is cruel animal factories, which raise and slaughter pigs, cows, chickens and other animals.

AWI's Government Affairs division provides information to Members of Congress and their staffs. AWI sends action alerts to individuals and organizations interested in animal protective legislation, informing them of ways in which they may help - often by writing to Members of Congress or other government officials and to the editors of newspapers.

AWI also engages in precedent-setting litigation on behalf of animals in state and federal courts across the country, and most recently has been involved in nationally recognized cases to promote the welfare of horses, elephants, bats and marine mammals. Starting with the staff at their Washington, D.C. headquarters and working alongside high-caliber outside counsel - including skilled and dedicated pro bono attorneys - AWI has achieved tremendous victories for animals in the courtroom. In addition to litigating to protect animals, AWI works to promote the enforcement and strengthening of both state and federal animal protection laws, including but not limited to the Animal Welfare Act, Endangered Species Act, Humane Slaughter Act, Horse Protection Act, Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, and Shark Conservation Act, as well as state anti-cruelty laws.
Areas of Specialization: Animal Welfare, Legal Advocacy/Litigation

Employment: See https://awionline.org/content/job-openingsinternships-awi.

**CANFIT (Communities - Adolescents - Nutrition - Fitness)**
2140 Shattuck Avenue, Suite 610
Berkeley, CA 94704
Tel: (510) 644-1533
Fax: (510) 644-1535
info@canfit.org
www.canfit.org

Description (from website): CANFIT is 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: See http://canfit.org/about/jobs/.

**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

303 Sacramento St., 2nd floor
San Francisco, CA 94111
Tel: (415) 826-2770
Fax: (415) 826-0507

917 SW Oak Street, Suite 300
Portland, OR 97205
Tel: (971) 271-7372
Fax: (971) 271-7374

Description (from website): The Center for Food Safety (CFS) is a national non-profit public interest and environmental advocacy organization working to protect human health and the environment by curbing the use of harmful food production technologies and by promoting organic and other forms of sustainable agriculture. CFS uses legal actions, groundbreaking scientific and policy reports, books and other educational materials, market pressure and grass roots campaigns through our True Food Network. CFS's successful legal cases collectively represent a landmark body of case law on food and agricultural issues.
Areas of Specialization: Biotechnology and GMOs, Environment/Sustainability, Food Advertising, Food Labeling, Food Safety, Public Health

Employment: See www.centerforfoodsafety.org/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

Description (from website): The Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI) is 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: Food Marketing, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, Policy, Public Health, Research, School Food

Employment: See www.cspinet.org/about/jobs.

**ChangeLab Solutions (formerly Public Health Law and Policy)**
2201 Broadway, Suite 502
Oakland, CA 94612
Tel: (510) 302-3380
www.phlpnet.org

Description: ChangeLab Solutions (formerly Public Health Law and Policy) believes achieving the common good means everyone has nourishing food, safe places to live and play, opportunities to bike, walk or take transit, fresh water, and clean air, both indoors and out. ChangeLab provides community-based solutions for American’s most common and preventable diseases like cancer, heart disease, diabetes, obesity, and asthma. Their solutions promote the common good by making healthy choices easier for everyone. ChangeLab works with neighborhoods, cities, and states to transform communities with laws and policies that create lasting change by providing legal and policy guidance on public health issues. 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. Change Lab’s Childhood Obesity division focuses on policies that help bring healthy foods to all communities.

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

Consumers Union
Consumer Reports
101 Truman Avenue
Yonkers, NY 10703-1057
Tel: (914) 378-2000
http://consumersunion.org/topic/safety/

Description (from website): Consumer Reports (CR) is an expert, independent, nonprofit organization whose mission is to work for a fair, just, and safe marketplace for all consumers and to empower consumers to protect themselves. CR was founded in 1936 when advertising first flooded the mass media. Consumers lacked a reliable source of information they could depend on to help them distinguish hype from fact and good products from bad ones. Since then CR has filled that vacuum with a broad range of consumer information. To maintain its independence and impartiality, CR accepts no outside advertising and no free samples and employs several hundred mystery shoppers and technical experts to buy and test the products it evaluates. Consumers Union (CU) is the policy and action division of CR. CU works with their network of activists to pass consumer protection laws in states and in Congress. CU works to focus public attention on food safety risks and regulatory deficiencies that can result in harm to the public.

Areas of Specialization: Biotechnology and GMOs, Education, Food Labeling, Food Safety, Policy, Research

Employment: See http://consumersunion.org/about/career-opportunities/.

Domestic Fair Trade Association (DFTA)
220 2nd Ave South Unit #61
Seattle, WA 98104
Tel: (206) 250-2680 (Executive Director)
www.thedfta.org

Description (from website): Domestic Fair Trade Association (DFTA) is an association of members from across the food and agriculture system representing farmers and farmer groups, farmworkers and their organizations, 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, Trade

Employment: Contact headquarters for job and internship opportunities.

Fair Food Network (FFN)
205 E. Washington St., Suite B
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
Tel: (734) 213-3999
info@fairfoodnetwork.org
www.fairfoodnetwork.org
Description: Fair Food Network (FFN) is a national nonprofit dedicated to building a more just and sustainable food system. FFN 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 Justice, 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

Description (from website): Farm Aid is 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 works with local, regional and national organizations to promote fair farm policies and grassroots organizing campaigns designed to defend and bolster family farm-centered agriculture. It has worked side-by-side with farmers to protest factory farms and inform farmers and eaters about issues like genetically modified food and growth hormones.

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
www.farmtoconsumer.org

Description (from website): Farm to Consumer Legal Defense Fund (FTCLDF) is 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, Legal Advocacy/Litigation

Employment: Contact headquarters for job and internship opportunities
**Farm Forward**
P.O. Box 4120
Portland, Oregon 97208-4120
Tel: (877) 313-3276
Fax: (877) 313-3276
http://www.farmforward.com/

Description (from website): Incorporated in 2007, Farm Forward is a nonprofit advocacy and consulting group at the forefront of pragmatic efforts to transform the way our nation eats and farms. Their vision is encapsulated in the international bestseller *Eating Animals* by Farm Forward Board Member Jonathan Safran Foer, and their executive staff and board have been working on behalf of farmed animals since the early 1990s. This accumulated expertise informs Farm Forward's unique role as the first centrist organization where disparate interests opposed to the abuse of animals on factory farms can unite in coordinated and effective ways.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Animal Welfare

Employment: Contact headquarters for job and internship information.

**Farmers Legal Action Group (FLAG)**
6 Fifth West Street, Suite 650
Saint Paul, MN 55102
Tel: (651) 223-5400
Fax: (651) 223-5335
lawyers@flaginc.org
www.flaginc.org

Description (from website): Farmers Legal Action Group (FLAG) is a nonprofit law firm 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, General Legal, Labor, Legal Advocacy/Litigation

Employment: Contact headquarters for job and internship information.

