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OVERVIEW

Lauren assists food systems and life sciences clients with FDA regulatory compliance.

Lauren entered law school with the intention of working in healthcare; however, her Health Law Certificate courses introduced her to Food & Drug Administration (FDA) regulatory work. Fascinated by the intersection of health and consumer protection, she accepted an internship with the FDA's Office of Legislation, an experience that gave her an inside perspective on the agency's inner workings and interactions. As an associate at her first law firm, Lauren worked with medical device companies and drug developers, reviewing their claims in light of FDA regulations, negotiating clinical trial agreements, and responding to FDA warning letters and FDA inspections.

In early 2024, Lauren joined Husch Blackwell as a member of the firm's Food Systems industry group. While she continues to work with clients in the life sciences space, her primary focus is food and agricultural organizations and trade groups, food producers, importers, and other private food companies, whom she advises on compliance with the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA); Federal Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA); and other FDA regulations. She assists in the development of corporate compliance strategies, as well as with responses to enforcement actions received from the FDA or U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Lauren enjoys working with such a core component of everyday life and helping companies ensure that their customers are safe.

Known as a detail-oriented, highly responsive professional, Lauren has a reputation for always having solutions ready for clients and attending every meeting with new ideas in hand.

Industry

Food Systems

Services

Advertising & Marketing
Food Safety & Regulation
PFAS
Product Safety
Proposition 65
Public Policy, Regulatory & Government Affairs

Experience

- Conducted and presented state and federal legal research regarding corporate compliance strategies, specifically compliance with the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA); Federal Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA); and various state and local laws regarding manufacturing, licensure, and distribution.
- Negotiated and drafted clinical trial agreements on behalf of academic medical centers and industry clients.
- Responded to FDA warning letters and FDA inspections, including drafting responses to FDA's Form 483.
- Reviewed client advertising and promotional claims for compliance with the FDCA and FSMA.
- Conducted due diligence reviews on medical device, biologic, pharmaceutical, and food product manufacturers through a review of FDA public resource databases, regulatory obligations in company contracts, and interviews with company management.

Education

- J.D., University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law
  - Health Law Certificate
  - *Journal of Health Care Law and Policy*, Manuscript Editor
- B.S., Boston University College of Communication
  - *cum laude*

Admissions

- District of Columbia