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The Harvard Food Law Society fosters on-campus dialogue on issues in food law and policy. Food-related issues often implicate broader questions of public health, environmental sustainability, income inequality, economic development, and human rights. The Food Law Society supports a network of students, professionals, and food-lovers who support a healthier, more equitable food system. Members participate in clinical research projects and conferences, host speakers, take trips and collaborate with groups throughout the University and the world in their effort to address food issues.

Motivated by a shared desire to improve the food system, the Food Law Student Network (FLSN) raises law student voices in the national conversation about our food system. FLSN serves as a hub to exchange ideas, knowledge, and practical skills, while building enduring connections among students and professionals to support the next generation of food law and policy advocates.

Note to Readers:

The descriptions for the organizations and the opportunities have been compiled using information directly from the websites listed for each organization. This guide is a work in progress and will be updated, corrected, and expanded over time. If you want to include additional organizations or suggest edits to any of the current listings, please email flpc@law.harvard.edu.
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Introduction to Food Law and Policy

Despite food’s central role in our lives, food policy has often been invisible. There is not one agency for food, and food planning spans many agencies and levels of government. This means that committed lawyers and policy experts are needed in order to support better food policy, and also that there are many opportunities to get involved, from a range of agencies impacting food at all levels of government to a multitude of nonprofits, academic centers, private law firms, and community organizations seeking to understand and support a better food system. From agricultural subsidies to food safety regulations to nutritional guidelines, 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. The food system has also produced a variety of 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, rising concern for the impacts of our food system on the environment, and a range of food justice concerns facing both disadvantaged producers and consumers, those with law and policy expertise are increasingly called upon to identify and support solutions to improve the food system. Food law and policy has emerged as a central space in addressing the intersection of food and a variety of interrelated issues, from energy and transportation, to the environment, to public health and nutrition, to economic development, among other topics.

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 to food science; nonprofits that foster food policy change at the local, state, regional, 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 and potential employers 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. It is important to remember that because you are entering a relatively 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. There are a variety of trajectories for exciting careers in food law and policy. This guide will help you to begin thinking about the right places to look, but there are endless ways to get involved in food policy work. Good luck in your search!
Guide to Areas of Specialization

To guide your search for the organization, job, or internship that suits your particular interests, we have created a list of “areas of specialization” and tagged each organization or entity. Though the list is not exhaustive and organizations may specialize in numerous other areas, we believe it will give you a good sense of which organizations focus on issues and programs that you may want to explore. Among the various entries and 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
- Animal Welfare
- Biotechnology and GMOs
- Community Development
- Disaster Relief
- Economics
- Education
- Environment/Sustainability
- Finance/Microfinance
- Food Justice
- Food Labeling
- Food Marketing & Advertising
- Food Safety
- Food Studies
- Food Systems
- General Legal
- Hunger/Food Security
- Indigenous Food
- International
- Labor
- Land Use/Conservation
- Legal Advocacy/Litigation
- Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease
- Policy
- Public Health
- Research
- Rural Issues
- School Food
- Trade
- Urban Agriculture
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 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.
THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

The Hunter College New York City Food Policy Center
CUNY School of Public Health
2180 Third Avenue Suite 525
New York, NY 10035
(212) 396-7744 / info@nycfoodpolicy.org
nycfoodpolicy.org/

Description
The New York City Food Policy Center develops intersectional, innovative and evidence-based solutions to preventing diet-related diseases and promoting food security in New York and other cities. The Center works with policy makers, community organizations, advocates and the public to create healthier, more sustainable food environments and to use food to promote community and economic development. Through interdisciplinary research, policy analysis, evaluation and education, the Center leverages the expertise and passion of the students, faculty and staff of Hunter College and the City University of New York (CUNY). The Center aims to make New York a model for smart, fair food policy.

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

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Laurie M. Tisch Center for Food, Education & Policy
525 W 120th Street, Box 137
New York, NY 10027
212-678-3693
www.tc.columbia.edu/tisch

Description
The Laurie M. Tisch Center for Food, Education & Policy cultivates research about connections between a just, sustainable food system and healthy eating and translates it into recommendations and resources for educators, policy makers, and community advocates. The Center focuses on schools as critical levers for learning and social change. The Laurie M. Tisch Center for Food, Education’s three broad areas of research are food systems, nutrition education, and public policy.

Areas of Specialization
Nutrition, Public Health, Food Access, Sustainability

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Food & Brand Lab
14 Warren Hall
Ithaca, NY 14853
foodandbrandlab@cornell.edu
foodpsychology.cornell.edu

Description
Started in 1997, the Food and Brand Lab has grown into an internationally recognized, one of a kind, Food Psychology and Consumer Behavior research lab. The Lab is comprised of an interdisciplinary group of faculty, students, and Post-Doctoral researchers from psychology, food science, nutrition, marketing, behavioral economics and agricultural economics. They discover how humans relate to food with the end goal of uncovering solutions to improve eating environments and help individuals eat better. The Food and Brand Lab’s research has also driven the creation of the Cornell Center for Behavioral Economics in Child Nutrition Programs (BEN) which is a center devoted to funding research concerning children’s dietary health. Subsequently, the Smarter Lunchrooms Movement was developed to conduct research in school lunchrooms and disseminate findings nationwide.

Areas of Specialization
Food Advertising, Food Labeling, Food Marketing, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, Research, School Food
DRAKE UNIVERSITY

Drake Law School: Agricultural Law Center
2621 Carpenter Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50311
(515) 271-2824
www.drake.edu/law/clinics-centers/aglaw/

Description
The Drake Agricultural Law Center is an internationally-recognized program centered on the study of food and agricultural law. Founded in 1983, the Agricultural Law Center provides opportunities for students to explore how the legal system impacts the food system and the agricultural sector’s ability to produce, market, and use agricultural products.

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

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DUKE UNIVERSITY

World Food Policy Center
Sanford School of Public Policy
201 Science Drive
Durham, NC 27708
sanford.duke.edu

Description
The recently established World Food Policy Center (WFPC) at the Sanford School of Public Policy will address four broad categories of food issues: hunger, malnutrition and food insecurity; obesity and chronic diseases such as diabetes; agriculture and the environment, including biodiversity, GMOs, climate change and water; food safety and food defense, which addresses concerns such as contamination and foodborne bioterrorism. The main goals of the WFPC will be to convene experts and bring together research findings across the four categories. The WFPC is also working on creating a global network of people interested in food policy and connecting them through a digital “world food policy idea bank” that would allow participants to post questions, share ideas and make new contacts.

Areas of Specialization
Global Food Security, Food Safety, Obesity, Nutrition, Climate Change

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FRAMINGHAM STATE UNIVERSITY

John C. Stalker Institute of Food and Nutrition
P.O. Box 9101
100 State Street
Framingham, MA 01701-9101
(508) 626-4756 / johnstalker@framingham.edu
www.johnstalkerinstitute.org

Description
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. The programs offered by the Institute support schools in their efforts to integrate nutrition education, wellness policy goals, and services into comprehensive health education, food service, school health, and physical education programs.

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

Employment
Contact headquarters for job and internship opportunities.

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THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Food Institute

The GW Food Institute
Description

The GW Food Institute is home to faculty and student scholars engaged in research about all things related to food, from sustainable agriculture to the way diet and meals shape human society. Healthy communities depend on sustainable food systems that are resilient, diverse, fair, economically balanced, and transparent. Established in September 2015, the GW Food Institute brings together a wide range of scholars to focus collaboratively on the science and technology of food, health and nutrition, food history and culture, policy, law and justice, the business and economics of providing food, and food citizenship and leadership.

Areas of Specialization
Food History, Food Worker Safety, School Meal Reform, Nutrition

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Harvard Law School: Food Law and Policy Clinic
Harvard Law School office:
WCC Clinical Wing, Suite 3130
1585 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02138

Legal Services Center office:
122 Boylston Street
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
(617) 390-2590 / flpc@law.harvard.edu
www.chlpi.org/food-law-and-policy/about/

Description

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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.

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The Food Law Lab
Harvard Law School
The Petri-Flom Center
23 Everett Street 3rd Floor
Cambridge, MA 02138
thefoodlawlab@law.harvard.edu
thefoodlawlab.wordpress.com

Description

The food that is produced, distributed, and consumed in the United States is a function of a complex web of state, federal, and international laws. The Food Law Lab at Harvard Law School’s mission is to make that legal structure visible, and to make it better. The Lab focuses on three key areas: promoting research, scholarship and innovation in food law; supporting increased clarity in the legal regulation of food; and partnering with others in the field to develop new curricular offerings in this ever-growing and dynamic field. Although the Food Law Lab focuses on legal problems, it supports a research agenda that is interdisciplinary, blending law with history, anthropology, philosophy, social science, and the humanities. The Lab works with faculty, students and practitioners across various disciplines to foster innovation in the food law curriculum and the growth of modern scholarship.

Areas of Specialization
Biotechnology and GMOs, Education, Food Advertising, Food Safety, School Food
HOWARD UNIVERSITY

School of Law: World Food Law Institute
Professor Marsha A. Echols
2900 Van Ness Street, NW
Houston Hall, Rm. 310
Washington, D.C. 20008
(202) 806-8039 / worldfoodlaw@law.howard.edu
law.howard.edu/content/world-food-law-institute

Description
The World Food Law Institute at Howard University School of Law 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

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Anthropology of Food
Student Building 130, 701 E. Kirkwood Avenue
Bloomington, IN 47405
(812) 855-1041 / anthro@indiana.edu
www.indiana.edu/~anthro/grad/foodStudies/index.shtml

Description
The anthropology department at Indiana University has unique strengths and capabilities in the study of food. The PhD concentration in the anthropology of food draws on those strengths to offer students unparalleled training in the roles of food in prehistoric, historic and modern societies, human health, political economic relationships, human evolution and adaptation, human-environment interactions including sustainability, and the representation, construction and maintenance of ethnicity, social class, and cultural identity.

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

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture
209 Curtiss Hall
Ames, IA 50011
(515) 294-3711 / leocenter@iastate.edu
www.leopold.iastate.edu

Description
The Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture at Iowa State University was created to identify and develop new ways to farm profitably while conserving natural resources as well as reducing negative environmental and social impacts. The Center’s work focuses on four initiatives: ecology, marketing and food systems, policy, and cross-cutting. Funding comes from state appropriations and from fees on nitrogen fertilizer and pesticides, as established by the 1987 Iowa Groundwater Protection Act. As part of its long-standing Competitive Grants Program, the Leopold Center makes funds available to researchers, investigators, and educators at all Iowa colleges and universities, and at Iowa nonprofit agencies and foundations. These awards often act as seed money for other larger sources of funding for research projects. Since 1988, the Leopold Center has awarded more than 500 competitive grants. The Center’s mission includes an educational component to inform the agricultural community and the general public about its research findings. The Center collaborates with ISU Extension and Outreach and others to communicate research findings. It also supports conferences, seminars and special events related to the four research initiatives.

Areas of Specialization
Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Food Systems, Food Marketing, Environment/Sustainability, Research
**JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY**

**JOHNS HOPKINS CENTER for a LIVABLE FUTURE**

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

615 N. Wolfe Street, Suite W7010
Baltimore, MD 21205
(410) 502-7578 / clf@jhsph.edu
www.jhsph.edu/clf

**Description**

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.

Building upon available expertise and CLF’s comparative advantage as part of Johns Hopkins University, the Center pursues its mission in the following ways:

• Supporting and conducting interdisciplinary research through collaboration with experts in a variety of fields
• Educating and training students and professionals through doctoral fellowships, graduate courses and curricula
• Communicating projects and activities to a wide range of internal and external CLF constituents
• Generating resource materials and providing technical expertise for policy, advocacy, and outreach initiatives
• Partnering with organizations which complement the Center’s resources and expertise in order to improve the food system overall and strengthen local and regional capacity.

**Areas of Specialization**

Education, Environment/Sustainability, Food Systems, Public Health, Research

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**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY CENTER for REGIONAL FOOD SYSTEMS**

**Center for Regional Food Systems**

480 Wilson Road
Natural Resources Building
East Lansing, MI, 48824
(517) 353-3535 / CRFS@anr.msu.edu
foodsystems.msu.edu

**Description**

Michigan State University’s Center for Regional Food Systems’ vision is a thriving economy, equity, and sustainability for Michigan, the country, and the planet through food systems rooted in local regions and centered on Good Food: food that is healthy, green, fair, and affordable. Their mission 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.

The Center for Regional Food Systems’ goals include:

• Partner across Michigan to advance the goals of the Michigan Good Food Charter.
• Educate new generations to lead regional food systems research and practice.
• Cultivate and support communities of practice around emerging regional food systems issues and opportunities.
• Increase the visibility of and access to MSU resources that support regional good food systems.
• Expand the resource base for regional food systems applied research, education and outreach.
• Develop farmers and farms for regional food systems.
• Expand and coordinate engagement of MSU faculty and staff in interdisciplinary regional food systems applied research, education, and outreach.

**Areas of Specialization**

Environment/Sustainability, Food Systems, Research
**Department of Community Sustainability**

*480 Wilson Road*

*East Lansing MI 48824*

*(517) 353-5190*

*www.csus.msu.edu*

**Description**

Sustainability is about choices made within specific environmental, economic, social, and cultural contexts. Sustainability scholarship involves creating, integrating and harnessing new knowledge to protect and improve social and natural systems and their interactions. The Department of Community Sustainability (CSUS) is an interdisciplinary department that addresses contemporary issues of sustainability in agriculture, recreation, natural resources, and the environment. Consistent with its mission to assist in the development of sustainable communities, the department offers three undergraduate majors linked by a common core in community sustainability. These three majors—Environmental Studies and Sustainability (ESS); Sustainable Parks, Recreation and Tourism (SPRT); and Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Education (AFNRE)—share a set of courses centered on community sustainability. The CSUS graduate program offers two graduate majors: Community Sustainability (MS and PhD) and Sustainable Tourism and Protected Areas Management (MS and PhD). In both undergraduate and graduate programs, CSUS embraces international as well as domestic applications, engagement, and opportunities.

**Areas of Specialization**

- Food Systems, Environment/Sustainability, Community Development

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**College of Law: The Global Food Law LL.M. and M.J. Program**

*648 N. Shaw Lane*

*East Lansing, MI 48824*

*(517) 432-6800 / foodlaw@law.msu.edu /

*globalfood.law.msu.edu/index.html*

**Description**

The Michigan State University College of Law Global Food Law Program gives lawyers, regulators and other industry professionals the tools they need to succeed in a constantly changing market. The entirely online program can be completed in about three years by taking one course per semester and studying year-round. The Global Food Law Program at Michigan State University’s College of Law offers two master’s degree programs. The Master of Laws (LL.M.) program is for practicing attorneys and those who already hold a law degree. The Master of Jurisprudence (M.J.) program is for students who do not already hold a law degree.

**Areas of Specialization**

- Biotechnology and GMOs, Education, Food Safety, Food Labeling, Food Marketing & Advertising, General Legal, International, Research, Trade

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**THE NEW SCHOOL**

**Food Studies Program**

*Department of Food Studies*

*66 W. 12th Street, Room 901*

*New York, NY 10011*

*(212) 229-5124 / foodstudies@newschool.edu /

*www.newschool.edu/public-engagement/ba-bs-food-studies/*

**Description**

The Food Studies BA/BS degree is offered through The New School’s Bachelor’s Program for Adults and Transfer Students. Led by The New School’s expert faculty, you’ll explore subjects ranging from food-growing practices and food marketing to global food security and public health issues like obesity and malnutrition. Drawing on a number of disciplines, including anthropology, economics, gastronomy, systems design, and public policy analysis, the program prepares students to implement positive changes in food systems by engaging with processes of production, distribution, consumption, and regulation.

**Areas of Specialization**

- Food Studies, Food Systems

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Description

The MIT Media Lab Open Agriculture Initiative (OpenAg) is on a mission to create healthier, more engaging, and more inventive future food systems. We believe the precursor to a healthier and more sustainable food system will be the creation of an open-source ecosystem of food technologies that enable and promote transparency, networked experimentation, education, and hyper-local production. OpenAg brings together partners from industry, government, and academia in a research collective that's creating collaborative tools and open technology platforms for the exploration of future food systems.

Areas of Specialization

Food Technology and Innovation, Food Data

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Description

The Department of Nutrition, Food Studies, and Public Health recognizes the fundamental importance of food and nutrition to human well-being and pleasure. Students gain practical expertise through innovative coursework that addresses 21st century needs and developments by drawing on the connections between what individuals consume and how they live. Graduates are prepared for diverse careers in non-profit, academia, and business.

Areas of Specialization

Food Studies, Food Systems, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, Public Health, Research

Employment

For internship opportunities, www.steinhardt.nyu.edu/nutrition/internships.

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

Description

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. PHAI is committed to research in public health law, public health policy development; to legal technical assistance; and to collaborative work at the intersection of law and public health. PHAI’s current areas of work include tobacco control and childhood obesity. It was founded and is directed by Professor Richard Daynard, a leading international expert on tobacco control and the obesity epidemic.