**Farmers Market Coalition (FMC)**
P.O. Box 504
Charlottesville, VA 22902
www.farmersmarketcoalition.org

Description (from website): The mission of Farmers Market Coalition (FMC) is 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 the state and federal levels. FMC helps build networks, link peers, and connect farmers markets old and new with tools and resources for success. The priorities of FMC are to serve as an information center for farmers markets; to be a voice for North American farmers market advocacy; to foster strong state and regional farmers market associations; to bring private and public support to the table to sustain farmers markets in the long term, for the benefit of farmers, consumers, and communities; to promote farmers markets to the public;
to develop and provide 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.

**Farmworker Justice**
1126 16th Street NW, Suite 270
Washington, DC 20036
Tel: (202) 293-5420
www.farmworkerjustice.org

Description: Farmworker Justice is 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 educates lawmakers on Capitol Hill; helps farmworkers voice their concerns in federal administrative agencies; represents workers and their organizations in court; provides legal advocacy, policy analysis, training, and technical assistance to farm labor unions, attorneys, immigrant advocacy groups, and other stakeholders; and conducts media and education campaigns to educate the public about farmworkers' issues.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Food Justice, General Legal, Labor, Legal Advocacy/Litigation, Policy


**Food Corps**
281 Park Avenue South
New York, NY 10010
Tel: (212)-596-7045
Fax: (347)-244-7213
info@foodcorps.org
https://www.foodcorps.org/

Description (from website): FoodCorps is a nationwide team of leaders that connects kids to real food and helps them grow up healthy. FoodCorps does that by placing motivated leaders in limited-resource communities for a year of public service. Working under the direction of local partner organizations, FoodCorps implement a three-ingredient recipe for healthy kids. FoodCorps Service Members teach kids about what healthy food is and where it comes from, build and tend school gardens, and bring high-quality local food into public school cafeterias. FoodCorps is a part of the AmeriCorps service network.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture, Community Development, Education, Food Justice, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, School Food

Employment: To become a Service Member, see https://www.foodcorps.org/become-a-service-member. Check back for future law and policy opportunities on FoodCorps’ staff: https://www.foodcorps.org/about.
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

Description (from website): The Food Research and Action Center (FRAC) is a 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


The Food Trust
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1617 John F. Kennedy Blvd.
Philadelphia, PA 19103
Tel: (215) 575-0444
Fax: (215) 575-0466
contact@thefoodtrust.org
www.thefoodtrust.org

Description (from website): The Food Trust’s mission is ensuring that everyone has access to affordable, nutritious food and information to make healthy decisions. 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 thefoodtrust.org/contact/jobs.

Humane Society of the United States (HSUS)
2100 L St., NW
Washington, D.C. 20037
Tel: (202) 452-1100
http://www.humanesociety.org/

Description: The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) is the largest animal protection organization in the nation, and has been active in advocacy since 1954. In addition to their animal rescue program, HSUS confronts national and global animal cruelties through campaigning against abusive practices and organizations. They have conducted major work against agribusinesses to combat the cruel practices that take place on factory farms, especially related to inhumane crate and cage confinement. Through their advocacy work HSUS has achieved positive policy change for animals on the national, state, and industry level.
Areas of Specialization: Animal Welfare, Legal Advocacy/Litigation, Policy

Employment: Law clerks and legislative interns, see http://www.humanesociety.org/about/employment/internships/internships_hsus.html.

**Land Trust Alliance**
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Washington, D.C. 20036
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Fax: (202) 638-4730
info@lta.org
www.landtrustalliance.org
(contact information for regional offices on website)

Description (from website): The Land Trust Alliance is a national conservation organization that works in three ways to save the places people love. First, they increase the pace of conservation, so more land and natural resources get protected. Second, they enhance the quality of conservation, so the most important lands get protected using the best practices in the business. And third, they ensure the permanence of conservation by creating the laws and resources needed to defend protected land over time.

Areas of Specialization: Land Use/Conservation, Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Environment/Sustainability

Employment: See www.landtrustalliance.org/about/jobs.

**MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger**
10495 Santa Monica Blvd., Ste 100
Los Angeles, CA 90025
Tel: (310) 442-0020
Fax: (310) 442-0030
www.mazon.org

Description (from website): Founded in 1985, MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger is a national nonprofit organization working to end hunger among people of all faiths and backgrounds in the United States and Israel. MAZON believes that we can end hunger in America and Israel by acting to ensure that hungry people have access to the nutritious food they need today and working to develop and advance long-term solutions so that no one goes hungry tomorrow. The three interrelated strategies they employ—advocacy & education, partnership grants, and strategic initiatives—form the foundation for their holistic approach and symbolize their desire to embody the Jewish ideals: tzedakah (charity) and tikkun olam (healing the world).

Areas of Specialization: Hunger/Food Security, Education

Employment: Contact headquarters for job and internship opportunities.
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

7700 East First Place
Denver, CO 80230
Tel: (303) 364-7700
Fax: (303) 364-7800

www.ncsl.org

Description (from website): The National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL) is a bipartisan organization that serves the legislators and staffs of the nation’s fifty 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
www.nffc.net

Description (from website): The National Family Farm Coalition (NFFC) 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


National Farm to School Network
P.M.B # 104
8770 West Bryn Mawr Ave, Suite 1300
Chicago, IL 60631
Tel: (847) 917-7292 (for Executive Director, based in IL)
www.farmtoschool.org

Description (from website): The National Farm to School Network is 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): The National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition (NSAC) is 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.

Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)
40 West 20th Street
New York, NY 10011
Tel: (212) 727-2700
Fax: (212) 727-1773
http://www.nrdc.org

Description (from website): The Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) is the nation's most effective environmental action group, combining the grassroots power of 1.4 million members and online activists with the courtroom clout and expertise of more than 350 lawyers, scientists and other professionals. The food-related work of the NRDC falls under the “Fostering Sustainable Communities” component of its mission.

The NRDC New York team has launched a campaign to promote regional sustainable food in the greater New York City region to foster farmland preservation, green economic development and greater access to healthy food. Overall, NRDC’s work in New York seeks to strengthen the market for local, sustainable food, while showcasing the interconnectedness between the rural countryside and the urban core.

Areas of Specialization: Community Development, Environment/Sustainability, Food Systems, Land Use/Conservation, Policy, Public Health, Research
Employment: For law and non-law related internships, see http://www.nrdc.org/jobs/internships.asp.

Partnership for a Healthier America (PHA)
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Washington, DC 20005
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news@ahealthieramerica.org
www.ahealthieramerica.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, the Partnership for a Healthier America (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 by its partners are 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


Policy Link
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Description (from website): Policy Link is 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 Policy Link’s 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
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.
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

Description (from website): Restaurant Opportunities Center United (ROC-United) aims to improve wages and working conditions for the nation's 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, Research

Employment: Contact headquarters for job and internship opportunities.

Righting Food
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Description (from website): Righting Food examines the intersection between food and the law, with a particular focus on human rights and workers' rights. Laws structure and shape the global food system, facilitating or obstructing people's access to nutritious food. They influence how we grow, distribute, and purchase our food. The effects of these laws — ranging from international rules to local regulations — are varied. Laws can promote justice; they can just as easily hinder it. Righting Food was created to support the food justice movement by providing relevant information and thoughtful analysis on the nexus between food, the law, and human rights.

