

## Steven B. Steinborn

Partner

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### Biography

Steven Steinborn literally wrote the book on food labeling as a principal author of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) labeling guide. On top of that, he offers clients 28 years of experience in guiding informed business decisions, taking into account food laws and other regulations, as well as the environment in which companies operate.

Representing food processors, restaurant chains, foodservice operators, ingredient suppliers, and trade associations, Steven focuses on advertising, labeling, and food safety. He is also a strong advocate in enforcement matters brought by the Federal Trade Commission, the Food and Drug Administration, the USDA, and state regulators as well.

From small start-ups to established international brands, Steven understands the dynamics of the food industry. He brings this knowledge to bear on cutting-edge issues ranging from claim substantiation to potential food safety situations. He is also regularly consulted in bringing and defending competitor challenges, and represents companies before the Better Business Bureau's National Advertising Division. Keenly aware of the current litigation climate, Steven works closely with marketers in exploring all avenues to reach important business objectives.

Beyond the food industry, Steven routinely advises consumer product companies on reporting and potential recall situations arising under the jurisdiction of the Consumer Product Safety Commission. His



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### Practices

Food Law

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### Industries

Consumer

Life Sciences and Health Care

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### Areas of focus

Consumer Product Safety  
Regulation

Electronics and Consumer  
Appliances

Food Advertising and Regulation

Food Recalls

Medical Foods and Dietary  
Supplements

practice covers a diverse range of industries, including children's toys, household appliances, infant products, gas grills, furnaces, consumer electronics, computers, printers, handheld devices, and child-resistant packaging.

Steven is a frequent speaker on innovation and legal compliance and has authored numerous articles on a range of subjects, from the latest developments in the regulation of genetically engineered foods to important developments that impact food advertising.

## Representative experience

Advises the National Restaurant Association on federal and state menu labeling and other regulatory issues.

## Awards and rankings

- Food & Beverages: Regulatory & Litigation (Nationwide), *Chambers USA*, 2011-2020

## Latest thinking and events

- Published Works
  - Agencies Unbound: How COVID-19 Prompted Regulatory Flexibility and What it May Mean for the Future *FDLI*
- News
  - FTC issues Final Rule codifying policy on unqualified "Made in USA" claims and authorizing penalties
- News
  - FDA releases priority list of food guidance documents FDA intends to publish by June 2022
- News
  - Supreme Court finds FTC lacks authority to seek monetary relief under Section 13(b)
- Sponsorships and Speaking Engagements
  - *FDLI - Food and Drug Law Journal 2020 Symposium*
- News
  - FDA requests information on labeling of cell-

Retail and Consumer Goods

Food Compliance and Enforcement

International Regulatory Compliance

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## Education and admissions

### Education

J.D., University of Michigan Law School, 1987

B.A., Michigan State University, with honors, 1984

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### Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia

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