Areas of Specialization

Food Marketing & Advertising, Legal Advocacy/Litigation, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, Policy, Public Health, Research
OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Food Innovation Center
213 Parker Food Science and Technology Building
2015 Fyffe Ct., Columbus, OH 43210
614-292-0229 / fic@osu.edu
fic.osu.edu

Description
The Ohio State University Office of Academic Affairs and Office of Research created the Food Innovation Center (FIC) in 2010 to encourage trans-institutional and interdisciplinary scholarship across campus to address issues and problems of global dimension. Since that time, the FIC has attracted more than 380 faculty members, staff and graduate students who share a common interest in food, health and sustainability. FIC engages in projects on food mapping, food insecurity, foods for health and much more. In addition to supporting internal research projects, the FIC actively engages with an external audience. Through conferences and networking events, the FIC convenes experts from Ohio State and beyond on topics ranging from childhood obesity, translating the dietary guidelines into policy, and the future of food.

Areas of Specialization
Nutrition, Food Insecurity, Public Health, Sustainability

PACE UNIVERSITY

Pace-NRDC Food Law Initiative
Elizabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University
78 N Broadway,
White Plains, NY 10603
http://www.law.pace.edu/pace-nrdc-food-law-initiative

Description
The Pace-NRDC Food Law Initiative seeks to address the direct legal service needs of food justice organizations, farmers, and food entrepreneurs by increasing capacity of the legal community to meet those needs through education of law students and training of lawyers. The Initiative seeks both to provide some of these necessary to legal services and to train a larger community of lawyers to understand food and agriculture issues. The initiative includes a Food and Beverage Law Clinic, which provides transactional legal services to small- and medium-sized farmers implementing innovative and sustainable farming practices, mission-oriented food entrepreneurs, and food justice non-profit organizations. Students complete projects in areas of critical need including access to land, access to capital, farm ownership succession and estate planning, eligibility for federal and state programs and benefits, and compliance with federal, state, and local regulatory law.

Areas of Specialization
Education, Food Entrepreneurship, Sustainable Food Production, Legal Services, Research

RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY

New Jersey Institute for Food, Nutrition, and Health
61 Dudley Road, Suite 122
New Brunswick, NJ 08901-8520
(848) 932-3500 / director@ifnh.rutgers.edu
ifnh.rutgers.edu

Description
The New Jersey Institute for Food, Nutrition & Health (IFNH) underscores the commitment of Rutgers University to new transformational initiatives across the many disciplines impacting food, nutrition, and health. The IFNH draws on the strengths of the entire university as it physically co-locates and strategically aligns the diverse competencies and deep capacity of Rutgers to address society’s major unmet health problems. In this complex world, the institute embraces a culture of interdisciplinarity that seeks solutions to health problems in the social as well as the biological determinants of health. As one of its top program priorities, the institute focuses on ways to stem the epidemic rise in childhood obesity and obesity-related disorders such as diabetes, heart disease, and cancer. Recognizing that many adult diseases
have their origins in early childhood, the institute focuses on pre-emptive nutrition and lifestyle changes that can reset health trajectories and offset the increasing costs of healthcare. The institute is also interested in emerging problems such as gluten sensitivity, unfolding science such as the role of the gut microbiome in health and disease, new products in the largely untapped category of medical foods, and how biometric technology will optimize human performance and smart phones will enable healthy behaviors in the 21st century.

Areas of Specialization
Nutrition and Diet-Related Diseases, Public Health, Research

Rutgers Food Policy Institute
Department of Human Ecology
55 Dudley Road
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
(848) 932-9145 / foodpolicy@njaes.rutgers.edu
foodpolicy.rutgers.edu

Description
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. FPI’s 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. While FPI’s focus is the Mid-Atlantic region, they embrace an inclusive view of the food system that applies to all geographies. FPI defines the food system as one that operates “from farm to fork” and encompasses the increasingly interdependent processes of how food is regulated, produced, distributed, sold and consumed. Understanding that none of these processes exist in a vacuum, FPI views their role in food policy research as supporting public and private decision makers who influence aspects of the food system within which government, agriculture, industry and the consumer interact.

Areas of Specialization
Economics, Food Systems, Policy, Research

Stanford University

Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies Center on Food Security and the Environment
Encina Hall East
616 Serra Street E-408
Stanford, CA 94305
(650) 498-4129
fse.fsi.stanford.edu

Description
Stanford University’s Center on Food Security and the Environment, a joint effort of FSI and Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment, addresses critical global issues of hunger, poverty and environmental degradation by generating vital knowledge and policy-relevant solutions. An interdisciplinary team of scholars accomplishes this mission through a focused research portfolio, teaching program, and direct science and policy advising.

Areas of Specialization
Economics, Environment/Sustainability, Hunger/ Food Security, International, Rural Issues, Trade

Tufts University

Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy
150 Harrison Avenue
Boston, MA 02111
(617) 636-3737/ nutritionadmissions@tufts.edu
nutrition.tufts.edu

Description
The Gerald J. and Dorothy R. Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University was established in 1981 with the mission of bringing together biomedical, social, political, and behavioral scientists to conduct research, educational, and community-service programs to improve the nutritional health and well-being of populations throughout the world. The School’s concern with the problems of hunger and malnutrition in United States and abroad is reflected in the research and applied work being done by its faculty and students. Areas of specialty include the socioeconomic
parameters of malnutrition, nutrition program design and implementation, social marketing and development policy. The School’s students complete internships in their concentration of study areas with opportunities to impact public policy and to work in nutrition programs, practicing and plying their art. Graduates of the programs in these areas are employed in government and non-governmental agencies as well as private voluntary organizations throughout the world and in the United States.

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

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**UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS**

**UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS**

**FAYETTEVILLE**

**University of Arkansas: LL.M. in Agricultural and Food Law**

1 University of Arkansas
Fayetteville, AR 72701
law.uark.edu/academics/llm-food-ag

**Description**

The first advanced law degree in agricultural and food law was founded at the University of Arkansas School of Law more than 30 years ago. The LL.M. in Food and Agricultural Law was also the first to offer a fully integrated opportunity for face-to-face and distance education options. With the LL.M. Program as the foundation, the University of Arkansas School of Law publishes the nation’s first student-edited specialized journal devoted to food law and policy issues and sustains outreach efforts such as the Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative and the Food Recovery Project, which connect academic scholarship with critical legal and policy issues. This unique curriculum offers a full range of specialized classes in agricultural and food law. Courses are offered on a regular semester basis others are condensed to allow for more concentrated study. You may also earn credits with concentrated two-to three-day courses focused on a specific topic. These special intensive classes are often taught by nationally recognized food and agricultural law experts.

**Areas of Specialization**
Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Education, Food Studies, Food Recovery, Indigenous Food Policy.

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**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA**

**Global Food Initiative**

[www.ucop.edu/global-food-initiative](http://www.ucop.edu/global-food-initiative)

*Contact information for the 20 subcommittees and working groups can be found here: [www.ucop.edu/global-food-initiative/organization/index.html](http://www.ucop.edu/global-food-initiative/organization/index.html)*

**Description**

The University of California Global Food Initiative addresses one of the critical issues of our time: how to sustainably and nutritiously feed a world population expected to reach eight billion by 2025. The initiative aligns the university’s research, outreach and operations in a sustained effort to develop, demonstrate and export solutions—throughout California, the United States and the world—for food security, health and sustainability. The UC Global Food Initiative involves all 10 UC campuses, UC’s Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, with guidance from a systemwide working group appointed by President Napolitano and the chancellors. More than 20 subcommittees and multi-campus working groups are drawing on the efforts of faculty, students and staff, as well as engagement with the community.

**Areas of Specialization**
Food Security, Public Health, Sustainability, Climate Change

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**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY**

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Berkeley Food Institute
23 Giannini Hall #3100
Berkeley, California, 94720-3100
510-643-8821
food.berkeley.edu

Description
The Berkeley Food Institute (BFI) aims to addresses impediments to systemic change in the food system by creating productive connections between members of the scholarly community, non-governmental organizations, governments, farmers and other producers, and civil society. Through interdisciplinary research and collaborative civic and community engagement, the BFI contributes to the exciting process of food system transformation. BFI builds links and overcomes gaps or silos that have commonly impeded progress in this field. For example, BFI informs policymakers and reporters about important research from UC Berkeley in this field; enables researchers to become more aware of important developments among agricultural producers; facilitates exchange of knowledge and information between social movements and scientists; and collaborates with efforts to ensure accountability and social responsibility among agri-food corporations. The Institute also probes and identifies theories and effective strategies of achieving social and policy change, explores approaches to strengthen productive connections, and contributes to the implementation of innovative practices within food systems.

Areas of Specialization
Environment/Sustainability, Food Access, Labor, Research, Urban Agriculture

Food Labor Research Center
Institute for Research on Labor and Employment
2521 Channing Way # 5555
Berkeley, CA 94720
(510) 642-0323
laborcenter.berkeley.edu

Description
The Food Labor Research Center was launched in fall 2012 by Saru Jayaraman as a project of the Labor Center at the University of California, Berkeley. As a leader in the movement for food worker justice, Saru saw a gap in the study of the intersection of food and labor. While there are several University centers that focus on labor studies, and others that focus on food studies, the Food Labor Research Center at the University of California, Berkeley is the first academic institution anywhere in the country to focus on the intersection between food and labor issues in the U.S. and abroad.

Areas of Specialization
Labor, Education, Food Equity, Research

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS

World Food Center
230 Mrak Hall
One Shields Avenue
Davis, CA 95616
(530) 752-7172 / worldfoodcenter@ucdavis.edu
worldfoodcenter.ucdavis.edu

Description
The World Food Center is lifting UC Davis to the global stage as the top research university for food. By bridging agriculture, food science, nutrition, veterinary medicine, public health and policy in new and transformational ways, the Center is magnifying UC Davis science for a greater impact on society and the planet’s food systems. Since 2013, the World Food Center has been serving as a focal point for deepening and broadening the university’s collaborations with partners; convening leaders to shape strategy and policy; connecting research to society and the marketplace.

Areas of Specialization
Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Food Studies, Food Systems, Policy, Research
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

Resnick Program for Food Law and Policy
385 Charles E. Young Drive
1242 Law Building
Los Angeles, CA 90095
law.ucla.edu/centers/social-policy/resnick-program-for-food-law-and-policy

Description
The Resnick Program for Food Law and Policy studies and advances breakthrough solutions for improving the modern food system. Based at UCLA Law, the Resnick Program is a national think tank focused on developing key legal and policy strategies, timely research, and practical tools to foster a food system that benefits both consumers and the environment. Covering a wide range of local, national, and global food policy topics and issues, the program seeks solutions in support of a food system that embodies the values of equity, transparency, and good governance and that yields improved health and sustainability outcomes for all through law and policy research and education, leadership development and student training, and creating practical solutions for food system challenges.

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

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Food Marketing Policy Center
1376 Storrs Road, Unit 4021
Storrs, CT 06269
(860) 486-1927/ FMPC@uconn.edu
www.fmpc.uconn.edu

Description
The Food Marketing Policy Center conducts research on food and agricultural marketing and related policy questions. The general intent is 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.

The Centers research agenda includes work in the following areas:
• Industrial Organization
• Strategic Marketing
• Food Safety Economics
• Agricultural Cooperatives
• Public policy related to these subject areas including antitrust and regulatory policies.

Areas of Specialization
Food Marketing, Economics, Policy, Research
The Rudd Center’s Mission is to promote solutions to childhood obesity, poor diet, and weight bias through research and policy. The Rudd Center believes that every child, regardless of who they are, where they live, and what they look like, deserves the opportunity to eat healthfully. This is not the reality today. The Rudd Center is committed to interrupting this cycle of inequity by conducting research to inform advocacy and policy, supporting evidence-based solutions, challenging the status quo, and holding the food industry, media, government, and others that affect the food environment accountable for their actions.

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

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The Center for Agriculture and Food Systems (CAFS) has a dual mission: to train the next generation of food and agriculture advocates and entrepreneurs, and to create innovative legal tools supporting the new food movement. CAFS trains students through a comprehensive array of residential and distance learning courses and a Food and Agriculture Clinic. VLS offers a JD Certificate in Food and Agriculture, and both Master’s and LLM degrees in Food and Agriculture Law and Policy. CAFS is also a center for advocacy. Beyond the classroom, CAFS faculty and students collaborate with local, regional, national and international partners to produce legal tools that advance smart market and policy initiatives geared toward improving the food system and its impact on the environment, public health, local economies, food security and animal welfare. CAFS creates legal tools for an array of food system stakeholders, including farmers, food producers, food entrepreneurs, consumers, legislators, administrators and health care professionals.

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

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Land-Grant Institutions

In addition to the above education programs, there are many land-grant universities throughout the United States that are dedicated to agricultural and industrial research. These universities also have extension offices to provide direct assistance to state residents. More information can be found at www.aplu.org.
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 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!).

Typically, job seekers can find employment postings from the federal government at USAJobs.gov.
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
D.C. Main Office
Room 107 W, Whitten Building
1400 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, D.C. 20250
(202) 720-3351

Description
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 the chief law officer of USDA and is responsible for providing legal services for all programs, operations, and activities of USDA. Two Deputy General Counsels, five Associate General Counsels, and four Regional Attorneys assist the General Counsel in managing the work of the office. A Senior Counselor also provides assistance in the Immediate Office of the General Counsel.

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 (click tabs on the left-hand column).

USDA: Agricultural Marketing Service
1400 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, D.C. 20250
amsadministratoroffice@ams.usda.gov
www.ams.usda.gov

Description
The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) administers programs that create domestic and international marketing opportunities for U.S. producers of food, fiber, and specialty crops. AMS also provides the agriculture industry with valuable services to ensure the quality and availability of wholesome food for consumers across the country. Nearly 4,000 AMS professionals work every day to support the country’s diverse agricultural operations, which range from individual farmers to international businesses.

Areas of Specialization
Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Trade

Employment

USDA: Agricultural Research Service
ARS Headquarters:
Jamie L. Whitten Building
1400 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20250

ARS Headquarters Staff:
George Washington Carver Center
5601 Sunnyside Avenue
Beltsville, MD 20705
www.ars.usda.gov

Description
The Agricultural Research Service (ARS) is the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s chief scientific in-house research agency. ARS conducts research to develop and transfer solutions to agricultural problems of high national priority and provide information access and dissemination to ensure high-quality,
safe food, and other agricultural products; assess the nutritional needs of Americans; sustain a competitive agricultural economy; enhance the natural resource base and the environment and provide economic opportunities for rural citizens, communities, and society as a whole.

**Areas of Specialization**
Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Research

**Employment**
www.ars.usda.gov/careers/careers-at-ars-info

**USDA: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service**

**Legislative and Public Affairs Mailing Address**
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Room 1147 South Building
Washington, D.C. 20250
(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 are protected from unjustified restrictions.

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

**Employment**

**USDA: Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion**

**3101 Park Center Drive, 10th Floor**
Alexandria, VA 22302

**Nutrition Evidence Library:**
(703) 305-7600
www.cnpp.usda.gov

**Description**
The Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion’s (CNPP) mission is to improve the health of Americans by developing and promoting dietary guidance that links scientific research to the nutrition needs of consumers. The staff at CNPP is composed primarily of nutritionists, nutrition scientists, dietitians, economists, and policy experts. CNPP staff help to define and coordinate nutrition education policy within USDA and to translate nutrition research into information and materials for consumers; policymakers; and professionals in health, education, industry, and media. CNPP carries out its mission to improve the health of Americans by (1) serving as the Federal authority on evidence-based food, nutrition and economic analyses to inform policy and programs; (2) translating science into actionable food and nutrition guidance for all Americans; and (3) leading national communication initiatives that apply science-based messages to advance consumers’ dietary and economic knowledge and behaviors.

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

**Employment**
For internship positions for nutritionists, nutrition scientists, dietitians, economists, policy experts, see www.cnpp.usda.gov/internships.

**USDA: Economic Research Service**

**Street Address**
355 E Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20024

**Mailing Address**
1400 Independence Ave.
Description
The mission of USDA's Economic Research Service (ERS) is to anticipate trends and emerging issues in agriculture, food, the environment, and rural America and to conduct high-quality, objective economic research to inform and enhance public and private decision making, to ensure that they provide high quality and objective analysis. ERS shapes its research program and products to serve those who routinely make or influence public policy and program decisions. Key clientele include White House and USDA policy officials; the U.S. Congress; program administrators/managers; other Federal agencies; State and local government officials; and organizations, including farm and industry groups interested in public policy issues.

Areas of Specialization
Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Research

Employment
www.ers.usda.gov/about-ers/careers-at-ers

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

Employment
www.fsa.usda.gov/about-fsa/human-resources/careers/index

USDA: Food Safety and Inspection Service
Headquarters
1400 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20250

FSIS Human Resources Office
Butler Square West 4th Floor
100 North Sixth Street
Minneapolis, MN 55403-1564
1-800-370-3747
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

Employment
www.fsis.usda.gov/careers

USDA: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration
Stop 3601, Room 2055-South Building
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250
(202) 720-0219
www.gipsa.usda.gov

Description
Farm Service Agency (FSA) serves all farmers, ranchers, and agricultural partners through the delivery of effective, efficient agricultural programs for all Americans. A customer-driven agency with a diverse and multi-talented work force, dedicated to achieving an economically and environmentally sound future for American Agriculture.