Areas of Specialization: Food Justice, International, Labor, Policy, Trade

Employment: Contact headquarters for job and internship opportunities.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)
Route 1 and College Road East
P.O. Box 2316
Princeton, NJ 08543
Tel: (877) 843-7953
www.rwjf.org

Description: As the nation’s largest philanthropy organization devoted solely to the public's health, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (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 is delivered, how it is paid for, and how well it works for patients and their families. RWJF creates leverage by building evidence and producing, synthesizing and distributing knowledge, new ideas, and expertise. They harness the power of partnerships by bringing together key players, collaborating with colleagues, and securing the
sustained commitment of other funders and advocates to improve the health and health care of all Americans.

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


**School Food FOCUS (Food Options for Children in Urban Schools)**
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arosenthal@schoolfoodfocus.org
www.schoolfoodfocus.org

Description (from website): School Food FOCUS is 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
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Fax: (301) 686-3115
servicecenter@schoolnutrition.org
www.asfsa.org

Description: Recognized as the authority on school nutrition, School Nutrition Association (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

United Farm Workers (UFW)
P.O. Box 62
29700 Woodford-Tehachapi Road
Keene, CA 93531
Tel: (661) 823-6151
www.ufw.org

Description (from website): United Farm Workers (UFW) is the nation's first successful and largest farm workers union and is currently active in ten 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


United Food and Commercial Workers International Union (UFCW)
www.ufcw.org

Description (from website): The United Food and Commercial Workers International Union (UFCW) has more than 1.3 million members working primarily in grocery and retail stores, and in the food processing and meat packing industries. UFCW works to improve the lives and livelihoods of workers, families, and communities, fighting for social and economic justice and the American Dream.

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

Employment: See www.ufcw.org/jobs/.

The Wallace Center
http://www.wallacecenter.org/
Contact information for specific programs provided on website

Description: The Wallace Center supports entrepreneurs and communities as they build a new, 21st century food system that is healthier for people, the environment, and the economy. The Wallace Center does this by: cultivating learning networks and communities of practice; bringing lessons to a broader audience; identifying and piloting emerging models; linking good food funders to on-the-ground work; and building food systems capacity through technical assistance.

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


Wholesome Wave
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Bridgeport, CT 06604
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www.wholesomewave.org
Description (from website): Wholesome Wave is 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 farm-to-retail venues, 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/.

WhyHunger
505 Eighth Avenue, Suite 2100
New York, NY 10018
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www.whyhunger.org

Description (from website): WhyHunger is a leader in building the movement to end hunger and poverty by connecting people to nutritious, affordable food and by supporting grassroots solutions that inspire self-reliance and community empowerment. As a grassroots support organization, WhyHunger provides capacity building services, technical support, and access to information and financial resources to community organizations implementing new ideas and developing groundbreaking projects to transform their communities. They build networks of grassroots organizations that share a vision of healthy, sustainable, and self-reliant communities leading to greater mobilization and stronger advocacy to end poverty and hunger.

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

Employment: See www.whyhunger.org/about/mission.

REGIONAL/LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Northeast

Abt Associates
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www.abtassociates.com

Description (from website): Abt’s mission is to improve the quality of life and economic well-being of people worldwide. Abt applies its energy and creativity to helping its customers—governments, businesses, and private organizations—make better decisions and deliver better products and services by providing them with the highest quality research, technical assistance, and consulting services
available in the marketplace. Abt Associates is a mission-driven, global leader in research and program implementation in the fields of health, social and environmental policy, and international development.


Conservation Law Foundation (CLF)
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Boston, MA 02110
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www.clf.org

Description (from website): Since 1966, Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) has used the law, science, policymaking, and the business market to find pragmatic, innovative solutions to New England’s toughest environmental problems. Whether that means cleaning up Boston Harbor, protecting ocean fisheries to ensure continued supply, stopping unnecessary highway construction in scenic areas, or expanding access to public transportation, CLF is driven to make all of New England a better place to live, work, and play. What’s more, CLF has the toughness to hold polluters accountable, and the tenacity to see complex challenges through to their conclusion. CLF is also nimble enough to adjust course as conditions change to achieve the best outcomes. Their goal is not to preserve what used to be, but to create an even better New England—a region that’s truly thriving.

In 2010, CLF launched a new Sustainable Farm and Food System Initiative. Housed within their Healthy Communities and Environmental Justice Program, the Farm and Food Initiative has been building successfully on the momentum of the growing local food movement. CLF sees sustainable agriculture businesses—including urban and peri-urban agriculture—as a key component in creating a more carbon resilient, healthier, and economically vibrant New England region. In conjunction with CLF’s program focus, CLF Ventures (CLF’s business consulting affiliate) has begun working on a set of complementary market-based strategies to overcome market hurdles and advance market access for sustainable agriculture at the local and regional scale.

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


The Food Project
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Lincoln, MA 01773
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info@thefoodproject.org
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.

John C. Stalker Institute of Food and Nutrition
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Framingham, MA 01701
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Fax: (508) 626-4018
johnstalker@framingham.edu
www.johnstalkerinstitute.org

Description (from website): The John C. Stalker Institute of Food and Nutrition is 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

Description (from website): Just Food is 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. Since 1995, Just Food has pioneered sustainable food models, including CSAs, community-run farmers markets, and farm-to-food pantry programs. Just Food serves thousands of New Yorkers by forging partnerships between local farms, neighborhood groups, and consumers, and by providing urban communities with a framework for growing, and knowing, healthy food.

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


Maine Farmland Trust (MFT)
97 Main Street
Belfast, ME 04915
Tel: (207) 338-6576
Description (from website): Maine Farmland Trust (MFT) was created in 1999 to help preserve farmland 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. MFT protects farmland both directly through its own projects, and by helping Maine’s numerous local and regional land trusts undertake projects of their own. Since 1999, MFT’s work has expanded beyond farmland protection to also include efforts to: a) help farms be successful; b) help farmers secure land; and c) help inform and engage the public.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Environment/Sustainability, Land Use/Conservation

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
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info@urbannutrition.org
www.urbannutrition.org

Description: The Urban Nutrition Initiative (UNI), a program of the University of Pennsylvania’s Netter Center for Community Partnerships, addresses 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 twenty 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): The Alliance for Fair Food (AFF) is 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.

**Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW)**
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Immokalee, FL 34143
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Fax: (239) 657-5055
workers@ciw-online.org
www.ciw-online.org/

Description (from website): The Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW) is a community-based organization of mainly Latino, Mayan Indian, and Haitian immigrants working in low-wage jobs throughout the state of Florida. CIW strives to build its strength as a community through reflection and analysis, constant attention to coalition-building across ethnic divisions, and an ongoing investment in leadership development to help their members continually develop their skills in community education and organization. From this basis CIW fights for, among other things: a fair wage for the work they do; more respect on the part of their bosses and the industries where they work; better and cheaper housing; stronger laws and stronger enforcement against those who would violate workers’ rights; the right to organize on their jobs without fear of retaliation; and an end to forced labor in the fields.

