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8:00 am - 9:00 am Breakfast

9:00 am - 10:30 am Food Safety Modernization Act Update

The Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) became law in January 2011. Many of its key provisions, such as preventative controls and administrative suspension of registration may be effective as early as July 2012. Others are already in effect and FDA has begun to exercise some of its new statutory enforcement powers. This panel will explore how implementation of the law has already changed the status quo for food businesses and litigation and what we can expect going forward.

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Michael Landa, Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Food and Drug Administration

10:30 am - 11:45 am Food Labeling: Riding the Tide of Consumer Fraud Class Actions

This panel will examine recent developments in case filings and court decisions, including the latest types of labeling or marketing claims being challenged by consumers in court. The likelihood of success of certain defenses will also be discussed, such as preemption and lack of standing. We will also explore practical tips and best practices for handling these cases, including insurance considerations.

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11:45 am - 1:15 pm Lunch

1:15 pm - 2:30 pm Food Labeling: How to Avoid an FDA or FTC

Enforcement Action

This panel will discuss strategies to mitigate exposure to regulatory action based on food labeling, marketing or advertising, including the regulatory landscape that influences these cases; the types of claims that have generated recent enforcement actions and litigation; emerging areas of potential exposure; and best practices for substantiating structure, function and performance claims.

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So How Did Walnuts become Drugs?
Compliance Issues for Companies that Sell
Supplements and Functional Foods

If you don't keep your walnuts in the medicine chest, you might wonder: "How does a supplement or a functional food morph into a drug?" For supplement and functional food producers the regulatory issues have been getting more complicated each year. What is an unauthorized health claim? What constitutes sufficient claim substantiation? How do you protect your client from FDA or FTC action? Get the most up-to-date review on these hot compliance issues facing companies in the fast growing healthy living section of the industry.

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3:45 pm - 4:00 pm Break

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4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Ethical Considerations when Dealing with Complex Compliance Issues

This panel will examine the rules of professional responsibility and ethical considerations when trying to comply with unclear or seemingly contradictory laws, regulations or agency guidance; discuss how outside or in-house counsel should work with food and supplement company clients to prevent them from crossing an ethical line when the law is not clear and the business issues are all too clear; and provide practical advice on discharging professional and ethical duties when a client doesn't want to hear or follow your advice.

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5:00 pm - 6:30 pm Reception at Sara Lee



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