The Farm Service Agency also maintains offices in each state. Find applicable state office at www.fsa.usda.gov/state-offices/index.
Description
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
Waterfront Centre
800 9th St. SW
Washington, D.C. 20024
(202) 720-4423

Description
Since the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (the 2008 Farm Bill) authorized its creation, the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) has taken significant strides toward enhancing the impact of food, agriculture, natural resources, and human sciences. NIFA collaborates with leading scientists, policymakers, experts, and educators in organizations throughout the world to find innovative solutions to the most pressing local and global problems. In partnership with other federal science agencies, NIFA also serves as a vital contributor to science policy decision-making.

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

Employment
Including professional vacancies, student programs, internships, and scholarships www.nifa.usda.gov/career-opportunities.

USDA: Natural Resources Conservation Service
1400 Independence Ave., SW, Room 5105-A
Washington, D.C. 20250
(202) 720-7246
www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/home

Description
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

Employment

USDA: Office of Congressional Relations
1400 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, D.C. 20250
(202) 720-7095

Description
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. Within OCR is the Office of External and Intergovernmental Affairs (EIA) which serves as the liaison to elected and appointed officials of State, county, local, and Tribal governments. The office also serves as a liaison to USDA stakeholders.

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

**Employment**
www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=CAREERS.

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**USDA: Office of Tribal Relations**
Room 500A, Whitten Building
1400 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, D.C. 20250
(202) 205-2249
https://www.usda.gov/our-agency/staff-offices/office-tribal-relations-otr

**Description**
The Office of Tribal Relations (OTR) serves as a single point of contact for Tribal issues and works to ensure that relevant programs and policies are efficient, easy to understand, accessible, and developed in consultation with the American Indians and Alaska Native constituents they impact. OTR continues to refine the consultation process to ensure strong partnerships that will preserve Tribal sovereignty and is responsible for: government-to-government relations between USDA and tribal governments; advising Secretary Vilsack on Tribal issues and concerns; tribal Consultation; Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA); issues impacting Tribal members; and working 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, Indigenous Food

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**USDA: Risk Management Agency**
1400 Independence Ave., SW, Room 6092-South
Washington, D.C. 20250
(202) 690-2803
www.rma.usda.gov

**Description**
The United States Department of Agriculture’s Risk Management Agency (RMA), created in 1996, serves America’s agricultural producers through effective, market-based risk management tools to strengthen the economic stability of agricultural producers and rural communities. RMA is committed to increasing the availability and effectiveness of Federal crop insurance as a risk management tool. RMA manages the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) to provide innovative crop insurance products to America’s farmers and ranchers. Approved Insurance Providers (AIP) sell and service Federal crop insurance policies in every state and in Puerto Rico through a public-private partnership with RMA.

**Areas of Specialization**
Agriculture/Agricultural Law, General Legal

**Employment**

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**USDA: Rural Development**
1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 205-W
Washington, D.C. 20250
(202) 720-4581
www.rd.usda.gov

**Description**
USDA Rural Development (RD) is committed to helping improve the economy and quality of life in rural America. Through its programs, RD helps rural Americans in many ways. RD offers loans, grants and loan guarantees to support essential services such as housing, economic development, health care, first responder services and equipment, and water, electric and communications infrastructure.
RD promotes economic development by supporting loans to businesses through banks, credit unions and community-managed lending pools. RD offers technical assistance and information to help agricultural producers and cooperatives get started and improve the effectiveness of their operations.

**Areas of Specialization**
Education, Environment/Sustainability, Finance/Microfinance, General Legal, Community Development, Rural Issues

**Employment**

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

**USDA Food and Nutrition Service Headquarters**
3101 Park Center Drive
Alexandria, VA 22302
(703) 305-2017
http://www.fns.usda.gov

**Description**
The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is an agency of USDA’s Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services. FNS works to end hunger and obesity through the administration of 15 federal nutrition assistance programs including WIC, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and school meals. In partnership with State and Tribal governments, its programs serve one in four Americans during the course of a year. Working with public, private and non-profit partners, its mission is to increase food security and reduce hunger by providing children and low-income people access to food, a healthful diet and nutrition education in a way that supports American agriculture and inspires public confidence.

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

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**USDA/FNS: Child and Adult Care Food Program**

**FNS Headquarters**
3101 Park Center Drive
Alexandria, VA 22302
(703) 305-2062
www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/care/default.htm

**Description**
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) provides aid to child and adult care institutions and family or group day care homes for the provision of nutritious foods that contribute to the wellness, healthy growth, and development of young children, and the health and wellness of older adults and chronically impaired disabled persons. Through CACFP, more than 3.3 million children and 120,000 adults receive nutritious meals and snacks each day as part of the day care they receive. 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

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**USDA/FNS: Disaster Assistance**

**FNS Headquarters**
3101 Park Center Drive
Description
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. 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
(703) 305-2062 / fdd-psb@fns.usda.gov
www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/

Description
The FNS Food Distribution Programs' mission is to strengthen the Nation’s nutrition safety net by providing food and nutrition assistance to school children and families; and support American agriculture by distributing high quality, 100% American-grown USDA Foods.

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
FNS Headquarters
3101 Park Center Drive

USDA/FNS: Summer Food Service Program
FNS Headquarters
3101 Park Center Drive
Alexandria, VA 22302
(703) 305-2062
www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/summer/

Description
The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) ensures that low-income children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is not in session. This summer, USDA plans to serve more than 200 million free meals to children 18 years and under at approved SFSP sites.

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

USDA/FNS: Supplemental Nutrition Program

USDA/FNS: Supplemental Nutrition

Alexandria, VA 22302
(703) 305-2062
www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/summer/
**Assistance Program**
FNS Headquarters  
3101 Park Center Drive, Suite 808  
Alexandria, VA 22302  
(800) 221-5689  
www.fns.usda.gov/snap/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-snap

**Description**
The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) offers nutrition assistance to millions of eligible, low-income individuals and families and provides economic benefits to communities. SNAP is the largest program in the domestic hunger safety net. The Food and Nutrition Service 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 integrity.

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

**Employment**
www.fns.usda.gov/snap/contact_info/default.htm for contact information for FNS headquarters and regional offices and for local SNAP offices.

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**USDA/FNS: Women, Infants, and Children Program**
Food and Nutrition Service – USDA  
3101 Park Center Drive, Room 520  
Alexandria, VA 22302  
(703) 305-2746  
www.fns.usda.gov/wic

**Description**
The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for 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 up to age five who are found to be at nutritional risk. 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.

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

**Employment**
Federal job openings are listed on the website of the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), located at 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 numbers are located at 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.

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

**Description**
The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (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

Employment
www.hhs.gov/about/careers/index.html

HHS: Office of the General Counsel
200 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, D.C. 20201
(202) 690-7741
www.hhs.gov/ogc

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

Employment
www.hhs.gov/about/agencies/ogc/careers/index.html

HHS: Centers for Disease Control
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
1600 Clifton Rd.
Atlanta, GA 30333
(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
jobs.cdc.gov

HHS/CDC: National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
4770 Buford Hwy, NE
MS K-40
Atlanta, GA 30341
(800) 232-4636
https://www.cdc.gov/chronicdisease/index.htm

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. CDC leads U.S. efforts to prevent
and control chronic diseases and their risk factors through the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP). Using four approaches, the center works with partners to strengthen health for states, tribes, localities, and territories. The four approaches include, tracking chronic diseases and risk factors through surveys and research; improving environments to make it easier for people to make healthy choices; strengthening health care systems to deliver prevention services that keep people well and diagnose diseases early; and connecting clinical services to community programs that help people prevent and manage their chronic diseases and conditions. 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

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**HHS/CDC: Public Health Law Program**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

1600 Clifton Rd.

Atlanta, GA 30333

(800) 232-4636 / cdcinfo@cdc.gov

www.cdc.gov/phlp

**Description**

The Public Health Law Program (PHLP) works to improve the health of the public by developing law-related tools and providing legal technical assistance to public health practitioners and policy makers in state, tribal, local, and territorial (STLT) jurisdictions. PHLP works with STLT public health departments and other partners to identify public health law priorities; research laws that impact the public’s 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

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**HHS: Food and Drug Administration**

10903 New Hampshire Avenue

Silver Spring, MD 20993

(888) 463-6332

www.fda.gov

**Description**

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, the American food supply, cosmetics, tobacco products, 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.

**Areas of Specialization**

Biotechnology and GMOs, Food Advertising, Food Labeling, Food Safety, General Legal, International

**Employment**

Contact cdcinfo@cdc.gov and www.cdc.gov/phlp/externship.

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**Other Federal Agencies**

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

Ariel Rios Building

1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Washington, D.C. 20460

(202) 272-0167

www.epa.gov
Description
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) mission is to protect human health and the environment. EPA’s purpose is to ensure that: all Americans are protected from significant risks to human health and the environment where they live, learn and work; national efforts to reduce environmental risk are based on the best available scientific information; federal laws protecting human health and the environment are enforced fairly and effectively; and environmental protection is an integral consideration in U.S. policies concerning natural resources, human health, economic growth, energy, transportation, agriculture, industry, and international trade, and these factors are similarly considered in establishing environmental policy. EPA purpose is also to ensure that all parts of society—communities, individuals, businesses, and state, local and tribal governments —have access to accurate information sufficient to effectively participate in managing human health and environmental risks; environmental protection contributes to making communities and ecosystems diverse, sustainable and economically productive; and the United States plays a leadership role in working with other nations to protect the global environment.

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

Employment
www.epa.gov/careers

U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240
(202) 208-3100
www.doi.gov

Description
The Department of the Interior (DoI) protects and manages the Nation’s natural resources and cultural heritage; provides scientific and other information about those resources; and honors its trust responsibilities or special commitments to American Indians, Alaska Natives, and affiliated island communities.

Areas of Specialization
Environment/Sustainability, Indigenous Food, Land Use/Conservation, Rural Issues

Employment

DoI: National Parks Service
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240
(202) 208-6843
www.nps.gov

Description
The National Park Service (NPS) preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. The Park Service cooperates with partners to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation and outdoor recreation throughout the U.S. and the world.

Areas of Specialization
Environment/Sustainability, Land Use/Conservation

Employment
www.nps.gov/aboutus/workwithus.htm

DoI: Fish and Wildlife Service
5275 Leesburg Pike
Falls Church, VA 22041
(703) 358-1875
www.fws.gov
**Description**
Fish and Wildlife Service manages the 150 million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System of more than 560 National Wildlife Refuges and thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas. Under the Fisheries program Fish and Wildlife also operates 70 National Fish Hatcheries, 65 fishery resource offices and 86 ecological services field stations. The Service employs approximately 9,000 people at facilities across the U.S. The Service is a decentralized organization with a headquarters office in Washington, D.C., with regional and field offices across the country.

**Areas of Specialization**
Environment/Sustainability, Food Systems, Land Use/Conservation

**Employment**
www.fws.gov/humancapital

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**Description**
The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) offers an extensive scope of programs that covers the entire range of Federal, State and local government services. Programs administered by either Tribes or Indian Affairs through the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) include an education system consisting of 183 schools and dormitories educating approximately 42,000 elementary and secondary students and 28 tribal colleges, universities, and post-secondary schools. Programs administered through the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) include social services, natural resources management on trust lands representing 55 million surface acres and 57 million acres of subsurface minerals estates, economic development programs in some of the most isolated and economically depressed areas of the United States, law enforcement and detention services, administration of tribal courts, implementation of land and water claim settlements, housing improvement, disaster relief, replacement and repair of schools, repair and maintenance of roads and bridges, and the repair of structural deficiencies on high hazard dams, the BIA operates a series irrigation systems and provides electricity to rural parts of Arizona.

**Areas of Specialization**
Environment/Sustainability, Indigenous Food, Land Use/Conservation

**Employment**
www.bia.gov/Jobs/index.htm

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**Description**
The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) may best be described as a small agency with a big mission: to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of America’s public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. It administers more public land—over 245 million surface acres—than any other Federal agency in the United States. Most of this land is located in the 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also manages 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM’s multiple-use mission, set forth in the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, mandates that BLM manages public land resources for a variety of uses, such as energy development, livestock grazing, recreation, and timber harvesting, while protecting a wide array of natural, cultural, and historical resources.

**Areas of Specialization**
Environment/Sustainability, Land Use/Conservation

**Employment**
www.blm.gov/careers
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20580
(202) 326-2222
www.ftc.gov

Description
The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is a bipartisan federal agency with a unique dual mission to protect consumers and promote competition. For one hundred years, FTC’s collegial and consensus-driven agency has championed the interests of American consumers. The FTC is dedicated to advancing consumer interests while encouraging innovation and competition in America’s dynamic economy. The FTC develops policy and research tools through hearings, workshops, and conferences. FTC collaborates with law enforcement partners across the country and around the world to advance FTC’s crucial consumer protection and competition missions. And beyond American borders, FTC cooperates with international agencies and organizations to protect consumers in the global marketplace.

Areas of Specialization
Food Advertising, General Legal, Trade

Employment

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

Description
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 American workers. The Legislative Division works with various bureaus to develop the Department’s legislative initiatives and is the focal point within the Department for coordinating the analysis of legislation and developing and articulating the views of the Department on pending legislation. The Regulatory Division serves as the primary contact for all regulatory matters concerning the Department of Commerce. This office advises the diverse bureaus within Commerce on administrative law requirements and procedures involved in the rulemaking process, and provides legal counsel on other related laws and Executive Orders. It also serves as the Department’s liaison with the Office of Management and Budget and other Federal agencies during interagency review and clearance of regulations issued by the Department, and provides Secretarial-level clearance for all Federal Register publications. In addition, this

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U.S. Agency for International Development
Ronald Reagan Building
Washington, D.C. 20523
(202) 712-4810
www.usaid.gov

Description
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
www.usaid.gov/careers

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Office advises the Secretary on regulatory matters, develops the Department’s regulatory policies and procedures, and provides the Department’s official position on regulations affecting the Department.

Areas of Specialization
General Legal, Trade

Employment
For career opportunity information, see www.commerce.gov/page/career-opportunities-and-internships. For employment opportunities in the Office of General Counsel, see ogc.commerce.gov/page/employment-opportunities.

U.S. Department of Commerce: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
National Marine Fisheries Service
Partnerships and Communications
1315 East West Highway
Silver Spring, MD 20910
(301) 427-8400
www.nmfs.noaa.gov/

Description
NOAA Fisheries is responsible for the stewardship of the nation’s ocean resources and their habitat. NOAA provides vital services for the nation: productive and sustainable fisheries, safe sources of seafood, the recovery and conservation of protected resources, and healthy ecosystems—all backed by sound science and an ecosystem-based approach to management. Under the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act, NOAA Fisheries works to recover protected marine species while allowing economic and recreational opportunities.

Areas of Specialization
Environment/Sustainability

U.S. Department of State
2201 C. Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20520
(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

DoS: Office of Global Food Security
2201 C. Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20520
(202) 647-4000
https://www.state.gov/s/globalfoodsecurity/index.htm

Description
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.

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

STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

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. The Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future, an interdisciplinary academic center based at the Bloomberg School of Public Health, has created a Food Policy Council Directory that includes food policy councils across North America. Each entry in this directory includes contact information, links to webpages and social media sites, governance structures, top priorities, and notable accomplishments for the respective Food Policy Council. The directory can be found here: http://www.foodpolicynetworks.org/directory/online/.

Even if a state doesn’t have an agency or food policy council 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.

Departments 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

Departments of Education
State education departments generally 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

Departments 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. State health departments are usually also tasked with food safety oversight.

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

Departments of Human Services or Departments 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
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

Federal and state legislators are essential actors in executing food policy at the highest levels of government. Working for a federal or state legislator provides an invaluable opportunity to participate in high-level food policy making. There are two ways to investigate which legislators are involved in food policy:

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

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

- At the state level, these might include: Agriculture, Education, Public Health and Welfare. Visit individual state websites for more information.

Economic Development Agencies

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 Agencies

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 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
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. These organizations may also have a local, regional, national, or international focus.

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**

### Alliance for Fair Food

**P.O. Box 509**
**Immokalee, FL 34142**
organize@allianceforfairfood.org  
www.allianceforfairfood.org

**Description**
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. 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**
www.allianceforfairfood.org/join-the-team

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### American Farmland Trust

**1150 Connecticut Ave NW**
**Suite 600**
**Washington, D.C. 20036**
(202) 331-7300  
info@farmland.org  
www.farmland.org

**Description**
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 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 the environment.

**Areas of Specialization**
Agriculture and Agricultural Law, Environment/Sustainability, Land Use/Conservation, Policy

**Employment**
www.farmland.org/careers

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### American Planners Association

**Chicago Office**
**205 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1200**
**Chicago, IL 60601-5927**
(312) 431-9100

**Washington, D.C. Office**
**1030 15th St., NW**
**Suite 750 West**
**Washington, D.C. 20005-1503**
(202) 872-0611  
www.planning.org

**Description**
American Planning Association is a not-for-profit, independent 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, Outreach and Education, Policy

**Employment**
www.planning.org/jobs/jobseekers.htm

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Animal Legal Defense Fund
National Headquarters
170 East Cotati Avenue
Cotati, CA 94931
(707) 795-2533 / info@aldf.org
aldf.org

Description
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 People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), ALDF filed a historic lawsuit in 2013 challenging the constitutionality of Ag Gag laws.