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) 928-8801
Check website for regional office contact information
www.calendow.org

Description (from website): The California Endowment is a private, statewide health foundation that was created in 1996 as a result of Blue Cross of California’s creation of WellPoint Health Networks. 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: Contact headquarters for job and internship opportunities.
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): California Food Policy Advocates (CFPA) is 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 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.

California Project LEAN
1616 Capitol Avenue, MS 7211
Sacramento, CA 95814
Tel: (916) 552-9907
Fax: (916) 552-9909
projectlean@cdph.ca.gov
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
www.malt.org
Description (from website): Marine Agricultural Land Trust (MALT) is 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, Land Use/Conservation

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 polices that improve food security, nutrition, and agricultural practices. This section lists only a handful of the many international organizations involved 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.

United Nations

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
FAO Headquarters
Viale delle Terme di Caracalla
00153 Rome, Italy
Tel: +39 06 570511
Fax: +39 06 570 53151
www.fao.org

Description: The Food and Agriculture Organization’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

Employment: For 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/.

International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
Via Paolo di Dono, 44
00142 Rome Italy
Tel: +39 0654591
Fax: +39 065043463
ifad@ifad.org
www.ifad.org

Description (from website): The International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD) is 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: For professional vacancies, Associate Professional Officer Programme, and Internship Programme, see 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 Montesquieu, 2, bte L2.07.01
1348 Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium
Fax: +32 10 47 24 03
srfood@ohchr.org
www.srfood.org

Description: 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;
• monitors the situation of the right to food throughout the world;
• 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;
• 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; and,
• 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 World Food Programme (WFP) is 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: For professional vacancies, short-term consultancies, the Junior Professional Officer
Program, and internships, see www.wfp.org/about/vacancies/.

World Health Organization (WHO)
Avenue Appia 20
1211 Geneva 27
Switzerland
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Fax: + 41 22 791 31 11
info@who.int
www.who.int

Description (from website): The World Health Organization (WHO) is the directing and coordinating
authority for health within the United Nations system. WHO 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: For professional vacancies, an Internship Programme, and a Junior Professional Officer Programme, see www.who.int/employment/.

Other Organizations

**Food First (Institute for Food and Development Policy)**
398 60th Street
Oakland, CA 94618
Tel: (510) 654-4400
Fax: (510) 654-4551
info@foodfirst.org
www.foodfirst.org

Description (from website): Food First aims to eliminate the injustices that cause hunger, poverty and environmental degradation throughout the world. They carry out research, analysis, advocacy, and education with communities and social movements for informed citizen engagement with the institutions and policies that control production, distribution, and access to food. Their work both informs and amplifies the voices of social movements fighting for food justice and food sovereignty. They are committed to dismantling racism in the food system and believe in people's right to healthy and culturally appropriate food produced through ecologically sound and sustainable methods, and their right to define their own food and agriculture systems—at home and abroad.

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

Employment: For internships, see http://www.foodfirst.org/en/node/1814.

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

Description (from website): Food & Water Watch (FWW) works to ensure the food, water, and fish we consume is safe, accessible, and sustainably produced. FWW 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, Policy, Public Health, Research

Employment: For jobs and internships, see 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/

Description (from website): Health Care Without Harm 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
www.heifer.org

Description (from website): Heifer International 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 is called Passing on the Gift and is a cornerstone of Heifer’s mission that creates an ever-expanding network of hope and peace.

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

Employment: For opportunities with Heifer’s U.S. offices, global offices, foundation, and legally separate entities, see http://www.heifer.org/inside/careers.

Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP)
2105 First Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55404
Tel: (612) 870-0453
Fax: (612) 870-4846
www.iatp.org

Description (from website): The Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP) works locally and globally at the intersection of policy and practice to ensure fair and sustainable food, farm, and trade systems. IATP works with organizations around the world to analyze how global trade agreements impact domestic farm and food policies. Alongside a global coalition, IATP advocates for fair trade
policies that promote strong health standards, labor and human rights, the environment and, most fundamentally, democratic institutions. IATP also works to build sustainability, developing alternative economic models that include clean sources of energy such as wind power and biofuel that would spur rural development. In order to promote safe food and healthy ecosystems, IATP is working to stop the overuse of antibiotics in agriculture and aquaculture, while limiting the release of mercury and other toxic pollutants that fall onto farmland and enter the food supply. IATP is also monitoring the impact of genetically engineered crops on the environment, human health and farmer income.

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

Employment: For jobs and internships, see 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
www.ifpri.org

Description (from website): The International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) seeks sustainable solutions for ending hunger and poverty. IFPRI is one of fifteen centers supported by the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), an alliance of sixty-four 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, Policy, Research

Employment: For research positions, other positions and internships, see http://www.ifpri.org/careers.

**Oxfam International Secretariat**

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United Kingdom
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www.oxfam.org

Oxfam America Office
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Boston, MA 02114
Tel: (617) 482-1211 or (800) 77-OXFAM
info@oxfamamerica.org
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: For professional vacancies and volunteer opportunities with Oxfam International Secretariat and Oxfam Affiliates, see 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

Description (from website): The Pesticide Action Network (PAN) 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: For professional vacancies, internships, and volunteer opportunities, see 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

Description (from website): The Rodale Institute is a 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: For professional vacancies, internships, and volunteer opportunities, see 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
www.slowfoodfoundation.org

Description: Slow Food Foundation for Biodiversity is 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 fifty 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.

**Slow Food International**
Piazza XX Settembre, 5
12042 Bra (Cuneo), Italy
Tel: +39 0172 419611
Fax: +39 0172 421293
international@slowfood.com
www.slowfood.com

Description: Slow Food International is 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: For professional vacancies and internships with Slow Food USA, see www.slowfoodusa.org/index.php/about_us/employment_and_internships/.

**Sustainable Food Systems at the Oakland Institute**
4173 MacArthur Blvd., Suite 9
Oakland, CA 94619
info@oaklandinstitute.org
www.oaklandinstitute.org
Description (from website): The Oakland Institute (OI) is 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. One of its main areas of work is in sustainable food systems. By adhering to a high investigative standard with consideration of local impact and international trends, OI advocates for agro-ecological farming methods that empower local producers and reports the effects of current agribusiness models. OI provides honest policy proposals that lead to concrete solutions, guided by the belief that small agriculture can feed the world.

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

Employment: For internships, see [http://www.oaklandinstitute.org/join-us-0](http://www.oaklandinstitute.org/join-us-0).

**U.S. Food Sovereignty Alliance**
info@usfoodsovereigntyalliance.org
www.usfoodsovereigntyalliance.org/

Description (from website): The U.S. Food Sovereignty Alliance 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 works 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
www.worldwatch.org

Description (from website): Worldwatch Institute 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: For 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. If you have some background knowledge about food policy or if you know exactly what you want to concentrate on, fellowships and grants are a great way to get targeted funding for a specific project or idea. 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.

