

## Chris Forgues

Senior Associate  
Washington, D.C.

### Biography

Why are chemists great for solving problems? They have all the solutions. Chris Forgues provides science-oriented legal solutions to food and agriculture companies and trade associations.

Chris's background in life science (chemistry and pharmacology) assists her in her science-based food law practice. Chris's unique educational background and regulatory scientist experience provide valuable context to complex scientific issues as they relate to the governing regulatory requirements.

Chris advises clients on state and federal regulatory issues that arise throughout the entire food supply chain and production line, ranging from U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) enforcement actions and federal investigations to regulatory compliance, import and export issues, litigation support, comment preparation, advertising disputes, and labeling issues.

When she joined Hogan Lovells, Chris brought with her more than nine years of regulatory consulting experience. A part-time student by night and a regulatory scientist by day, Chris worked throughout law school at a firm in Washington, D.C., focusing on product review, development, and post-marketing in the life sciences sphere, with experience handling



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### Practices

Administrative and Public Law

Food Law

Government Relations and Public Affairs

Marketing and Advertising

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### Industries

Consumer

Life Sciences and Health Care

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### Education and admissions

matters under the FDA, USDA, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Federal Trade Commission (FTC), National Advertising Division (NAD), and Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), as well as state regulatory bodies.

## Representative experience

Resolved multiple client import holds for pesticide residues in food products.

Prepared numerous agency communications, including responding to FDA Inspectional Observations Form 483, Warning Letters, AMS OGC grading issues, and foreign government inspectional requests.

Developed substantiation ranging from high-level substantiation overviews to in-depth assessments for ingredients and potential claims.

Conducted multiple regulatory due diligence reviews of food companies on behalf of potential buyers.

Helped food companies navigate recalls.

## Latest thinking and events

- News
  - USDA to invest US\$4 billion to strengthen food systems and improve supply chains
- News
  - California issues proposed regulations under the Farm Animal Confinement Initiative (Prop 12)
- News
  - Senate passes online country of origin labeling requirements under the USICA
- News
  - FDA Outlines Inspection and Assessment Activities During Pandemic, Roadmap for Future Operations
- News
  - FDA releases Closer to Zero: An action plan to

## Education

J.D., The Catholic University of America, 2015

M.S., Georgetown University, 2008

B.S., College of William & Mary, 2007

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## Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia

Colorado

Missouri

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reduce exposure to toxic elements in children's foods

- News

- OSHA COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standard placed on "hold"