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

Employment
For clerkships, internships, and fellowships, see aldf.org/resources/animal-law-events-opportunities/clerkships-internships-fellowships/

For general employment opportunities with ALDF, see aldf.org/resources/animal-law-events-opportunities/employment/?id=11

For other opportunities, including research and grant opportunities, see http://aldf.org/resources/animal-law-events-opportunities/opportunities/

Animal Welfare Institute
900 Pennsylvania Ave., SE
Washington, D.C. 20003
(202) 337-2332 / awi@awionline.org
www.awionline.org

Description
Since 1951, the Animal Welfare Institute (AWI) has sought to alleviate the suffering inflicted on animals by people. AWI’s work addresses many areas of animal suffering, including the desperate needs of animals used for experimentation, cruel animal factories, which raise and slaughter pigs, cows, chickens and other animals, and a quest to end the torture inflicted on furbearing animals by steel jaw leghold traps and wire snares. AWI’s Government Affairs division provides information to Members of Congress and their staffs, while its Legal division engages in precedent-setting litigation on behalf of animals in state and federal courts across the country. 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, Policy

Employment
http://www.awionline.org/content/job-openingsinternships-awi

CANFIT (Communities - Adolescents - Nutrition - Fitness)
2140 Shattuck Avenue, Suite 1110
Berkeley, CA 94704
(510) 644-1533 / info@canfit.org
http://www.canfit.org/
**Description**

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**

For general employment opportunities, see www.canfit.org/about/jobs

For scholarships and internships, see www.canfit.org/scholarships

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**Center for Food Safety**

National Headquarters
660 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, Suite 302
Washington, D.C. 20003
(202) 547-9359 / office@centerforfoodsafety.org

West Coast Office
303 Sacramento St., 2nd floor
San Francisco, CA 94111
(415) 826-2770

Pacific Northwest Office
917 SW Oak Street, Suite 300
Portland, OR 97205
(971) 271-7372
www.centerforfoodsafety.org

**Description**

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 CFS's 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**

www.centerforfoodsafety.org/jobs/

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

1220 L St. N.W., Suite 300
Washington, D.C. 20005
(202) 332-9110
www.cspinet.org

**Description**

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**

cspinet.org/about/careers
ChangeLab Solutions 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 Solutions specializes in researching and drafting model laws and policies, providing analysis and recommendations on environmental change strategies, developing educational toolkits and fact sheets, and providing on-demand training and technical assistance to support stakeholders in their policy reform efforts. ChangeLab’s interdisciplinary team of lawyers, urban planners, architects, policy analysts, and public health specialists successfully apply this approach in the context of land use and transportation planning, childhood obesity prevention, tobacco control, food systems, school environments, and more.

Areas of Specialization
Childhood Obesity, Community Development, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, Policy, Public Health, Research, Tobacco Control

Consumers Union is the policy and action division of Consumer Reports (CR), 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. CU works with their network of more than one million 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

Domestic Fair Trade Association (DFTA) is an association of members from across the food and

Consumers Union
101 Truman Avenue
Yonkers, NY 10703-1057
(914) 378-2000
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 cooperatives, 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

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**Earthjustice**
Sustainable Food & Farming Program
48 Wall Street, 19th Fl.
New York, NY 10005
(212) 845-7376
neoffice@earthjustice.org
earthjustice.org

**Description**
Founded on the basis that “the earth needs a good
lawyer,” Earthjustice is the nation’s largest nonprofit
environmental law organization of more than a
hundred attorneys across the country. Representing
every client free of charge, Earthjustice pursues the
goals of promoting the wild, healthy communities,
and clean energy and a healthy climate. Earthjustice
has shown that focused and persistent legal
advocacy can clean up industries. Now they are
applying their experience and knowledge to
reform Big Food. Working in partnership with
activists, communities, progressive farmers and
ranchers, scientists and others to compel change.

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**Environmental Working Group**
1436 U St. NW
Suite 100
Washington, DC 20009
(202) 667-6982
www.ewg.org

**Description**
The Environmental Working Group’s mission is
to empower people to live healthier lives in a
healthier environment. With breakthrough research
and education, the Environmental Working Group
helps drive consumer choice and civic action.
EWG’s research has changed the debate over
environmental health. From households to Capitol
Hill, EWG’s team of scientists, policy experts,
lawyers, communication experts and programmers
has worked to make sure someone is standing up
for public health. Through reports, online databases,
mobile apps and communications campaigns,
EWG is educating and empowering consumers to
make safer and more informed decisions about the
products they buy and the companies they support.

**Areas of Specialization**
Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Environment/
Sustainability, Food Safety, Policy

**Employment**
http://www.ewg.org/about-us/job-openings#
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Fair Food Network
205 E. Washington St., Suite B
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
(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. FNN’s work includes thought-leadership and mentoring, grassroots and national networks, collaborations and communication, and entrepreneurship and skills training.

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

Employment
Contact headquarters for job and internship opportunities.

Fair Food Program
info@fairfoodprogram.org
www.fairfoodprogram.org

Description
The Coalition of Immokalee Workers’ (CIW) Fair Food Program is a unique partnership among farmers, farmworkers, and retail food companies that ensures humane wages and working conditions for the workers who pick fruits and vegetables on participating farms. It harnesses the power of consumer demand to give farmworkers a voice in the decisions that affect their lives, and to eliminate the longstanding abuses that have plagued agriculture for generations. The Program has been called “the best workplace-monitoring program” in the US in the New York Times, and “one of the great human rights success stories of our day” in the Washington Post, and has won widespread recognition for its unique effectiveness from a broad spectrum of human rights observers, from the United Nations to the White House.

Areas of Specialization
Environment/Sustainability, Food Justice, Food Systems, Hunger/Food Security, Labor, Policy, Research.

Farm Aid
501 Cambridge Street, 3rd Floor
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 354-2922 / info@farmaid.org
www.farmaid.org

Description
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, Corporate Power, Disaster Relief, Family Farm Food, Farm Policy, GMOs, Industrial Agriculture, Finance/Microfinance, Labor, Soil & Water

Employment
Contact headquarters for job and internship opportunities.
**Farm-to-Consumer Legal Defense Fund**  
8116 Arlington Blvd, Suite 263  
Falls Church, VA 22042  
(703) 208-3276 (FARM) / info@farmtoconsumer.org  
www.farmtoconsumer.org

**Description**

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. In addition to litigation, FTCLDF’s work includes advising on state legislation, working at the administrative level on matters before federal and state governments, and day-to-day member services. Member services have included work on the following: zoning, complaints from neighbor(s), on-farm poultry processing, disputes with farmers market managers, and slaughterhouse regulations.

**Areas of Specialization**

Agriculture/Agricultural Law, General Legal, Legal Advocacy/Litigation

**Employment**

Contact headquarters for job and internship opportunities

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**Farm Forward**

P.O. Box 4120  
Portland, OR 97208-4120  
(877) 313-3276  
http://www.farmforward.com

**Description**

Incorporated in 2007, Farm Forward is a nonprofit advocacy and consulting group at the forefront of pragmatic efforts to transform the way the United States 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. Farm Forward works to create resources to educate consumers on poultry welfare and guide them to high-welfare products, enhances the effectiveness of leading welfare organizations, advocates for improved animal welfare certification, collaborates to shape public discourse on the human treatment of farmed animals, encourages conscientious consumption through social media, and conducts religious outreach for animal welfare.

**Areas of Specialization**

Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Animal Welfare

**Employment**

Contact headquarters for job and internship information

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**Farmers’ Legal Action Group**

6 Fifth West Street, Suite 650  
Saint Paul, MN 55102  
(651) 223-5400 / lawyers@flaginc.org  
www.flaginc.org

**Description**

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
P.O. Box 499
Kimberton, PA 19442
www.farmersmarketcoalition.org

Description
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; and 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
http://www.farmersmarketcoalition.org/joinus/employment

Farmworker Justice
1126 16th Street NW, Suite 270
Washington, D.C. 20036
(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 issues impacting farmworkers.

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

Employment
www.farmworkerjustice.org/about/jobs-internships

Food and Drug Law Institute
1155 15th Street NW, Suite 910
Washington, DC 20005
202-371-1420 / 800-956-6293 / info@fdli.org
www.fdli.org

Description
The Food and Drug Law Institute (FDLI), founded in 1949, is a nonprofit membership organization that offers education, training, publications, and professional engagement opportunities in the field of food and drug law. As a neutral convener, FDLI provides a venue for stakeholders to inform
innovative public policy, law, and regulation. FDLI's scope covers all industries regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and related agencies and authorities in the U.S. and globally, including drugs, medical devices, food, dietary supplements, cosmetics, veterinary, and tobacco products.

**Areas of Specialization**
Education, Food Safety, Food Labeling, Legal Advocacy/Litigation, Policy, Regulation.

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**FoodCorps**
1140 SE 7th Avenue, Suite 110
Portland, OR 97214
(212)-596-7045 / info@foodcorps.org
www.foodcorps.org

**Description**
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 implements 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, Food Systems, Education, Policy

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**Food Policy Action**
1436 U Street NW, Suite 200
Washington, D.C. 20009
(202) 997-3266 / info@foodpolicyaction.org
www.foodpolicyaction.org

**Description**
Food Policy Action was established in 2012 through a collaboration of national food policy leaders in order to hold legislators accountable on votes that have an effect on food and farming. Food Policy Action’s goal is to change the national dialogue on food policy by educating the public on how elected officials are voting on these issues.

**Areas of Specialization**
Agriculture, Food Systems, Education, Policy

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![Food Research and Action Center Logo](image)

**Food Research and Action Center**
1200 18th Street NW, Suite 400
Washington, D.C. 20036
(202) 986-2200
www.frac.org

**Description**
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, School Food

**Employment**
www.frac.org/about/jobs-and-internships
Food Tank
Danielle Nierenberg
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foodtank.com

Description
Food Tank is the think tank for food that works to bridge the domestic and global food issues by highlighting how hunger, obesity, climate change, unemployment, and other problems can be solved by more research and investment in sustainable agriculture. Food Tank highlights hope and success in agriculture by featuring innovative ideas that are already working on the ground, in cities, in kitchens, in fields and in laboratories. Food Tank spotlights and supports environmentally, socially, and economically sustainable ways of alleviating hunger, obesity, and poverty and create networks of people, organizations, and content to push for food system change.

Areas of Specialization
Research, Food Policy, Sustainability.

Employment
foodtank.com/jobs

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The Food Trust
Penn Center House, Inc.
1617 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Suite 900
Philadelphia, PA 19103
(215) 575-0444 / contact@thefoodtrust.org
www.thefoodtrust.org

Description
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. This approach includes improving food environments and teaching nutrition in schools; working with corner store owners to increase healthy offerings and helping customers make healthier choices; managing farmers’ markets in communities that lack access to affordable produce; and encouraging grocery store development in underserved communities.

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

Employment
www.thefoodtrust.org/contact/jobs.

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The Good Food Institute
1380 Monroe St. NW #229
Washington DC 20010
www.gfi.org

Description
The Good Food Institute (GFI) works with scientists, investors, and entrepreneurs to make groundbreaking good food a reality. GFI focuses on clean meat and plant-based alternatives to animal products—foods that are more delicious, safer to eat, and better for the planet than their outdated counterparts.

Areas of Specialization
Sustainability, Plant-based Products, Food Innovation

Employment
www.gfi.org/jobs

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Good Food Purchasing Program
info@goodfoodpurchasing.org
goodfoodpurchasing.org

Description
The Good Food Purchasing Program transforms the
way public institutions purchase food by creating a transparent and equitable food system built on five core values: local economies, health, valued workforce, animal welfare, and environmental sustainability. The Center for Good Food Purchasing provides a comprehensive set of tools, technical support, and verification system to assist institutions in meeting their Program goals and commitments. The Good Food Purchasing Program is designed to do for the food system what LEED certification did for energy efficiency in buildings. The Program provides a metric based, flexible framework that encourages large institutions to direct their buying power toward five core values: local economies, environmental sustainability, valued workforce, animal welfare and nutrition. The Good Food Purchasing Program is the first procurement model to support these food system values in equal measure.

Areas of Specialization
Sustainability, Economic Justice, Research.

Humane Society of the United States
1255 23rd Street, NW, Suite 450
Washington, D.C. 20037
(202) 452-1100
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
www.humanesociety.org/about/employment/?credit=web_id93480558

Land Trust Alliance
1660 L Street NW
Suite 1100
Washington, D.C. 20036
(202) 638-4725 / info@lta.org
www.landtrustalliance.org/

Description
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
www.landtrustalliance.org/list/land-trust-job-board

MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger
10850 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 400
Los Angeles, CA 90024
(310) 442-0020 / hello@mazon.org
mazon.org

Description
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 citizens 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
mazon.org/careers

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National Conference of State Legislators
Washington Office
444 North Capitol Street, NW, Suite 515
Washington, D.C. 20001
(202) 624-5400

Denver Office
7700 East First Place
Denver, CO 80230
(303) 364-7700
www.ncsl.org/

Description
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, Environment/Sustainability, Food Safety, Finance/Microfinance, Labor, Trade

Employment
Contact headquarters for job and internship opportunities.

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National Farm to School Network
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P.M.B. #104
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Chicago, IL 60631-3515

Washington, D.C., office
110 Maryland Ave. NE, Suite 209
Washington, DC 20002
www.farmtoschool.org

Description
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, Policy

**Employment**
www.farmtoschool.org/employment

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**National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition**
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Washington, D.C. 20002
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www.sustainableagriculture.net

**Description**
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. NSAC’s policy council includes subcommittees focused on research, education, and extension; marketing, food systems, and rural development; conservation, energy, and environment; farming opportunities and fair competition; and food system integrity.

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

**Employment**
www.sustainableagriculture.net/about-us/jobs

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**Natural Resources Defense Council**
40 West 20th Street, 11th Floor
New York, NY 10011
(212) 727-2700
www.nrdc.org

**Description**
The Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) works to safeguard the earth—its people, its plants and animals, and the natural systems on which all life depends. NRDC combines the power of more than two million members and online activists with the expertise of some 500 scientists, lawyers, and policy advocates across the globe to ensure the rights of all people to the air, the water, and the wild. NRDC’s scientists, advocates, lawyers, and communications specialists work in more than a dozen program areas including environmental justice, food & agriculture, and health & environment. NRDC promotes better farming and food-production practices by promoting better meat production and less meat consumption overall; reducing food waste; eliminating toxic contaminants from farm to fork; promoting climate-friendly farming methods and strengthening regional food systems.

**Areas of Specialization**
Community Development, Environment/Sustainability, Food Systems, Land Use/Conservation, Policy, Public Health, Research

**Employment**
http://www.nrdc.org/careers
**National Young Farmers Coalition**

358 Warren St.
Hudson, New York 12534
518-643-3564
www.youngfarmers.org

**Description**
The National Young Farmers Coalition (NYFC) was founded by and for a new generation of farmers in the United States. NYFC works in coalition with farmers, consumers, organizations, and government to tackle the many challenges that young, independent, and sustainable farmers face in their first years operating a farm business. NYFC supports practices and policies that will sustain young, independent and prosperous farmers now and in the future.

**Areas of Specialization**
Agriculture, Environment/Sustainability, Labor, Policy.

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**Partnership for a Healthier America**

2001 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Suite 900
Washington, D.C. 20006
info@ahealthieramerica.org
www.ahealthieramerica.org

**Description**
Devoted to working with the private sector to ensure the health of America’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

**Employment**
www.ahealthieramerica.org/careers

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**PolicyLink**

1438 Webster Street, Suite 303
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(510) 663-2333 / info@policylink.org
www.policylink.org

Contact information for offices in New York, Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles located at www.policylink.org/about/locations.

**Description**
PolicyLink 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 PolicyLink’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. PolicyLink 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**
www.policylink.org/about/careers
Restaurant Opportunities Center United
275 7th Ave., Suite 1703
New York, NY 10001
(212) 343-1771
www.rocunited.org

Description
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
www.rocunited.org/jobs

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
50 College Road East
Princeton, NJ 08540-6614
(877) 843-7953 (RWJF)
www.rwjf.org/

Contact information for locations in New York City and Washington, D.C. can be found at www.rwjf.org/en/contact.html.