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/

Description (from website): The Emerson National Hunger Fellows Program is 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/fellowships/emerson/apply/ and www.hungercenter.org/about/jobs/ for current job openings.
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/

Description (from website): The Leland International Hunger Fellows Program 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/fellowships/leland/apply/ and 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

Description (from website): Since 1996, the Community Food Projects Competitive Grants have existed 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.

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)**
Route 1 and College Road East
P.O. Box 2316
Princeton, NJ 08543
Tel: (877) 843-RWJF (7953)
www.rwjf.org

Description (from website): The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) seeks to improve the health and health care of all Americans. RWJF works with a diverse group of dedicated people and organizations to address problems at their roots and to help make a difference on the widest scale—particularly for the most vulnerable among us. For projects to be eligible for funding, they must address certain program areas, which include childhood obesity and public health.

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 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

Description (from website): The W.K. Kellogg Foundation 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. 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 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 agricultural, 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 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. In this section, small firms are classified as those with 1-10 lawyers; medium firms as those with 11-30 lawyers; and large firms as those with more than 30 lawyers.

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www.alston.com

Description: Alston & Bird is a U.S. law firm with offices across the U.S., including in Atlanta 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 and Location of Food, Drug, and Device Group: medium-sized; located mostly in Washington D.C., but with some in Atlanta.
Bryan Cave
Multiple offices
www.bryancave.com

Description (from website): Members of Bryan Cave’s Agribusiness, Ag Biotechnology, and Food Processing Practice Group bring to the table a wealth of knowledge in corporate transactions and general commercial work coupled with real industry experience in how food is grown, processed, marketed and distributed. They have drafted dozens of biotech research and development agreements and licenses focusing on high-value and identity-preserved agricultural products. Examples of work include regulatory issues, such as 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.

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

Size and Location of Agribusiness, Ag Biotechnology, and Food Processing Practice Group: medium-sized; located in St. Louis, Kansas City, and Chicago.

Chadbourne & Parke
Multiple offices
www.chadbourne.com

Description (from website): Chadbourne & Parke’s Food and Beverage Group helps 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. Their experience includes involvement in the sale of 240 fast-food restaurants in the United States; a trade dispute between a Brazilian exporter and a U.S. importer; the expansion of a company’s beverage and bottling facilities in Azerbaijan, Armenia and Georgia; the financing of a Russian retailer’s move into hypermarkets; and financing for an Egyptian poultry and olive production company. They have particular depth in the distilled spirits sector, involving matters such as product safety and marketing.

Areas of Specialization: General Legal, International, Trade

Size and Location of Food and Beverage Group: medium-sized; located in New York, Mexico City, and Warsaw.

Cooley
Multiple offices
www.cooley.com

Description (from website): Cooley’s Food Litigation group represents 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.

Areas of Specialization: Food Safety, General Legal
Size and Location of Food Litigation Team: small-sized group; located in San Francisco and Palo Alto.

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Description (from website): Lawyers in Covington’s Food & Beverage Law Practice advise 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 such 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 & 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 and Location of Food & Beverage Law Team: small-sized group; located in Washington, D.C.

Cozen O’Connor
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Description (from website): Cozen O’Connor counsels major players in the food and beverage industry on litigation, transactional, and regulatory issues. Their attorneys have extensive experience handling products liability claims and mass torts, and are leaders in food-industry crisis management. Their insurance lawyers have been protecting food and beverage underwriters for decades and have authored numerous publications on insurer responsibilities in the event of a product recall and/or food contamination event. They serve a wide range of companies directly and indirectly connected to the food and beverage industry. Their clients include food manufacturers, ingredients suppliers, distributors, food brokers, fast food franchises, managed services companies, and insurers.

Areas of Specialization: Food Safety, General Legal

Size and Location of Food & Beverage Group: small-sized; located in multiple cities.

Crowell & Moring
Multiple offices
www.crowell.com
Description (from website): Crowell & Moring’s Advertising & Product Risk Management Group includes lawyers and professionals from their offices across the United States as well as in Europe, and brings deep knowledge in the wide range of necessary legal fields this work requires — including advertising, marketing, and consumer protection such as false advertising litigation, defense of government enforcement proceedings, privacy and data protection, sweepstakes and promotions, and warranties; chemicals and environmental; import/export; sourcing, supply chain, and distribution; trademark and intellectual property; product safety; reputation and crisis management; and defense of consumer class action and products liability litigation. See www.crowell.com/Practices/Advertising-Product-Risk-Management.

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


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Description (from website): Dechert’s Food and Beverage Practice provides comprehensive representation in a wide range of areas, including 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. They counsel clients on regulatory investigations and compliance including matters involving the Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission. See www.dechert.com/food_and_beverage/.

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

Size and Location of Food and Beverage Group: medium-sized; located in multiple offices.

DLA Piper LLP
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Description (from website): DLA Piper represents a broad range of food, beverage, and tobacco companies in dispute resolution and regulatory compliance. They advise clients on the requirements of regulatory authorities, implementation of directives at local markets, and compliance in the context of multi-market, multi-product operations. DLA Piper's attorneys also address strategy and compliance in areas including marketing applications; labeling, promotion and advertising; quality regulations; registration and listing; import/export requirements; product recalls, withdrawals and field corrections; facilities inspections; government and internal investigations; indemnity agreements with suppliers; and insurance issues.

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. See www.dlapiperproductliability.com/industries/food-beverage-tobacco.html.

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

Size and Location of Food and Beverage Group: medium-sized; located in multiple offices.

**Downey Brand LLP**

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Description (from website): Lawyers in Downey Brand’s Food & Agricultural Law Practice advise clients on a broad range of issues affecting the Food and Ag industry, from air quality compliance to tax issues, from pesticide regulation to succession planning. They are also involved with the agencies that regulate the industry and the legislative committees that work to determine future regulation. See www.downeybrand.com/practice/food-and-agriculture.php.

Areas of Specialization: General Legal


**Duane Morris**

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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 and Location of Pharmaceutical, Medical Device, Pharmacy & Food Group: large-sized; located in multiple offices.

**Faegre Baker Daniels**

Multiple offices  
www.faegrebd.com/
Description (from website): Faegre Baker Daniels represents many of the world’s leading food and agriculture companies. The firm’s lawyers are active members of the Food and Drug Law Institute, CropLife America, American Meat Institute, National Grain & Feed Association, Agricultural Retailers Association, International Dairy Foods Association, and International Foodservice Manufacturers Association, and their attorneys speak and write nationally on industry issues. See www.faegrebd.com/foodag; www.faegrebd.com/Food-Distribution; www.faegrebd.com/Food-Processing-and-Technologies.

Areas of Specialization: General Legal

Size of Food and Agriculture Group: large-sized; multiple offices, including Washington, D.C.

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Description: Foley & Lardner’s 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. The team also assists agribusinesses, importers/exporters, food service organizations, trade associations, and equipment manufacturers. See www.foley.com/food/.

Areas of Specialization: General Legal, Trade

Size and Location of Food and Beverage Group: large-sized; located in multiple offices.

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Description (from website): Frost, Brown & Todd 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. See www.frostbrowntodd.com/services-industries-21.html.

Areas of Specialization: General Legal, International, Trade

Size and Location of Food and Beverage Group: medium-sized; located in multiple offices.
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Description (from website): Graham & Dunn’s 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. The lawyers 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 of 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. See www.grahamdunn.com/service/food-and-beverage.

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

Size and Location of Food and Beverage Group: small-sized; located in Seattle.

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Description (from website): Haynes and Boone serves national and global restaurant chains, food suppliers, food service equipment manufacturers, and distributors. The firm’s lawyers know the restaurant industry thoroughly, and have hands-on experience with solutions to both the everyday and unique challenges faced by franchisors, franchisees, operators, owners, and investor clients. See www.haynesboone.com/Restaurant_and_Foodservice/.

Areas of Specialization: Environment/Sustainability, General Legal

Size and Location of Restaurant and Foodservice Group: small-sized; located in Dallas and Houston.

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Description (from website): Many of the lawyers in Hogan Lovell’s Food, Drug, Medical Device, and Agriculture practice are former officials with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture, or 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. See www.hoganlovells.com/food-drug-medical-agriculture/.

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


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Description: Holland & Knight 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. See www.hklaw.com/Practices/Alcohol-Beverage/.

Areas of Specialization: Food Advertising, General Legal

Size and Location of Alcohol Beverage Group: small-sized; located in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Chicago.

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Description: Hunton & Williams 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 firm’s 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). See www.hunton.com/food_and_drug/; http://www.hunton.com/food_industry_regulatory_practice/.

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

Size and Location of Food and Drug Group: small-sized; located primarily in Washington, D.C.

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Description (from website): Husch Blackwell’s Food Law Practice focuses on the specific needs of producers, processors, distributors, and sellers in the food industry. Its food clients are involved in food production from farm to table, planting to processing, and distribution. See www.huschblackwell.com/food-and-agribusiness/.

Areas of Specialization: Food Safety, General Legal

Size and Location of Food Law Group: large-sized; located in St. Louis and Kansas City.

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Description (from website): Hyman, Phelps & McNamara provides service to clients regulated primarily by the Food and Drug Administration. As government regulation of the food, dietary supplement, drug, biologic, medical device and cosmetic industries has escalated, the firm’s food and drug practice has expanded into many related subspecialties, including controlled substances, fraud and abuse, reimbursement and payor issues, and advertising and claims substantiation.

Attorneys have had experience in many branches of the federal government, including the Food and Drug Administration, the Department of Justice (Office of Consumer Litigation), U.S. Attorneys Offices, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services.

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

Size and Location of Food and Drug Group: large-sized; located in Washington D.C.
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Description (from website): Jenner & Block 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 and Location of Products Liability, Food Contamination Team:** medium-sized; located in Chicago.

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Description (from website): Katten’s Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Group has substantial patent, trademark, and copyright capabilities 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 firm offers a full range of services, including litigation involving FDA and generic drug approval requirements. See [www.kattenlaw.com/fooddrugandcosmetic/](http://www.kattenlaw.com/fooddrugandcosmetic/).

**Areas of Specialization:** Biotechnology and GMOs, General Legal

**Size and Location of Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Practice Group:** small-sized; located in Chicago, New York, and Washington, D.C.

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**Keller and Heckman LLP**  
Multiple offices  
www.khlaw.com

Description (from website): Keller and Heckman has a broad practice in the areas of regulatory law, litigation, and business transactions, serving both domestic and international clients. Since 1971, the firm has had an in-house scientific staff that works closely with attorneys on matters of technical complexity. Many attorneys also have government experience and expertise in multiple areas of the law.

Keller and Heckman 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 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. See www.khlaw.com/Food‐and‐Drug.

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

Size and Location of Food & Drug Group: large-sized; located mostly in Washington D.C.

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Description (from website): 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. See http://www.kslaw.com/practices/FDA‐Life‐Sciences.

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


**Marler Clark**

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Description (from website): Marler Clark was 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

Size and Location of Practice: small-sized; located in Seattle.
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Description (from website): Mayer Brown is particularly renowned for its Supreme Court and appellate, litigation, corporate and securities, finance, real estate, and tax practices. The Food Industry False Advertising Group leverages the experience of lawyers in the firm’s Consumer Litigation and Class Actions practice, along with their Supreme Court and Appellate practices. The team advises clients 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. See www.mayerbrown.com/Agribusiness-Key-Issues/; www.mayerbrown.com/experience/Food-Industry-False-Advertising/.

Areas of Specialization: Food Advertising, General Legal

Size and Location of Food Industry False Advertising Group: large-sized; located in multiple offices.

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Description (from website): MBV Law 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 and Location of Food and Beverage Team: medium-sized; located in multiple offices.

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Description (from website): McDermott Will & Emery draws upon significant experience in the private and public sectors to provide counsel and representation across the entire spectrum of issues faced by the food and beverage industry. Their lawyers advise on important industry-related issues including administrative litigation, food safety, chemicals, additives and biologics, biotechnology, product labeling, agriculture cooperatives, alcoholic beverages, farm programs, international trade, legislative representation, product development and testing, regulatory issues and taxation concerns. See http://www.mwe.com/Food--Beverage/#.

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

Size and Location of Food and Beverage Group: small-sized; located in multiple offices.

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Description (from website): McGuireWoods’ Food and Beverage Industry team provides comprehensive services domestically and internationally. The firm’s lawyers counsel companies that produce, distribute, or sell food and beverages, as well as the businesses that deal with them worldwide. They represent manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, distributors, processors, brewers, vintners, bottlers, packers, farmers, storage holders, and brokers. Services run the full spectrum of matters, including: obtaining land on which to build facilities; recalling products and litigating food safety cases; investigating employee complaints and labor relations as well as OSHA concerns; negotiating complex commercial agreements along the supply chain; advising on antitrust concerns; advising on air and water rights, permitting and state and federal environmental concerns; assisting with large technology and business processing outsourcing transactions; and providing general securities advice on numerous exchanges. See www.mcguirewoods.com/Services/Industries/Food-Beverage.aspx#sthash.fwlokzqi.dpuf.

Areas of Specialization: Food Safety, General Legal

Size and Location of Food and Beverage Group: large-sized; located in multiple offices.

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Description (from website): McKenna Long & Aldridge’s Food and Drug lawyers 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. Other client services
include: devising strategies for the safety evaluation of food ingredients; reviewing new product formulations; reviewing food labels and advertisements; advising on contractual and product liability issues; providing advice on pesticides and contaminants in foods; counseling clients regarding state environmental and labeling laws, such as California’s Proposition 65. See www.mckennalong.com/practices-Food.html.

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

Size and Location of Food Team: small-sized; located in multiple offices.