Description
As the nation’s largest philanthropy organization devoted solely to public health, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) has a unique capability and responsibility to confront the most pressing health and health care problems threatening 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

Employment

School Food FOCUS
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www.schoolfoodfocus.org/

Description
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. School Food FOCUS’ policy arm brings a new voice to the chorus of school food advocates by emphasizing a food-based approach, rather than a nutrition-based one, seeking policy changes and technical assistance that will advance large-scale regional procurement of more healthful foods, and developing recommendations on the issues most relevant to large school districts.
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
120 Waterfront Street, Suite 300
National Harbor, MD 20745
(301) 686-3100 / servicecenter@schoolnutrition.org
www.schoolnutrition.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

Employment
www.careers.schoolnutrition.org/

Slow Food USA
1000 Dean St., Suite 222
Brooklyn, NY 11238
(718) 260-8000
www.slowfoodusa.org

Description
Slow Food is a global, grassroots organization with more than 150,000 members and 2,000 food communities throughout 150+ countries. Slow Food USA, a national association of Slow Food, has 175 local and campus chapters that coordinate local activities, projects, and events. Slow Food defends and advocates for policies that promote holistic alternatives to the industrial food system through tastings, workshops, and social opportunities that celebrate the Slow Life. They develop leaders in communities who model joy and justice, and bring these leaders into farms, markets, restaurants, and homes. Slow Food connects people to the land and to each other through local projects, educational events, and shared meals. These interconnected principles drive their key program areas: biodiversity, children and food, convenings, and food communities.

Areas of Specialization
Community Building, Education, Nutrition, Policy, School Gardens

Employment
www.slowfoodusa.org/jobs-internships

Stone Barns
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**Description**

Stone Barns Center for Food & Agriculture is a non-profit farm and educational center with a partner restaurant, Blue Hill at Stone Barns, located in Pocantico Hills, New York. Stone Barns Center is on a mission to create a healthy and sustainable food system that benefits us all. Stone Barns is working to build a culture of eating based on what farms need to grow to sustain healthy soil and a resilient ecosystem. In our quest to transform the way America eats and farms, Stone Barns Center convenes change makers, trains farmers, educates food citizens and develops agroecological farming practices.

**Areas of Specialization**

Environment/Sustainability, Agriculture, Research.

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**Sustainable Economies Law Center**

2323 Broadway, Suite 203
Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 398-6219 / communications@theSELC.org
www.theselc.org/

**Description**

The Sustainable Economies Law Center cultivates a new legal landscape that supports community resilience and grassroots economic empowerment. They provide essential legal tools—education, research, advice, and advocacy—so communities everywhere can develop their own sustainable sources of food, housing, energy, jobs, and other vital aspects of a thriving community. Sustainable Economies Law Center exists to bridge the gap in legal expertise needed to transition from destructive economic systems to innovative and cooperative alternatives. Their programs work together in identifying key leverage points in the existing economic and legal systems, removing strategic legal barriers, and creating replicable models for community resilience. Sustainable Economies Law Center's food program provides education, research, and advocacy to create food systems built around their vision for a better food system. This approach includes a food program based on the belief that food enterprises should be owned and/or controlled by the local communities that depend on them, a farmland program that seeks to develop and replicate economically, socially, and ecologically just legal models for long-term farmland stewardship, and food policy advocacy for sustainable and just legislative policies.

**Areas of Specialization**

Community Enterprise, Cooperatives, Labor, Policy

**Employment**


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**Union of Concerned Scientists**

Two Brattle Sq.
Cambridge, MA 02138-3780
(617) 547-5552
www.ucsusa.org/food_and_ agriculture

**Description**

UCS was founded in 1969 by scientists and students at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. That year, the Vietnam War was at its height and Cleveland's heavily polluted Cuyahoga River had caught fire. Appalled at how the U.S. government was misusing science, the UCS founders drafted a statement calling for scientific research to be directed away from military technologies and toward solving pressing environmental and social problems. By mobilizing scientists and combining their voices with those of advocates, educators, business people, and other concerned citizens, UCS has built a reputation for fairness and accuracy and amassed an impressive history of accomplishments.

**Areas of Specialization**

Food Policy, Sustainable Agriculture, Farm Policy, Food Access

**Employment**

www.ucsusa.org/about/jobs-ucs
United Farm Workers
29700 Woodford-Tehachapi Road
P.O. Box 62
Keene, CA 93531
(661) 823-6151
www.ufw.org

Description
Founded in 1962 by Cesar Chavez, 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

Employment
www.ufw.org/_board.php?b_code=about_job

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www.wallacecenter.org

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. The Wallace Center’s primary projects include a Pasture Project, the National Good Food Network, a Food Hub Collaboration, and other efforts to increase farmers success in local markets, promote city food sector innovation and investment, promote farmers markets and community food enterprises, and strengthen small-scale agriculture and local food systems.

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

Employment
www.wallacecenter.org/opportunities

United Food and Commercial Workers
International Union
7760 W. 38th Ave., Suite 400
Wheat Ridge, CO 80033
www.ufcw.org

Description
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. Local unions bargain contracts, help non-union workers organize, and in general handle day-to-day issues that directly affect members.

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

Employment
www.dcjobs.com/jobs.asp?page-mode=11&cid=2CR0D9EF9KTD8GWKM3N-MJWT39JPQ3GUC&location_id_1=528&location_type_1=C&location_name_1=Washing-ton%2c-DC&location_radius_1=50.%20
Wholesome Wave
Maine Office
855 Main Street, Suite 910
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 226-1112 / info@wholesomewave.org

D.C. Office
110 Maryland Avenue, NE, Suite 209
Washington, D.C. 20002

California Office
1900 Addison Street, Suite 350
Berkeley, CA 94704
www.wholesomewave.org

Description
Wholesome Wave is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting small and mid-size 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. Wholesome Wave's initiatives include a national nutrition incentive network, support for healthy food commerce investments, a fruit and vegetable prescription program, and advocacy and policy at all levels for programs, policies, and actions that increase food security, improve affordable access, and generate additional opportunities for small and mid-sized farm businesses.

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

Employment
www.wholesomewave.org/about-us/careers/

WhyHunger
WhyHunger
505 Eighth Avenue, Suite 2100
New York, NY 10018
(212) 629-8850
www.whyhunger.org

Description
WhyHunger, a world hunger relief organization, 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
www.whyhunger.org/jobs-and-internships

REGIONAL/LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Northeast
Abt Associates
55 Wheeler St.
Cambridge, MA 02138
(617) 492-7100
Description
Founded by Clark Abt in 1965, Abt Associates is a mission-driven, global leader in research and program implementation in the fields of health, social and environmental policy, climate change, and international development. Its 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.

Areas of Specialization

Employment
www.abtassociates.com/Current-Opportunities.aspx

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Agatston Urban Nutrition Initiative
3451 Walnut Street, Suite P-117A
Philadelphia, PA 19104
(215) 898-1600 / yvonnema@sas.upenn.edu
www.urbannutrition.org

Description
The Urban Nutrition Initiative (AUNI), a program of the University of Pennsylvania’s Netter Center for Community Partnerships, addresses issues of poor nutrition and physical fitness in West Philadelphia. AUNI’s activities are fully integrated into the university-assisted community school model. AUNI organizes school day, after-school, and summer learning opportunities for more than 10,000 students and their families at twenty public schools and community centers in Philadelphia. AUNI’s ecological approach to nutrition education includes hands-on experiences for students to grow, cook, consume, and sell healthy foods. UNI has school food education, youth development, and adult and senior nutrition programs.

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

Employment
www.urbannutrition.org/employment-opportunities

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Conservation Law Foundation (CLF)
62 Summer Street
Boston, MA 02110
(617) 350-0990 / e-info@clf.org
www.clf.org

Description
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. In 2010, CLF launched a 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. The Legal Services Food Hub is a project of CLF that provides pro bono legal assistance, workshops, and trainings to farmers, food entrepreneurs, and related organizations in order to foster a sustainable, resilient, and just food system.

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

Employment
www.clf.org/about/employment-opportunities
The Food Project
10 Lewis Street
Lincoln, MA 01773
(781) 259-8621 / info@thefoodproject.org
www.thefoodproject.org/

Description
Since 1991, The Food Project has built a national model of engaging young people in personal and social change through sustainable agriculture, working with teenagers to farm, producing food that is distributed through community supported agriculture programs, farmers’ markets, and local hunger relief organizations. 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 Massachusetts, 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, Youth Engagement

Employment
www.thefoodproject.org/get-involved/work-here

John C. Stalker Institute of Food and Nutrition
P.O. Box 9101
100 State Street
Framingham, MA 01701-9101
(508) 626-4756 / johnstalker@framingham.edu
www.johnstalkerinstitute.org

Description
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. The programs offered by the Institute support schools in their efforts to integrate nutrition education, wellness policy goals, and services into comprehensive health education, food service, school health, and physical education programs.

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

Employment
Contact headquarters for job and internship opportunities.

Just Food
114 W. 47th Street, Suite C1-45
New York, NY 10036
(212) 645-9880 ext. 221
www.justfood.org

Description
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
Employment

Maine Farmland Trust
97 Main Street
Belfast, ME 04915
(207) 338-6576 / info@mainefarmlandtrust.org
www.mainefarmlandtrust.org

Description
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 help farms be successful; help farmers secure land; and help inform and engage the public.

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

Employment
www.mainefarmlandtrust.org/job-opportunities.

Southeast

The Carolina Farm Stewardship Association
Mailing Address
P.O. Box 448
Pittsboro, NC 27312

Physical Address
287 East St. Suite 421
Pittsboro, NC 27312

Description
Founded in 1979, The Carolina Farm Stewardship Association (CFSA) is the oldest and largest sustainable agriculture organization in the Southeast. For over three decades, CFSA has successfully united farmers, consumers and businesses to build a just, healthy food and farming future. CFSA is a farmer-driven, membership-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that helps people in the Carolinas grow and eat local, organic foods by advocating for fair farm and food policies, building the systems family farms need to thrive, and educating communities about local, organic agriculture.

Areas of Specialization
Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Environment/Sustainability, Food Systems, Land Use/Conservation, Policy

Employment
https://www.carolinafarmstewards.org/internshipreferralservice/

Coalition of Immokalee Workers
P.O. Box 603
Immokalee, FL 34143
(239) 657-8311 / workers@ciw-online.org
www.ciw-online.org

Description
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. CIW runs a Fair Food Program (FPP) based on a unique partnership among farmworkers, Florida tomato growers, and participating retail buyers, including Subway, Whole Foods, and Walmart. CIW’s Anti-
Slavery Campaign has uncovered, investigated, and assisted in the prosecution of numerous multi-state farm slavery operations across the Southeastern U.S. Finally, the Campaign for Fair Food educates consumers on the issue of farm labor exploitation and forges alliances between farmworkers and consumers that enlist the market power of major corporate buyers to help end that exploitation.

Areas of Specialization
Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Labor, Trade

Employment
Contact headquarters for job and internship opportunities.

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California Food Policy Advocates
Main Office
1970 Broadway, Suite 760
Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 433-1122

Los Angeles Office
205 S. Broadway, Suite 402
Los Angeles, CA 90012
(213) 482-8200
http://www.cfpa.net

Description
California Food Policy Advocates (CFPA) is a statewide policy and advocacy organization dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing 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 wellbeing. Its policy actions range from federal policy advocacy to program implementation. Among CFPA’s initiatives and campaigns are Breakfast After the Bell and Water in Schools.

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

Employment
www.cfpa.net/career-opportunities

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California Project LEAN
Public Health Institute c/o California Project LEAN
1825 Bell Street, Suite 102-A
Sacramento, CA 95825
(925) 708-7027 / info@CaliforniaProjectLEAN.org
www.californiaprojectlean.org

Description
California Project LEAN (Leaders Encouraging Activity and Nutrition) is a program of 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.
CRPE
Center on Race, Poverty, and the Environment
Delano Office
1012 Jefferson Street
Delano, CA 93215
(661) 720-9140 / vgorospe@crpe-ej.org

Oakland Office
1999 Harrison Street, Suite 650
Oakland, CA 94612
(415) 346-4179 / bpeyton@crpe-ej.org
www.crpe-ej.org

Description
The Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment (CRPE) is a national environmental justice organization providing legal, organizing, and technical assistance to grassroots groups in low-income communities and communities of color. CRPE is driven by the belief that all people have the right to live, work, play and pray in a healthy environment, regardless of their race, place or income. CRPE’s sustainable agriculture campaign focuses on organizing and educating residents about the realities of pesticides while pushing for stricter pesticide regulations by educating legislators and connecting key decision makers with impacted residents; supporting greater food access by supporting community farming initiatives; and helping to stop the construction or expansion of industrial dairies while imposing air pollution controls on new and existing factory farms in California.

Areas of Specialization
Environmental Justice, Food Access, Labor, Pesticides

Employment
Contact headquarters for job and internship opportunities.

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Marin Agricultural Land Trust
P.O. Box 809
Point Reyes Station, CA 94956
(415) 663-1158 / farmland@malt.org
www.malt.org

Description
Marin 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 of 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

Employment
www.malt.org/jobs
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 Headquarters
Viale delle Terme di Caracalla
00153 Rome, Italy
(+39) 06 57051 / FAO-HQ@fao.org
www.fao.org

Description
The Food and Agriculture Organization’s (FAO) 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 Programme, an Internship Programme, a Junior Professional Programme, and a FAO Volunteer program, www.fao.org/employment/en.

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

Description
The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), a specialized agency of the United Nations, was 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 focuses exclusively on rural poverty reduction, working with poor rural populations in developing countries to eliminate poverty, hunger and malnutrition; raise their productivity and incomes; and improve the quality of their lives. The Fund has designed and implemented projects in very different natural, socio-economic and cultural environments.

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

Employment
For professional vacancies, Junior Professional Officer Programme, and Internship Programme, www.ifad.org/who/job/overview.

United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food
Hilal Elver (2014 – present)
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www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Food/Pages/HilalElver.aspx

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 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.

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**World Food Programme**
Via C.G. Viola 68
Parco dei Medici
00148 Rome, Italy
(+39) 06 65131
www.wfp.org

**Description**
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. 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, www.wfp.org/careers.

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**World Health Organization**
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1211 Geneva 27
Switzerland
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www.who.int

**Description**
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, www.who.int/employment/en. Contact the WHO at: erecruit@who.int.

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**Other Organizations**

**CGIAR Consortium and Fund**
1000, Avenue Agropolis
F-34394 Montpellier Cedex 5
(+33) 4 67 04 7575 / contact@cgiar.org
www.cgiar.org

**Description**
CGIAR is the only worldwide partnership addressing agricultural research for development, whose work contributes to the global effort to tackle
poverty, hunger and major nutrition imbalances, and environmental degradation. The partnership is carried out by 15 Centers, that are members of the CGIAR Consortium, in close collaboration with hundreds of partners, including national and regional research institutes, civil society organizations, academia, development organizations and the private sector. The 15 Research Centers generate and disseminate knowledge, technologies, and policies for agricultural development through the CGIAR Research Programs. The CGIAR Fund provides reliable and predictable multi-year funding to enable research planning over the long term, resource allocation based on agreed priorities, and the timely and predictable disbursement of funds. The multi-donor trust fund finances research carried out by the Centers through the CGIAR Research Programs.

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

**Employment**
www.cgiar.org/category/vacancies

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

**Description**
Food First is dedicated to ending the injustices that cause hunger and helping communities to take back control of their food systems. Food First advances its mission through three interrelated work areas: research, education and action. These work areas are designed to promote informed citizen engagement with the institutions and policies that control food and to integrate local, national and global efforts. Their work both informs and amplifies the voices of social movements fighting for food justice and food sovereignty. Food First has a large network of committed activists who produce cutting-edge analysis and educational resources, and who work closely with community-based movements and organizations in their struggles for land, democracy, sustainability, health, economic justice, food sovereignty, and a world free of sexism, racism, militarism and other forms of structural violence.

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

**Employment**
www.foodfirst.org/get-involved/join-our-team

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Food & Water Watch
1616 P Street NW, Suite 300
Washington, D.C. 20036
(202) 683-2500 / info@fwwatch.org
www.foodandwaterwatch.org

**Description**
Food & Water Watch (FWW) advocates for common sense policies that improve the way food is grown and produced, and make drinking water safe and affordable. FWW works to promote practices and policies that will ensure healthy futures for communities across the globe through a three-pronged approach of regional organizing, expert research and legislative action. Food & Water Justice, the legal arm of FWW, uses the judicial system as a vehicle for positive change and provides legal support for many of FWW campaigns.

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

**Employment**
For jobs and internship, see www.foodandwaterwatch.org/careers. For internship and volunteer program, see www.foodandwaterwatch.org/take-action/volunteer-or-intern-at-food-water-watch.
Health Care Without Harm
Healthy Food Systems Program
12355 Sunrise Valley Dr., Suite 680
Reston, VA 20191
(703) 860-9790
noharm.org

Description
Health Care Without Harm (HCWH) works to implement ecologically sound and healthy alternatives to health care practices that pollute the environment and contribute to disease. HCWH is an international coalition of hospitals and health care systems, medical professionals, community groups, health-affected constituencies, labor unions, environmental and environmental health organizations and religious groups. The HCWH Healthy Food in Health Care program harnesses the purchasing power and expertise of the health care sector to advance the development of a sustainable food system. Through advocacy, and education, HCWH helps facilities implement programs that explicitly connect all aspects of the food system with health. HCWH catalyzes sustainable procurement efforts, create clinician advocates, and inspire health care institutions to become leaders in shaping a food system that supports prevention-based health care.

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

Employment
Contact headquarters for job and internship opportunities. For career opportunities in the U.S. and Canada, www.noharm-uscanada.org/content/us-canada/jobs.

Heifer International
1 World Avenue
Little Rock, AR 72202
(855) 9HUNGER; (855) 948-6437 / info@heifer.org
www.heifer.org

Description
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. The core of the Heifer model is Passing on the Gift. This means families share the training they receive, and pass on the first female offspring of their livestock to another family. This extends the impact of the original gift, allowing a once impoverished family to become donors and full participants in improving their communities. The goal of every Heifer project is to help families achieve self-reliance. A Heifer program is a set of strategically connected projects aligned with a long-term commitment that empower small-scale farmers to achieve socially, economically and environmentally secure livelihoods. Programs are constructed to address the specific needs of a region and they can vary in size and geographic scope.

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

Employment
www.heifer.org/inside/careers

Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy
Minneapolis Office
2105 First Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55404
(612) 870-0453

Washington, D.C. Office
110 Maryland Ave NE, Suite 307
Washington, D.C. 20002
(202) 543-8602
www.iatp.org

Description
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**

www.iatp.org/about/jobs-and-internships

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**IFPRI**

**International Food Policy Research Institute**

2033 K St, NW
Washington, D.C. 20006
(202) 862-5600 / ifpri@cgiar.org
www.ifpri.org

**Description**

The International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) seeks sustainable solutions for ending hunger and poverty. IFPRI is a research center of the CGIAR Consortium, a worldwide partnership engaged in agricultural research for development. IFPRI’s research analyzes options for policies, institutions, innovations, and technologies that can advance sustainable food production in a context of resource scarcity, threats to biodiversity, and climate change. IFPRI examines how to improve diet quality and nutrition for the poor, focusing particularly on women and children, and works to create synergies among the three vital components of the food system: agriculture, health, and nutrition. IFPRI’s research also focuses on strengthening markets and correcting market failures to enhance the benefits from market participation for small-scale farmers; improving development strategies to ensure broad-based rural growth and to accelerate the transformation from low-income, rural, agriculture-based economies to high-income, more urbanized, and industrial service-based ones; and the causes and impacts of environmental, political, and economic shocks that can affect food security, nutrition, health, and well-being and evaluates interventions designed to enhance resilience at various levels. Lastly, IFPRI’s research on institutions centers on collective action in management of natural resources and farmer organizations.

**Areas of Specialization**

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

**Employment**

www.ifpri.org/careers

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www.oxfamamerica.org
Description
Oxfam is an international confederation of 18 organizations working together with partners and local communities in more than 90 countries. Oxfam works to find practical, innovative ways for people to lift themselves out of poverty and thrive. Oxfam focuses its efforts in several areas including sustainable development, public education, campaigns, advocacy, and humanitarian assistance in disasters and conflicts.

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

Employment
www.oxfam.org/en/work-oxfam

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Pesticide Action Network
Main Office
1611 Telegraph Ave
Suite 1200
Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 788-9020

Midwest Office
3438 Snelling Ave
Upper Level
Minneapolis, MN 55406
www.panna.org

Description
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 food system.

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

Employment
www.panna.org/work-pan

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Rodale Institute
611 Siegfriedale Road
Kutztown, PA 19530
(610) 683-1400
http://www.rodaleinstitute.org

Description
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
www.rodaleinstitute.org/dig-deeper/work-with-us

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Slow Food Foundation for Biodiversity
Vicolo Chiaffrini, 2
12042 Bra (Cn)
Italy
(+39) 0172 419701/ foundation@slowfood.com
www.fondazioneslowfood.com/en/

Description
The Slow Food Foundation for Biodiversity is the operational body for the protection of food biodiversity. The Slow Food Foundation is active in over 100 countries and works with thousands of small-scale producers in its projects, providing technical assistance, training, producer exchanges and communication. The Foundation provides technical tools for various projects (guidelines,
production protocols, manuals, etc.), explores the themes related to these projects (sustainable agriculture, raw milk, small-scale fishing, animal welfare, seeds, GMOs, etc.), and communicates ideas and activities related to biodiversity through Slow Food's training and communication activities.

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

**Employment**
Contact the office at foundation@slowfood.com.

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

**Description**
Slow Food International is a global, grassroots organization that works to prevent the disappearance of local food cultures and traditions, counteract the rise of fast life and combat people's dwindling interest in the food they eat, where it comes from and how food choices affect the world around us. Slow Food International has supporters in over 160 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 (local groups) 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, www.slowfoodusa.org/jobs-internships.

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**The Oakland Institute**
1506 40th Avenue
Oakland, CA 94601
(510) 474-5251 / info@oaklandinstitute.org
www.oaklandinstitute.org

**Description**
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. 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 www.oaklandinstitute.org/interscholarsprogram. For careers, see www.oaklandinstitute.org/content/employment-opportunities.

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**Sustainable Harvest International**
P.O. Box 1447
Ellsworth, ME 04605
(207) 669-8254 / hello@sustainableharvest.org
www.sustainableharvest.org

**Description**
Sustainable Harvest International (SHI) works to preserve the environment by partnering with families to improve their wellbeing through sustainable farming. SHI provides local, long-term technical assistance and training to rural farming families in Central America. The SHI proven model equips and empowers low-income farmers with the resources to implement alternatives to slash-
and-burn agriculture, sustain the land for future generations of farmers, halt tropical deforestation, and build strong, self-supporting communities through agribusiness.

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

**Employment**
For employment opportunities, see www.sustainableharvest.org/employment. For internship opportunities, see www.sustainableharvest.org/internships.

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**U.S. Food Sovereignty Alliance**

info@usfoodsovereigntyalliance.org
www.usfoodsovereigntyalliance.org

**Description**
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 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.

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**Worldwatch Institute**

1400 16th Street NW, Suite 430
Washington, D.C. 20036
(202) 745-8092 / worldwatch@worldwatch.org
www.worldwatch.org

**Description**
Through research and outreach that inspire action, the Worldwatch Institute works to accelerate the transition to a sustainable world that meets human needs. The Institute’s top mission objectives are universal access to renewable energy and nutritious food, expansion of environmentally sound jobs and development, transformation of cultures from consumerism to sustainability, and an early end to population growth through healthy and intentional childbearing.

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

**Employment**
www.worldwatch.org/category/worldwatch-institute/about-worldwatch/jobs
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.
Description
Alston & Bird’s FDA attorneys represent and counsel clients on a wide range of FDA regulatory compliance matters affecting prescription and OTC drugs, biologics, medical devices, food, cosmetics and tobacco. Alston & Bird attorneys assist senior management teams with crisis management and work with clients to identify and analyze potential legal risks associated with their products. Alston & Bird’s experience includes highly visible litigation, as well as discreet resolution of potentially serious charges. They also provide regulatory advice and FDA due diligence support for corporate financing, as well as mergers and acquisitions. On legislative matters, Alston & Bird assists in the development of strategies, help with testimony, prepare clients for interviews with congressional committee staff and provide advice on pending legislation.

Areas of Specialization
General Legal

Size and Location of Food, Drug, and Device Group
Medium-sized; All members located in Washington, D.C. office.

Arent Fox
Multiple Offices
www.arentfox.com

Description
Arent Fox has one of the premier Food, Drug, Medical Device & Agriculture regulatory teams in the US. Staffed with over 40 professionals, the team includes a former U.S. Environmental Protection Agency attorney, a former attorney in the Office of Regulatory Affairs at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and former in-house counsel, just to name a few. The group offers a full range of regulatory, transaction, and litigation services for manufacturers, distributors, and retailers of food, dietary supplements, pharmaceuticals, biologics, medical devices, cosmetics, personal care products, and chemical products.

Areas of Specialization
General Legal

Size and Location of Food, Drug, Medical Device & Agriculture regulatory team
Medium-sized, located in New York and Washington, D.C.

Arnall Golden Gregory
Offices in Atlanta and Washington, D.C.
http://www.agg.com/Food-and-Drug-Practice

Description
Arnall Golden Gregory represents companies of all sizes, ranging from start-ups to multinational companies and privately held and publicly traded corporations. Arnall Golden Gregory’s Food and Drug Practice Team is recognized nationally as one of the top food and drug practices in the nation.

Areas of Specialization
General Legal

Size of Food and Drug Team
Small

Baumstark Braaten Law Partners
109 North 4th Street Suite 100
Bismarck, ND 58501
(701) 221-2911
www.baumstarkbraaten.com

Description
The attorneys at Baumstark Braaten Law Partners have experience in many areas, with a focus on agricultural law, American Indian law and environmental law. The practice ranges from reviewing farm leases for local farmers to serving...
as co-counsel on national class action lawsuits. Most of the work is done on behalf of farmers and ranchers, but they also have significant experience working with businesses, non-profit organizations and government bodies on a variety of issues.

**Areas of Specialization**
Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Environment/Sustainability, Indigenous Food, General Legal, Land Use/Conservation

**Size and Location of firm**
Medium-sized; located in North Dakota.

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**Bryan Cave**
*Multiple Offices*
www.bryancave.com

**Description**
Bryan Cave’s Agribusiness and Food Practice is a leader in providing legal services for the agribusiness and food industries. Its lawyers have deep legal and operational experience in a myriad of “farm-to-fork” issues—from regulatory compliance, transactions and commercial finance, to commercial and product liability litigation and everything in between—and now have a broad international client base throughout the sector. Bryan Cave’s attorneys are leaders in representing producers, processors, suppliers, cooperatives, lenders and investors worldwide.

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

**Size and Location of Agribusiness and Food Practice Group**
Medium-sized; located in St. Louis, Kansas City, and Chicago.

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**Cooley**
*Multiple Offices*
cooley.com

**Description**
Cooley’s Food and Beverage industry focus provides a full service platform designed to give food and beverage companies a competitive edge in corporate law, litigation, regulatory issues, and intellectual property.

**Areas of Specialization**
Food Safety, General Legal

**Size and Location of Food and Beverage Team**
Small-sized group; located in San Francisco and Palo Alto.

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**Covington & Burling LLP**
*Multiple Offices*
www.cov.com

**Description**
Covington’s internationally leading Food, Drug, and Device Practice encompasses the full range of pharmaceutical, biotechnology, medical device, veterinary, food and beverage, dietary supplement, and cosmetics issues. Through their offices in the United States, Europe, and China and a network of local counsel, Covington advises trade associations, multinational corporations, and emerging companies on a global basis.

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

**Size and Location of Food, Drug, and Device Law Team**
Large-sized group; located in Brussels, London, and Washington, D.C.
Description
Cozen O’Connor represents major players in the food and beverage industry, including manufacturers, ingredients suppliers, distributors, food brokers, restaurants, managed services companies, and insurers. Because they represent clients operating at every point along the supply chain, they understand the system as a whole and the complex relationships among its many participants. Cozen attorneys provide litigation, crisis management, regulatory compliance, and transactional services—and are often involved in matters that implicate all of these areas simultaneously.

Areas of Specialization
Food Safety, General Legal

Size and Location of Food & Beverage Group
Medium-sized; located in multiple cities including Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C.

Crowell & Moring
Multiple Offices
www.crowell.com

Description
Crowell & Moring’s Advertising & Product Risk Management (APRM) Group offers a unique, multidisciplinary approach to businesses in identifying and managing the legal risks of advertising, marketing, distribution, and sale of their products and services. Crowell & Moring’s lawyers and policy professionals help clients navigate the complex legal and regulatory regimes, both domestically and internationally, applicable to the design and promotion of their products and services as clients develop strategies to grow their businesses. The APRM Group assists clients in taking innovative and proactive measures to protect their business from the array of challenges before them, from regulatory investigations and tort litigation to false and unsubstantiated claims by competitors. Clients report that Crowell & Moring’s practice is one of a kind in its holistic, innovative, business-oriented, and end-to-end approach to risk management and mitigation.

Areas of Specialization
Food Labeling, Food Safety, General Legal

Size and Location of Advertising and Product Risk Management Group
Large-sized; located in multiple offices including Brussels, New York, and Washington, D.C.

Davis Wright Tremaine LLP
www.dwt.com
Multiple Locations

Description
DWT’s food litigation team is part of a larger, fully-integrated food and beverage team that serves a nationwide client base and offers the full range of legal services that startup, emerging, and middle market food companies need. Food and beverage companies have become the target for both state and federal regulators, as well as plaintiff-side consumer attorneys. These regulatory disputes or civil litigations are difficult enough for large, publicly-traded food companies, but they can become “bet the farm” issues for emerging and middle market food companies, who we routinely represent. DWT’s food litigation team has more than 20 years of experience and is one of the most experienced and comprehensive food litigation teams in the United States. Specifically, DWT’s litigation team handles several types of matters that food companies may face, including food labeling, advertising/consumer fraud, food safety/product liability, food safety risk management and response plans, food safety recalls and consumer class action defense.

Size and Location of Food Litigation Team
Small; members throughout the United States with key contacts in Portland, Oregon and Washington, D.C.

Dechert LLP
Multiple Offices
Description

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.

Areas of Specialization

Food Advertising, Food Labeling, General Legal, Trade

Size and Location of Food and Beverage Group


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DLA Piper LLP

Multiple Offices
info@dlapiper.com
www.dlapiper.com

Description

The Product Liability lawyers at DLA Piper represent a broad range of food, beverage and tobacco companies in dispute resolution and regulatory compliance. Their food, beverage and tobacco lawyers advise 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 advice extends throughout product development and into the post marketing period, addressing 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 US, 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. They represent clients on a wide variety of matters before FDA and USDA and in state and federal courts on FDA-related matters.

Areas of Specialization

Food Advertising, Food Labeling, General Legal, Trade

Size and Location of Food and Agriculture Law Group

Large-sized; located in Sacramento, San Francisco, Stockton, Reno, and Roseville.

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Downey Brand LLP

621 Capitol Mall 18th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 444-1000
www.downeybrand.com

Description

Attorneys at Downey Brand have extensive practical experience with the issues of daily importance to farmers, ranchers, input suppliers, packers, processors and grocers allowing their clients to focus on the demands of their operations. Downey Brand provides a range of services to their Food and Ag clients that covers the spectrum of industry issues from air quality compliance to tax issues and from pesticide regulation to succession planning. However, their advantages aren’t confined to knowing the law—Downey Brand’s attorneys are active participants, as well as advisors, to the industry trade groups, associations and their members who must deal each and every day with specific concerns of specialized industries. They are also involved with the legislative committees and agencies that determine that regulatory environment in which the Food and Ag industry will operate.

Areas of Specialization

General Legal

Size and Location of Food and Agriculture Law Group

Large-sized; located in Sacramento, San Francisco, Stockton, Reno, and Roseville.
Duane Morris
Multiple Offices
(215) 979-1000
www.duanemorris.com/

Description
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 and Food Group
Large-sized; located in multiple offices, including Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Houston, Las Vegas, New York, Philadelphia, San Diego, and San Francisco.

Faegre Baker Daniels
Multiple Offices
www.faegrebd.com

Description
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.

Areas of Specialization
Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Food Safety, General Legal

Size and Location of Food and Agriculture Group
Very large-sized; Multiple Offices, including Minneapolis, Chicago, Denver, Des Moines, Indianapolis, and Washington, D.C.

The Food Law Firm
Foscolo & Handel PLLC
P.O. Box 378
Red Hook, NY 12571
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www.foodlawfirm.com

Description
The Food Law Firm is uniquely dedicated to meeting the legal needs of farmers and food businesses. Their training and experience, as well as their passion for good food and profound respect for those who produce it, are what set the Food Law Firm apart from other law firms. The Food Law Firm aim to provide the highest quality legal services at a fair and predictable cost. As food lawyers, they do more than counsel clients on compliance with food regulations. They also bring their unique understanding of food businesses to bear in drafting agreements, protecting intellectual property, identifying and managing the risks of an inherently risky enterprise, and providing a wide variety of other services. Their clients operate in all stages of the food and alcoholic beverage supply chain—including agricultural producers, manufacturers, co-packers, importers, wholesalers, restaurants and retailers—and also include farming and food-related trade associations, like the American Mangalitsa Breeders Association, and the highly-respected non-profit, The Farmer-Veteran Coalition.

Areas of Specialization
General Legal

Size and Location of Firm
Small-sized; located in Red Hook.
**Foley & Lardner LLP**

**Description**
Foley's interdisciplinary Food & Beverage Industry Team provides comprehensive legal and lobbying services for companies that produce, distribute, or sell food and beverages, and the businesses that deal with them. They represent 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. Foley also assists agribusinesses, importers/exporters, food and beverage service organizations, trade associations, and equipment.

**Areas of Specialization**
General Legal, Trade

**Size and Location of Food and Beverage Group**
Large-sized; located in Boston, Chicago, Jacksonville, Los Angeles, Madison, Miami, Milwaukee, New York, San Francisco, Silicon Valley, Tampa, and Washington, D.C.

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**Frost, Brown & Todd**

**Description**
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.

**Areas of Specialization**
General Legal, International, Trade

**Size and Location of Food and Healthy Living Group**
Medium-sized; located in Cincinnati, Columbus, Indianapolis, Louisville, and Nashville.