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Description (from website): Nixon Peabody represents 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 and Location of Food Safety Litigation and FDA Regulatory Groups: Food Safety Litigation - medium-sized; located in multiple offices; FDA Regulatory – small-sized; located in multiple offices.

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Areas of Specialization: Biotechnology and GMOs, Food Safety, General Legal, International
Size and Location of Team: medium-sized; located in Washington D.C.

**Patton Boggs LLP**  
Multiple offices  
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Description (from website): Patton Boggs' 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. Clients range in stature from global, multi-national corporations to newly launched “start-ups” with a wide spectrum of matters arising from the regulation of all food, dietary supplements, pharmaceutical drugs and biologics, medical devices, cosmetics, and tobacco products, including strategic advice on obtaining market approval, determining regulatory strategies, navigating regulations and the agencies that create and enforce them and assessing regulatory and business risks associated with a particular strategy. They also represent clients facing federal enforcement actions, and conduct due diligence in support of a range of corporate transactions. See www.pattonboggs.com/practice/food-and-drug.

Areas of Specialization: General Legal

Size and Location of Food and Drug Group: small-sized; located in Washington, D.C.

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Description (from website): Perkins Coie serves as general outside counsel for many food and beverage clients, counseling them on all aspects of their businesses. 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. See www.perkinscoie.com/food_beverage/; http://www.perkinscoie.com/winery_vineyard/.

Areas of Specialization: Food Advertising, General Legal

Size and Location of Food and Beverage Group: small-sized; located in multiple offices; Size of Winery and Vineyard Group: medium-sized; located in multiple West Coast offices.

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Description (from website): Pillsbury's Restaurant, Food and Beverage Practice 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. See www.pillsburylaw.com/restaurant-food-and-beverage.

Areas of Specialization: Food Labeling, General Legal

Size and Location of Restaurant, Food and Beverage Group and Wine, Beer, and Spirits Group: large-sized; located in multiple U.S. offices but mostly in California.

Reed Smith LLP
Reed Smith Centre
225 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15222
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Description: Reed Smith's FDA Counseling and Litigation Team counsels 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 who are intimately familiar with FDA and DOJ investigations and enforcement matters. See www.reedsmith.com/FDA-Regulatory-Compliance-Practices/.

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

Size and Location of the FDA Counseling and Litigation Group: small-sized; located in multiple offices including Washington D.C.

Robinson & Cole LLP
280 Trumbull Street
Hartford, CT 06103
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www.rc.com

Description: 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. See www.rc.com/Group.cfm?gID=371.

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

Size and Location of Food and Beverage Group: medium-sized; located in multiple offices, including Hartford.
**Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP**
333 S. Hope Street  
43rd Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90071  
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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. Clients represent the full spectrum of companies involved in agribusiness and food production, processing and distribution including: food producers, including farms, dairies and cooperatives; processors of agricultural commodities including specialty processors of meat, poultry, vegetable and dairy products; distributors of alcoholic beverages (beer, wine, and spirits), ethnic foods and other specialty food products, and wholesale distribution operations serving the grocery industry; manufacturers of equipment for the harvesting, processing and preservation of food products; restaurant management companies; providers of specialized industry services to the agribusiness and food industry; alternative fuel producers including ethanol and biodiesel; chemical manufacturers, distributors and applicators. See www.sheppardmullin.com/industries-28.html.

Areas of Specialization: Food Labeling, General Legal, Trade

Size and Location of Agribusiness Group: small-sized; located in Los Angeles.

**Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P.**
2555 Grand Blvd.  
Kansas City, Missouri 64108  
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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. The firm also provides expertise on corporate compliance, internal and external education programs, document retention and technology solutions, and crisis management. See www.shb.com/practice_areas.aspx?id=81.

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

Size and Location of Agribusiness and Food Safety Practice Team: medium-sized; located in multiple offices, including Kansas City.

**Shutts & Bowen**
Suite 1500  
201 South Biscayne Blvd.  
Miami, FL 33131  
Tel: (305) 358-6300
Shutts & Bowen serves 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. See www.shutts.com/industries-Hospitality-Food-Beverage.html.

Areas of Specialization: General Legal

Size and Location of Hospitality/Food & Beverage Group: medium-sized; located in Florida offices.

**Sidley Austin LLP**
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Chicago, IL 60603  
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www.sidley.com

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. See http://www.sidley.com/food-drug-device-compliance/; http://www.sidley.com/food-drug-device-regulatory/.

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

Size and Location of Food and Beverage Group: medium-sized; located in multiple offices, including Washington D.C. and Brussels.

**Steptoe & Johnson LLP**
1330 Connecticut Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20036  
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www.steptoe.com

Steptoe & Johnson’s Food and Agriculture Practice assists clients with a variety of legal matters, including: regulatory issues; food labeling and point-of-purchase consistent with FDA and USDA requirements; direct and indirect food additive petitions; food contact substance notifications; import and export issues. Steptoe also advises clients on a broad range of compliance and enforcement issues related to food production, including federal regulatory approaches to genetically modified organisms, state requirements such as California’s Proposition 65, and product recall strategies. See www.steptoe.com/industries-40.html.
Areas of Specialization: Environment/Sustainability, Food Advertising, Food Labeling, General Legal, International

Size and Location of Food & Agriculture Group: small-sized; located in multiple offices, including Washington, D.C.

Stoel Rives LLP
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Description (from website): Stoel Rives’s Food and Agribusiness lawyers 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 places high importance on its relationships with industry participants, including staffs at key regulatory agencies such as the 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. See www.stoel.com/showarea.aspx?Show=6731.

The firm’s Food Liability team offers access to leading experts in foodborne illnesses and emerging issues affecting food industries. Stoel Rives is in the vanguard of food liability litigation, handling class actions and individual suits that involve bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE, commonly known as mad cow disease), E. coli O121:H19, and artificial food coloring. See www.stoel.com/showarea.aspx?Show=2238.

Areas of Specialization: Food Labeling, General Legal, International

Size and Location of Groups: Food and Agribusiness—large-sized; located in multiple offices; Food Liability—medium-sized; located in multiple West Coast offices.

Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP
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Description: Sutherland Asbill & Brennan 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 FDA, 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 Group: small-sized (in broader Healthcare group); located in Atlanta and Washington, DC.

**Venable LLP**  
Multiple offices  
www.venable.com

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

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

Size and Location of Dietary Supplements, Cosmetics and Functional Food Group: medium-sized; located in multiple offices, including Washington, D.C.

**Wiley Rein LLP**  
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Description (from website): Wiley Rein's Food & Drug Law Practice handles both complex legal and regulatory challenges and the more routine but crucial regulatory tasks required of FDA-regulated companies in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, medical device, food and dietary supplement industries. The firm's work falls within the following broad categories: product development and approval strategies; competitive regulatory strategies; enforcement and white collar defense; administrative advocacy and litigation before agencies and the courts; promotion and advertising compliance and enforcement; and transactional support. See www.wileyrein.com/practices.cfm?sp=overview&id=20.

Areas of Specialization: Food Advertising, General Legal

Size and Location of Food & Drug Law Group: medium-sized; located in multiple offices, including Washington, D.C.