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**Haynes and Boone, LLP**

**Description**
Haynes and Boone represents companies of all sizes—from start-ups with one company-owned location to global household name brands with over 10,000 locations. They also represent companies across all industries—from hotels to restaurants to product and service based franchises and distribution networks.
Finally, they represent companies in all franchise and distribution-related matters—from developing and maintaining all aspects of domestic and/or international franchise or distribution programs to resolving disputes with franchisees and distributors.

**Areas of Specialization**
Environment/Sustainability, General Legal

**Size and Location of Restaurant and Foodservice Group**
Medium-sized; located in Austin, Mexico City, New York, Orange County, Richardson, Dallas, and Houston.

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**Hinkle Law Firm**
301 North Main Street, Suite 200
Wichita, KS 67202-4820
www.hinklaw.com

**Description**
Hinkle Law Firm LLC’s food, beverage, and hospitality practice group offers clients significant litigation and consulting experience in the food, beverage, feed, agriculture, retail and hospitality/consumer-oriented service sector. In the food and beverage industry, it is involved in counseling clients in food and beverage product safety, food safety performance, labeling standards and indications of allergens in food production, distribution and sale of food and beverage, and compliance with applicable industry, state, FDA, USDA and other food safety regulations and enforcement standards, including the Food Safety Modernization Act and the Hazard Analysis & Critical Control Points regulations, which set out standards and a management system in which food safety is addressed through the analysis and control of biological, chemical, and physical hazards from raw material production, procurement and handling, to manufacturing, distribution and consumption of the finished product. Its attorneys have defended food and water borne illness litigation both in individual claims and mass outbreaks involving e-coli, salmonella and listeria as well as numerous diacetyl inhalation/artificial butter flavoring cases.

**Areas of Specialization**
Food Safety, General Legal

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**Size and Location of Food, Beverage, and Hospitality Team**
Small, all located in Kansas.

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**Hogan Lovells**
Multiple Offices
https://www.hoganlovells.com

**Description**
Lawyers at Hogan Lovells have participated in the development and implementation of nearly every legislative and regulatory initiative affecting the food industry in the last 40 years. To help mitigate risk, respond to challenges, and capture opportunities, the lawyers of Hogan Lovells combine insiders’ knowledge with hands-on practical advice. Hogan Lovells helps individuals shape, and comply with regulations at the international, national, state, and local levels. With lawyers who have high-level experience in government and industry, and others with relevant scientific and technological backgrounds, Hogan Lovells assesses and implements strategies that reduce the risk of violations and support business growth.

**Areas of Specialization**
Food Safety, Food Labeling, Litigation, Regulatory Compliance.

**Size and Location of Food Law Team**
Large, located throughout global offices.

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**Holland & Hart LLP**
Multiple Offices
www.hollandhart.com
www.hollandhart.com/agriculture-and-food

**Description**
Holland & Hart attorneys represent a wide range of clients in agriculture and food related industries. Its attorneys provide strategic advice and counsel on bringing new and innovative products to market,
compliance, litigation, and government relations. It has extensive experience in virtually all regulatory, marketing, and economic investment programs of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), renewable biomass-based energy production, plant and animal health, food safety and labeling and related environmental issues including conservation programs, and climate change initiatives.

**Areas of Specialization**
Environmental, General Legal

**Size and Location of Agriculture and Food Group**
Small-sized, located in Denver, Boise, Salt Lake City, and Las Vegas

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**Husch Blackwell LLP**
Multiple Offices
www.huschblackwell.com

**Description**
Husch Blackwell’s Food & Agribusiness team has the expertise to help businesses succeed. Their team of more than 50 attorneys is fully committed to serving the legal needs of the food and agribusiness industry. Husch Blackwell stays on top of today’s trends, help clients tackle day-to-day challenges, and guide businesses through the regulatory environment.

**Areas of Specialization**
Food Safety, General Legal

**Size and Location of Food Law Group**
Medium-sized; located in St. Louis, Kansas City, Denver, and Omaha.

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**Jambor Heyman**
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Minneapolis, MN 55415
(612) 234-2711 / hello@jamborheyman.com
www.jamborheyman.com

**Description**
The Jambor Heyman law firm is a one-stop shop for food businesses of all sizes. “Good food is all we do.” It works with farmers, processors, manufacturers, CPG brands, food trucks, restaurants, craft beverage, and retail businesses. The firm loves working with food-tech companies, personal care brands, and other food-related businesses and non-profits.

**Areas of Specialization**
Food Marketing, Food Safety, Food Systems, General Legal

**Size**
Small-sized firm

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**Hyman, Phelps, & McNamara, PC**
700 Thirteenth Street NW Suite 1200
Washington, D.C. 20005
(202) 737-5600
www.hpm.com

**Description**
HPM advises clients on regulatory requirements applicable to food products, including conventional foods, medical foods, dietary supplements, food and color additives, food contact substances, and novel food ingredients. Attorneys at Hyman, Phelps, & McNamara 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.
Jenner & Block
Multiple Offices
www.jenner.com
www.jenner.com/practices/207

Description
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 Food Contamination Team
Medium-sized; located in Chicago.

Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP
Multiple Offices
www.kattenlaw.com

Description
Katten's Food Outbreak and Product Recall attorneys provide time-sensitive and practical counsel to manufacturers, processors, suppliers, retailers, restaurants, hospitality and service providers, and other companies who might be impacted by food-borne outbreaks, product recalls, government investigations and product liability litigation.

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

Keller and Heckman LLP
Multiple Offices
https://www.khlaw.com

Description
Keller and Heckman's comprehensive and extensive food and drug practice is one of the largest in the world. The firm’s attorneys promote, protect, and defend products made by the spectrum of industries regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the European Commission and Member States authorities in the European Union (EU) and similar authorities throughout the world. The products they help get to market include foods, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, veterinary products, dietary supplements, and cosmetics. In addition, Keller and Heckman has a very comprehensive practice in the regulation of packaging materials for food, drugs, and cosmetics and other food-contact articles. They represent clients in addressing all issues relating to these products, including the suitability of their composition, inspection of manufacturing facilities, labeling and advertising, recall procedures, quality assurance programs, and appropriate responses to consumer complaints and tampering incidents. The firm also vigorously defend their clients when threatened by unwarranted action by competitors or regulatory authorities. They also have substantial experience conducting “due diligence” audits of marketed products, labeling, advertising claims, and manufacturing operations, both for the clients’ internal control purposes and as part of product line or corporate acquisitions.

Areas of Specialization
Food Advertising, Food Labeling, General Legal

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

Kelley Drye
Multiple Offices
www.kelleydrye.com

Description
Kelley Drye’s Food Law practice offers a full range of regulatory and transactional services to food and beverage companies in all stages of growth. We represent start-ups, established companies, and large corporations across the food industry, from agribusiness to foodservice to consumer products, and are known for our expertise in food safety, labeling, quality assurance, and other regulatory matters. We also represent clients in the medical device and drug industries, providing counsel on matters ranging from FDA compliance to product liability litigation. Our team includes experienced attorneys with deep knowledge of the regulatory landscape, as well as litigators with extensive experience in product liability and intellectual property matters. We work closely with our clients to develop strategies that not only comply with regulatory requirements, but also protect their interests and maximize their business opportunities. Whether it’s navigating complex regulatory requirements, defending against product liability claims, or counseling on business strategies, our team provides the necessary guidance to help our clients succeed in the highly competitive food and beverage industry.
Description
Kelley Drye provides food and drug industry clients with legal strategies that ensure compliance and mitigate liability risk throughout a product’s life cycle, building and preserving the value of the brand. Kelley Drye’s food and drug team is experienced in the full spectrum of regulatory and legal risk management issues that food and drug companies must navigate to comply with Food and Drug Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Federal Trade Commission requirements, and be successful in the U.S. marketplace. They represent companies throughout product development and marketing, including all premarket clearance requirements for product safety, labeling, advertising and other marketing promotions.

Areas of Specialization
Food Safety, General Legal, Litigation, Regulatory.

Size and Location of Food and Drug Team
Medium-sized; located in Washington D.C.

Marler Clark
1301 Second Avenue
Suite 2800
Seattle, WA 98101
(866) 770-2032
http://www.marlerclark.com

Description
The Marler Clark food attorneys focus solely on representing victims of foodborne illness outbreaks, representing victims of E. coli, Hepatitis A, Campylobacter, Listeria, norovirus, Salmonella, and Shigella outbreaks nationwide. 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. Their food attorneys have won over 600 million dollars in settlements for their clients.

Areas of Specialization
Food Safety, General Legal

Size and Location of Practice
Small-sized; located in Seattle.

Mayer Brown
Multiple Offices
info@mayerbrown.com
www.mayerbrown.com

Description
Above and beyond Mayer Brown’s industry understanding, they recognize that practice style is critical to the success of their clients in the food and agribusiness sector. Mayer Brown focuses on the following areas: agrifinance; derivatives; corporate and capital markets, mergers & acquisitions and antitrust; government and global trade; food industry false advertising; litigation/dispute resolution; FDA regulation; and restructuring, bankruptcy and insolvency.

Areas of Specialization
Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Food Marketing, General Legal, Trade

**Size and Location of Food Industry**
Large-sized; located in Brussels, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, Singapore, and Washington, D.C.

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**McDermott Will & Emery**

**McDermott Will & Emery LLP**
*Multiple Offices*
www.mwe.com

**Description**
McDermott’s Food, Beverage and Agribusiness group is one of the largest and most experienced full-service industry legal practices in the world. They represent more than 500 clients in this industry sector, and many of these relationships stretch back for decades. McDermott advise participants at every link in the value chain, including growers, processors, input suppliers, cooperatives, food manufacturers, importers, distributors, trade associations, restaurants and other stakeholders, across the full range of issues affecting the production, distribution and marketing of food, beverages and related products.

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

**Size and Location of Food and Beverage Group**
Large-sized; located in Multiple Offices, including Boston, Chicago, London, Los Angeles, New York, Paris, and Washington, D.C.

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**McGuireWoods**

**McGuireWoods**
*Multiple Offices*
www.mcguirewoods

**Description**
McGuireWoods’ Food and Beverage Industry team provides comprehensive services domestically and internationally. The firm’s lawyers 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.

**Areas of Specialization**
Food Safety, General Legal

**Size and Location of Food and Beverage Group**
Large-sized; located in Multiple Offices, including Atlanta, Austin, Brussels, Charlotte, Charlottesville, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Jacksonville, London, Los Angeles, New York, Pittsburgh, Raleigh, and Richmond.

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**Miller Nash Graham & Dunn PC**

**Multiple Offices**
(503) 205-2596 / paul.havel@millernash.com
(practice contact)
www.millernash.com

**Description**
Miller Nash Graham & Dunn’s Food & Beverage industry attorneys specialize in handling general business, regulatory, and special legal requirements, ranging from corporate governance and planning through operations and execution of transactions. Their attorneys advise food and beverage producers, retailers, suppliers, and distributors on compliance with the myriad state and federal industry regulations and laws. Specifically, Miller Nash Graham & Dunn counsels clients on laws and regulations governing production, labeling, marketing, distribution, consumer protection, and e-commerce.

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

Size and Location of Food and Beverage Group: small-sized; located in Seattle, Long Beach, Portland, and Vancouver.
Morgan Lewis
Morgan Lewis
Multiple Offices
www.morganlewis.com

Description
The firm offers a group of nationally recognized FDA lawyers and science professionals who take a collaborative and integrated approach when representing food, drug, medical device, and consumer product companies. Their work spans matters involving the FDA, the USDA, the Federal Trade Commission, and the Consumer Product Safety Commission, as well as other corporate, compliance, and government enforcement matters.

Areas of Specialization
Biotechnology, Food Safety, Litigation, Regulatory Compliance.

Size and Location of Food and Beverage Group
Small-sized; based in Washington, D.C.

OFW Law
The Watergate
600 New Hampshire Avenue NW Suite 500
Washington, D.C. 20037
(202) 789-1212
www.ofwlaw.com

Description
OFW Law counsels clients on compliance with requirements set forth in the laws that USDA administers. When necessary, their attorneys act immediately to bring clients' challenges before regulatory authorities, courts, or Congress to ensure that the business of agriculture continues to move forward. OFW lawyers also represent members of the conventional food and cosmetic industries by lobbying Congress and administrative agencies; writing comments and muster coalitions of related interests in rulemakings; counseling on regulatory compliance, enforcement risk and corrective action; drafting notifications, petitions, and other voluntary or mandatory submissions; filing complaints against competitors; and otherwise advance and defend client interests before courts, before federal and state enforcement officials, and in the marketplace.

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

Size and Location of Team
Medium-sized; located in Washington D.C.

Pepper Hamilton
Multiple Offices
www.pepperlaw.com

Description
The group has significant experience handling corporate matters for companies in all aspects of the food and beverage industry, and has represented companies in the food and beverage industry for many years. Pepper Hamilton’s clients encompass a wide variety of industry players, including food producers and processors, food equipment manufacturers, restaurants and “fast food” outlets, convenience stores, supermarkets, franchisors and franchisees, food safety companies, and industry
Food associations.

**Areas of Specialization**
Food Regulation, Food Safety, Litigation.

**Size and Location of Team**
Medium-sized; located in different offices but primarily concentrated in Philadelphia.

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**Perkins Coie LLP**

**Multiple Offices**

www.perkinscoie.com

**Description**
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.

**Areas of Specialization**
Food Advertising, General Legal

**Size and Location of Food and Beverage Group**

**Size and Location of Wineries, Breweries, and Distilleries Group**
Medium-sized; located in multiple West Coast offices.

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**Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP**

**Multiple Offices**

www.pillsburylaw.com

**Description**
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.

**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.

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**Rincker Law PLLC**

535 Fifth Avenue, 4th Floor
New York, NY 10017
(212) 427-2049 / cari@rinckerlaw.com
www.rinckerlaw.com

**Description**
Rincker Law, PLLC is a national general practice law firm concentrating in several areas including food and agriculture law. Rinker Law aims to work as a general counsel for food and agri-businesses of varying shapes and sizes guiding them through a complex legal system. Rinker’s food and agriculture practice is primarily transactional but also provides litigation services on a case-by-case basis.

**Areas of Specialization**
Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Environment/Sustainability, Food Labeling, Labor, Land Use/Conservation

**Size and Location of Food and Agriculture Group**
Small-sized; located in New York.

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**Robinson & Cole LLP**

**Multiple Offices**

www.rc.com
**Description**

Robinson & Cole assists farmers and other food producers, food and beverage manufacturers, retailers, distributors, restaurants, and associated industries in legal matters representing all stages of the life cycle of a company, from concept to market to ultimate sale of the company.

**Areas of Specialization**

Environment/Sustainability, General Legal, Public Health

**Size and Location of Food and Beverage Group**

Medium-sized; located in Multiple Offices, including Boston and Hartford.

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**Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP**

333 South Hope Street 43rd Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90071
(213) 620-1780
www.sheppardmullin.com

**Description**

Sheppard Mullin’s Food and Beverage Industry Team represents food and beverage producers, processors, manufacturers, distributors, retailers, trade associations, wholesalers and investors. Their business clients range from multinational corporations to individuals and closely held businesses. Sheppard Mullin counsels food and beverage clients on building their businesses, growing their brands, and increasing their bottom lines with experienced representation in regulatory matters, product liability, brand development and protection, patent and trademarks, immigration, tax law, and labor and employment issues. They also handle real estate transaction matters for agribusiness ranging from row crop leases to the transfer of grape and timber interests. Sheppard Mullin also advises clients on organic food and fiber law. As a member of the Organic Trade Association they have represented the Association in the preparation of its comments on the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s proposed National Organic Program. The firm has represented numerous organic food and fiber companies on certification, financing and related business and commercial matters.

**Areas of Specialization**

Food Labeling, General Legal, Trade

**Size and Location of Food and Beverage Team**

Large-sized; located in Washington, D.C. and throughout California

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**Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P.**

Multiple Offices
www.shb.com

**Description**

Widely recognized as a premier litigation firm in the United States and abroad, Shook helps food industry clients develop early assessment procedures that allow for quick evaluation of potential liability and the most appropriate response in the event of suspected product contamination. As part of their regulatory review work on labeling, Shook analyzes health and nutrient content claims to ensure that they accurately represent ingredient and nutrition information and include proper disclosures. They regularly counsel food manufacturers, suppliers and transporters subject to Food and Drug Administration regulations, ranging from pathogen prevention to facility inspections, product recalls and crisis management.

**Areas of Specialization**

Environment/Sustainability, Food Safety, General Legal

**Size and Location of Food and Beverage Litigation Team**

Medium-sized; located in Multiple Offices, including Kansas City.

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**Sidley Austin LLP**

Multiple Offices
www.sidley.com

**Description**

Sidley’s global agribusiness team works across the supply chain in a wide variety of industry sectors,
including seed genomics, crop nutrition and protection, organics, water and irrigation, bio-fuel production and distribution, precision agriculture, information technology, aquaculture, vertical and urban farming, processing and distribution, supply and storage, retailing and marketing, equipment manufacturing, and finance, investment, and lending. 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., European Union, 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.

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

**Size and Location of Agribusiness Group**
Medium-sized; located in Multiple Offices, including Washington D.C. and Brussels.