**Winston & Strawn LLP**  
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Description (from website): Winston & Strawn represents a significant number 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. See

Areas of Specialization: Food Advertising, General Legal

Size and Location of Food, Beverage and Agriculture Group: large-sized; located in multiple offices.
Consulting is another field in which agriculture and food lawyers can play a role. Government and non-governmental organizations often hire consulting firms to conduct research and provide policy advice, which can help shape food law and policy in many parts of the world.

Most consulting firms have unique, alternative positions for both new and experienced lawyers and also provide valuable services to the world’s largest producers. To that end, one can get involved and provide his or her unique perspective on emerging issues in the food system, both domestically and internationally. One major advantage in joining a consultancy firm is global mobility; it is not uncommon for a consultant to relocate to several countries during the course of his or her career.

This section of the report highlights some options for a lawyer focused on agriculture and food law in a consultancy firm.

**Bain & Company**
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Description (from website): Bain’s global Agribusiness team has worked on over 380 cases across the agriculture value chain. The team works jointly with agricultural companies to address opportunities in several areas and sectors of the business, including: agricultural chemicals and fertilizer producers; biofuels; protein (beef, pork, chicken, turkey, fish); dairy; crops (corn, oilseeds, wheat, rice, sugarcane); and agricultural equipment (tractors, grain/protein processing equipment). See www.bain.com/industry-expertise/industrial-goods-and-services/agribusiness.aspx.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture and Agricultural Law, Biotechnology and GMOs


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Description (from website): Since 1978, BEVMARK has been the leading specialty management consultant in the international food and beverage industries (F&B). BEVMARK works only in food and beverage, using seasoned veteran industry consultants. It has advised governments, the CEOs and CFOs of the world’s top F&B companies, leading banks and funds, major law firms, generalist consultants firms such as McKinsey and Bain as well as entrepreneurs and startups. It has been cited in over fifteen hundred articles in the business media as a primary expert in F&B issues.
BEVMARK works extensively in the legal sector, as a litigation consultant advising lawyers on industry-related matters and strategy for cases. They supply expert witness testimony in federal and state courts. BEVMARK has been admitted as an expert on antitrust and its opinions cited in judgments in proceedings before the U.S. Federal Trade Commission. They have advised on antitrust matters and the Competition Law in the European Union, as well as on legal and registration matters in China. They have consulted on retainer to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), as well as serve as an expert witness and researcher for the DOJ. They have worked on behalf of clients with State authorities such as the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. They also advise general counsels and in-house lawyers, as well as their assigned outside law firms.

Their work encompasses virtually all issues involving legal matters in the food and beverage industries including antitrust, unfair competition, Lanham Act, Intellectual Property, regulations, legislation, approvals, contractual disputes, terminations, bankruptcy, class action suits, product liability, and damage analysis.

Areas of Specialization: Food Advertising, Food Marketing, Legal Advocacy/Litigation, General Legal

Employment: see the Contact link at http://www.bevmarkconsulting.com/.

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited
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New York, NY 10112
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Description (from website): Deloitte’s Agriculture and Food Security (AG/FS) team applies value chain, finance, policy, training and market linkage methodologies to improve availability and affordability of inputs, agriculture production, post-harvest handling, output markets and price discovery information, and exports, with improvements to farmer and other stakeholder capabilities to generate higher volumes and efficiencies that increase household incomes. The team works closely with Deloitte's member firms around the world to leverage their international presence and commercial network to produce public/private sector alliances that arrive at commercially viable solutions for long-term agriculture development and food security impact. Their member firms in Latin America, Southeast Asia, and Africa share their passion for serving the private and public sector, supporting the Emerging Markets AG/FS position as a leader in agribusiness development. See www.deloitte.com/view/en_US/us/Services/consulting/e066b4b47451b210VgnVCM200001b56f00aRCRD.htm.

Areas of Specialization: Agriculture and Agricultural Law, Biotechnology and GMOs, Hunger/Food Security


KPMG
Multiple offices
www.kpmg.com

Description (from website): The professionals in KPMG's Food, Drink, and Consumer Goods (FDCG) practice have extensive experience working with clients across all segments of the industry. The team
offers a number of services to help clients address the issues they face, in the key areas of governance, performance, technology, and growth. These issues include: shifts in consumer behavior; reporting and regulation—corporate governance and stakeholder expectations, IFRS; sustainability and the environment; business operating model structure; operational efficiency—supply chain management, commodity price volatility, sourcing, business intelligence; integration of new technology; financial management—cost management, budgeting, and forecasting and tax strategies; innovation and R&D; market entry and expansion; and, mergers and acquisitions. See www.kpmg.com/US/en/industry/food-drink-consumer-goods/Pages/default.aspx.

Areas of Specialization: Biotechnology and GMOs, Environment/Sustainability


**McKinsey & Company**

Multiple offices

http://www.mckinsey.com

Description (from website): McKinsey's Agriculture group has more than seventy-five practitioners who work closely with the Consumer Packaged Goods, Sustainability & Resource Productivity, and Social Sector practices to support clients on a broad range of topics. The team's work focuses on delivering McKinsey's functional know-how to players along the agriculture value chain. Some of their unique capabilities include: investment opportunities; raw materials management; farm operations improvement; fresh food supply chain management; and rural development.

Areas of Specialization: Community Development, Food Safety, Rural Issues

section eight: 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.

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 http://www.food-culture.org/asfs-listserv/.

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 www.cdc.gov/phlp/news/current.html.

COMFOOD
COMFOOD is an email list created to link individuals and organizations involved with or interested in community food security (CFS). See elist.tufts.edu/wws/subscribe/comfood.

Food and Drug Administration Listserv
The free e-mail alert service allows you to receive important FDA news and information as they become available. See www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/ContactFDA/StayInformed/GetEmailUpdates/default.htm.

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 mailman2.u.washington.edu/mailman/listinfo/foodplanning.

Food Safety Web
Foodsafe has been the vehicle for food safety professionals to share information, toss around theories, trade experiences and sometimes just plain disagree with each other since 1995. See www.foodsafetyweb.info/.

Immigrant Farming Listserv
The Immigrant Farming Listserv is designed to provide news and updates from ImmigrantFarming.org and the National Immigrant Farming Initiative. See www.immigrantfarming.org/index.html.

NEFOOD Listserv
NEFOOD-L, hosted by Tufts University, is devoted to the topic of food systems in the Northeastern states. Topics discussed include farming, sustainable agriculture, community food security, community development, education, rural development, urban farming and gardening, anti-hunger, economic development, local food systems, horticulture, forestry, direct marketing, culinary arts, conservation, land preservation, public health, nutrition, public policy and related fields. See www.nefood.org/page/nefood-listserv.
United States Department of Agriculture Listserv Database
The USDA Listserv Database provides a master list of several government and non-profit organization listservs. See fnic.nal.usda.gov/professional-and-career-resources/listservs-and-blogs.

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 agfoodlawjobs.blogspot.com/.