**Size and Location of Food, Drug and Medical Device Regulatory and Compliance Groups**
Large-sized; located in Multiple Offices including Brussels, New York, Washington, D.C.

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**Steptoe & Johnson LLP**

Steptoe & Johnson LLP
1330 Connecticut Avenue NW Washington, D.C. 20036
(202) 429-3000
www.steptoe.com

**Description**
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 a California’s Proposition 65, and product recall strategies.

**Areas of Specialization**
Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Environment/Sustainability, Food Advertising, Food Labeling, General Legal, International

**Size and Location of Food and Agriculture Group**
Small-sized; located in Multiple Offices, including Washington, D.C.

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**Stoel Rives LLP**

Stoel Rives LLP
Multiple Offices
www.stoel.com

**Description**
Stoel Rives’s Agribusiness, Food and Beverage Industry Group consists of cross-disciplinary teams of attorneys with decades of experience assisting some of the nation’s largest agribusiness, food, dairy and beverage alcohol companies achieve their business and litigation objectives.

**Areas of Specialization**
Food Labeling, General Legal, International

**Size and Location of Food and Agribusiness Group**
Medium-sized; located in Salt Lake City, Sacramento, Washington, D.C, Portland, Minneapolis, San Francisco, and others.
investment, such as viticulture contracts and other supply agreements, forward sales and management and leasing agreements.

**Areas of Specialization**
Agriculture/Agricultural Law, General Legal, International

**Size and Location of Agribusiness Group**
Small-sized (within other practice/industries); located in Atlanta and New York.

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**Venable LLP**

**Multiple Offices**

www.venable.com

**Description**

Venable’s food and drug practice operates at the intersection of the FDA and the FTC. Venable’s attorneys assist clients at all stages of the product lifecycle—from product development and regulatory approval/clearance to advertising, marketing and distribution. Venable counsel clients on product formulation, regulatory approval, labeling, good manufacturing practices, claim substantiation, recall issues and a wide range of matters across all FDA product centers.

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

**Size and Location of Food and Drug Practice**
Medium-sized; located in Washington, D.C., and New York.

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**Williams & Connolly LLP**

725 Twelfth Street, N.W.,
Washington D.C. 20005
202.434.5000
www.wc.com

**Description**

Williams & Connolly has extensive experience with challenges in the food, beverage, and pet industries. They represent a broad range of industry-leading companies that produce, distribute, and/or sell food, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, and pet products and services. Their diverse litigation experience includes: defending against unfair competition, false advertising, product labeling, misbranding, slack-fill, contract, warranty, and antitrust disputes brought in courts throughout the country. Members of our Food, Beverage & Pet practice regularly counsel global, national, and local manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, distributors, processors, brewers, vintners, and industry associations in commercial and consumer disputes involving food labeling and packaging, supply chain issues, fraud, product recall and safety matters, competition, labor issues, false advertising, and breach of contract matters.

**Areas of Specialization**
Food Advertising, Food Labeling, General Legal, Litigation, Policy

**Size and Location of Food, Beverage and Pet Practice**
Small-sized; located in Washington, D.C.

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**Wiley Rein LLP**

1776 K Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20006
(202) 719-7000
www.wileyrein.com

**Description**

Wiley Rein’s Food, Drug, and Medical Device Law Practice has the depth of experience and breadth of resources to effectively handle both complex legal and regulatory challenges, and the more routine but crucial regulatory tasks required of Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-regulated companies in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, medical device, food, and dietary supplement industries. Their partners have held high-ranking positions in government and have received independent recognition from numerous organizations as leaders in food and drug law. In addition, the firm’s team includes a well-balanced group of counsel and associates, which allow them to staff routine matters cost effectively but also bring to bear all necessary resources when handling larger and time-sensitive matters.
Areas of Specialization
Food Advertising, General Legal

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

Winston & Strawn LLP
Multiple Offices
www.winston.com

Description
Winston & Strawn LLP has decades of experience representing the interests of food, beverage, and agriculture clients who often become the focus of regulators, opportunistic competitors, and consumers. Winston & Strawn represents producers, growers, packaged food makers, ingredient manufacturers, restaurant chains, bakers, dairies, grocery stores, confectioneries, wineries, breweries, distilleries, distributors, and franchisors, among others, in the United States and around the world. Their dedicated lawyers for this industry understand the complexities involved in food, beverage, and agriculture legal issues and regularly advise on corporate and finance, regulatory, counseling, and litigation matters.

Areas of Specialization
Food Advertising, General Legal, Environmental/Sustainability, Trade

Size and Location of Food, Beverage and Agriculture Group
Large-sized; located in multiple offices, including London, Hong Kong, Charlotte, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C.
Agriculture and food lawyers can play a significant role in consulting for food and agriculture organizations. 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 positions for both new and experienced lawyers and also provide valuable services to governments and the world’s largest food companies. To that end, attorneys can get involved and provide their 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.
Agrifood Consulting International, Inc.
9207 Bryant Avenue
Laurel, Maryland 20723
(301) 654-2877/ Aci_us@agrifoodconsulting.com
www.agrifoodconsulting.com

Description
Agrifood Consulting International Inc. (ACI) provides development services to support policies, field practices and multi-party partnerships to strengthen food security and safety, inclusive value chains and climate smart agriculture to multilateral, bilateral, government agencies and private companies in Asia and Africa.

Areas of Specialization
Food Security, Food Safety, Policy

Employment
www.agrifoodconsulting.com/opportunity

APEX
5 avenue de l’Opéra
75001 Paris, France
info@apexagri.com
www.apexagri.com

Description
APEXAGRI delivers targeted, specialist solutions to clients in all chains of the agri-food industry. APEXAGRI’s approach seeks to ensure the success of projects through advanced agriculture techniques, streamlines cooperation between collaborators, economically viable and competitive projects, and adaptability to local contexts.

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

Employment

Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.
Multiple Offices
www.ajg.com

Description
Gallagher is a U.S. based global insurance brokerage and risk management services firm. For over 75 years, Gallagher Food and Agribusiness specialists have worked with clients in the farming, agribusiness, food processing, vineyards and grocery industries to provide in-depth expertise, specialized knowledge and responsiveness for insurance and risk-financing alternatives.

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

Employment
https://www.ajg.com/careers/

Bain & Company
131 Dartmouth Street
Boston, MA 02116
(617) 572-2000
www.bain.com

Description
Bain has a global network of agribusiness experts and works jointly with agricultural companies to address opportunities across agriculture sectors, including: agricultural chemicals and fertilizer producers, biofuels, protein (beef, pork, chicken, turkey, fish), dairy, crops (corn, oilseeds, wheat, rice, sugarcane), and agriculture equipment (tractors, grain/protein processing equipment). Working together with client teams, Bain helps to develop practical programs for cost reduction, capital management and merger integration support. In all their projects Bain has one goal: generating significant and tangible value for their client.
Areas of Specialization
Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Biotechnology and GMOs

Employment

BEVMARK
799 West Highway 246
P.O. Box 1729
Buellton, California 93427
(805) 693-0154 / general@bevmarkconsulting.com
www.bevmarkconsulting.com

Description
Formed in 1978 by a group of professional management consultants, Bevmark specializes exclusively in food and beverage industries. Bevmark advises industry senior management, investment executives and legal counsel on key, crucial industry issues and problems.

Areas of Specialization
Food Marketing, General Legal, Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Trade, Food Safety, Finance/Microfinance

Employment
contact headquarters for employment opportunities.

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, NY 10112
www.deloitte.com

Description
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.

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

Employment

K·Coe Isom
Multiple Offices
www.kcoe.com/

Description
Through thoughtful planning and solid strategies, K·Coe Isom (pronounced Kay-Koh Eye-Sum) makes organizations stronger and preserves families’ assets for future generations by focusing in food, agriculture, and related suppliers, manufacturers, equipment, energy, developers & contractors, community banks, technology, healthcare and education. K·Coe Isom has helped countless food and beverage businesses make the most out of their operations by maximizing working capital through tax strategies and credits; identifying new product potential, packaging design, and site viability; structuring a client’s business for imports and/or exports, driving more efficiency and loyalty through the client’s supply chain for long-term cost savings; and pinpointing and projecting resource availability.

Areas of Specialization
Agriculture/Agricultural Law, Community Development, Economics, Education, Environment/Sustainability, Finance/Microfinance, Land Use/Conservation

Employment
http://www.kcoe.com/careers/
KPMG
Multiple Offices
www.kpmg.com

Description
KPMG LLP works with food, drink, and consumer goods companies, from small start-ups to large multinational operations, to develop and implement innovative, customer-led growth strategies and tightly-aligned business operations. With audit and tax services and innovative and strategic business design, KPMG helps to drive superior shareholder value and embed and sustain positive change.

Areas of Specialization
Biotechnology and GMOs, Environment/Sustainability

Employment

L.E.K
Multiple Offices
www.lek.com

Description
L.E.K. is a global strategy consulting firm with offices across Europe, the Americas and Asia-Pacific. L.E.K. works with agribusiness industry players and investors across virtually all segments of the crop, livestock and aquaculture value chains, including agricultural inputs, equipment and machinery, large-scale cultivation, processing/milling/refining, logistics and distribution. L.E.K.’s core areas of focus include: growth strategy development; M&A strategy and transaction support; go-to-market strategy and execution; business performance improvement; and strategy activation/execution.

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

Employment
www.lek.com/join-lek

McKinsey & Company
Multiple Offices
www.mckinsey.com

Description
McKinsey’s Agriculture group has more than 75 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 group’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, Economics

Employment
http://www.mckinsey.com/careers/home

Summit Agricultural Group
10640 City Highway D20
Alden, IA 50006
(515) 854-9820
summitag.com

Description
Founded in 1990, SAG is a diverse farming, agricultural investment and farm management company headquartered in Alden, Iowa. SAG is composed on three distinct business units: Summit Farms, Summit Ag Investors and Summit Ag Management. The units build strategies to help clients successfully navigate the evolving agriculture and investing marketplace.

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

Employment
summitag.com/careers
Section Seven: Fellowships & Grants

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.

This section includes just a smattering of the largest organized food fellowships and foundations funding work in the food space. Depending on your specific interests and geography, you should research local and regional foundations and grants, as many more opportunities are available.

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.
Annie’s Homegrown Sustainable Agriculture Scholarship
1610 5th Street
Berkeley, CA 94710
(800) 288-1089
www.annies.com/doing-more/agricultural-scholarships

Description
Sustainable and organic agriculture is at the heart of everything we do. That’s why each year Annie’s awards scholarships to students through Annie’s Sustainable Agriculture Scholarship program. Annie’s proud to support the next generation of farmers committed to sustainable farming practices by offering $150,000 yearly in funds to students studying sustainable agriculture.

Areas of Specialization
Agriculture/ Agricultural Law, Environment/ Sustainability

Bill Emerson Hunger Fellowship
Congressional Hunger Center
Hall of the States Building
400 North Capitol Street, NW, Suite G100
Washington, DC 20001
(202) 547-7022
www.hungercenter.org/fellowships/emerson/

Description
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 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

Leland International Hunger Fellows Program
Congressional Hunger Center
Hall of the States Building
400 North Capitol Street, NW, Suite G100
Washington, DC 20001
(202) 547-7022
www.hungercenter.org/fellowships/leland/

Description
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. 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
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
(202) 720-4423 / electronic@nifa.usda.gov
nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/community-food-projects-cfp-competitive-grants-program

Description
The primary goals of Community Food Project grants are to: meet the food needs of low-income individuals through food distribution, community outreach to assist in participation in Federally assisted nutrition programs, or improving access to food as part of a comprehensive service; increase the self-reliance of communities in providing for the food needs of the communities; promote comprehensive responses to local food access, farm, and nutrition issues; and meet specific state, local or neighborhood food and agricultural needs including needs relating to: equipment necessary for the efficient operation of a project; planning for long-term solutions; or the creation of innovative marketing activities that mutually benefit agricultural producers and low-income consumers.

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

GRACE Communications Foundation
215 Lexington Ave # 1001
New York, NY 10016
www.gracelinks.org

Description
GRACE Communications Foundation develops innovative strategies to increase public awareness of the critical environmental and public health issues created by our current industrial food system, and to advocate for more sustainable alternatives. By building partnerships and mobilizing philanthropic resources, the GRACE Communications Foundation promotes consumer actions and public policies that support sustainable food production and embrace the complex interconnections of food, water and energy.

Areas of Specialization

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
50 College Road East
Princeton, NJ 08540
(877) 843-RWJF (7953)
www.rwjf.org

Description
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

The Rockefeller Foundation
420 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, New York
www.rockefellerfoundation.org

Description
The Rockefeller Foundation has pursued innovation in the agricultural sector, first in the United States, and later around the globe, based on a belief that food and prosperity are intrinsically linked. Over the decades, the Foundation’s approach has evolved, first focusing on efforts to increase the wealth of...
farmers, then on improving the nutritional content of food and increasing the yield of staple crops, followed by catalyzing a uniquely African Green Revolution. And now, the foundation is building on this work to address waste and loss in the food system, with the aim of demonstrating how we can reduce global food waste in half by 2030.

Areas of Specialization
Agriculture, Environment/Sustainability, Food Systems.

Description
The W.K. Kellogg Foundation (WKKF) places the optimal development of children at the center of all it does and calls for healing the profound racial gaps and inequities that exist in communities. WKKF believes in supporting and building upon the mindsets, methods and modes of change that hold promise to advance children’s best interests generally, and those of vulnerable children in particular. Concentrating WKKF’s resources on early childhood (prenatal to age 8), within the context of families and communities, offers the best opportunity to dramatically reduce the vulnerability caused by poverty and racial inequity over time.

Areas of Specialization
Finance/Microfinance, Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease, Public Health, Childhood Health
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. 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. 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). elist.tufts.edu/wws/subscribe/comfood.
COMFOODJOBS
COMFOODJOBS is an announcement service for employment, internships, and similar opportunities across the (sustainable) food system. elist.tufts.edu/wws/subscribe/comfoodjobs.

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

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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. mailman13.u.washington.edu/mailman/listinfo/foodplanning.

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Harvard Food Law Society Listserv
The Food Law Society seeks to foster on-campus dialogue on numerous issues in law, policy, science and management that confront professionals in the fields of food law and food policy. Members participate in clinical projects and conferences, host speakers, take trips and collaborate with groups throughout the University and the world in their effort to address food issues. orgs.law.harvard.edu/foodlaw/.

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Harvard Law School Food Law and Policy Clinic Newsletter
FLPC engages a strong policy orientation, as well as substantive expertise in the food system, to assist a range of federal, state, and local clients around the world in understanding the legal and policy regimes that apply to food production and sales. FLPC offers a quarterly newsletter on upcoming events, publications, and ways you can support the creation of a healthy, sustainable food system. chlpi.org/food-law-and-policy/about/.

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

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Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future Listserv
The Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future (CLF) works with students, educators, researchers, policymakers, advocacy organizations and communities to build a healthier, more equitable, and resilient food system. To receive notification of CLF’s upcoming events, please join the listserv. http://www.jhsph.edu/research/centers-and-institutes/johns-hopkins-center-for-a-livable-future/about/contact_us/clfnews_listserv.html.

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MIT OpenAg
The Open Agriculture Initiative (OpenAG) is on a mission to create more farmers for the future of food production. OpenAG is developing the open source hardware and software platforms for sensor-controlled hydroponic and aeroponic agriculture systems. OpenAG hopes to create sustainable, shared systems that will break down the barrier of entry and spark interest, conversation, and maybe even a revolution about the way people view food. openag.media.mit.edu/.

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NEFOOD Listserv
NEFOOD, 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. elist.tufts.edu/wws/subrequest/nefood.

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Partnership for Food Safety Education
The Partnership for Food Safety Education delivers trusted, science-based behavioral health messaging and a network of resources that support consumers in their efforts to reduce risk of foodborne illness. The Partnership works with an active network of 13,000 health and food safety educators, called
BAC Fighters, and supports them by making their work more visible, collaborative, and effective. These BAC Fighters are connecting each year with an estimated 7.5 million consumers —helping them to protect their health through safe food handling and hand hygiene. www.fightbac.org/about-us/partnership-history/.

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**United States Department of Agriculture Listserv Database**
The USDA Listserv Database provides a master list of several government and non-profit organization listservs. fnic.nal.usda.gov/professional-and-career-resources/listservs-and-blogs.

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**University of Arkansas Food and Agriculture Law LLM Program Ag & Food Law Jobs Listserv**
The University of Arkansas Food and Ag. Law LLM Program Ag & Food Law Jobs 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, agfoodlawjobs.blogspot.com/.

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**University of Connecticut Rudd Center for Food Policy & Obesity Newsletter**
The Rudd Center’s mission is to promote solutions to childhood obesity, poor diet, and weight bias through research and policy. The Center works on this mission by establishing creative connections between science and public policy, developing targeted research, encouraging frank dialogue among key constituents, and expressing a dedicated commitment to real change. The Rudd Center assesses, critiques, and strives to improve practices and policies related to nutrition and obesity so as to inform and empower the public, to promote objective, science-based approaches to policy, and to maximize the impact on public health. www.uconnruddcenter.org/newsletter.