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BIOGRAPHY

Nora is an associate in the firm's Energy, Environment and Infrastructure practice group. She has a professional background in the food and agribusiness sector that spans from the Corn Belt to Capitol Hill, with experience in agricultural biotechnology, food labeling and marketing, and international trade.

Before joining BCLP, Nora served in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative-Office of General Counsel, where she worked on WTO anti-dumping/countervailing duty disputes, USMCA implementation, and agricultural trade issues. She also served in the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service at the U.S. Embassy in Berlin, Germany, where she assisted with U.S. trade associations' agricultural marketing efforts in Europe; advanced U.S. initiatives on biotechnology; and authored U.S. government reports on legal, economic, and trade issues facing U.S. agricultural exports to

Europe. In addition to her work for federal agencies, Nora has federal legislative experience working for the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry and for members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.

Nora has a broad range of experience in the U.S. agribusiness industry. She has worked for the American Seed Trade Association, the Corn Refiners Association, Missouri Farm Bureau, and a food and agribusiness marketing and advertising agency. In her policy and public affairs roles with these organizations, she handled issues ranging from gene editing, crop biotechnology, and pesticide registration review to bioengineered food labeling, renewable fuels policies, supply chain management, and agricultural trade.

Nora received her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center. During law school, she served as a staff editor for the Food and Drug Law Journal and as team captain of the John H. Jackson WTO Law International Moot Court Team. She received her Bachelor of Science in Science and Agricultural Journalism from the University of Missouri-Columbia, where she worked as a TV news reporter for a local NBC affiliate.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Missouri Bar Association
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis
- American Agricultural Law Association
- St. Louis Agribusiness Club

ADMISSIONS

- Colorado, 2022
- Illinois, 2022
- Missouri, 2021

EDUCATION

Georgetown University, J.D., Order of the Coif, magna cum laude, 2021

University of Missouri, B.S., summa cum laude, 2018

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PFAS in food packaging: state-by-state regulations

In the absence of comprehensive federal regulation of PFAS in food packaging, states are dishing out their own laws. Thus far, 13 (thirteen) states have enacted laws addressing PFAS substances in food containers and packaging materials ("Food Packaging"), and there are 15 (fifteen) proposed bills that are currently pending in various states. These laws are intended to address concerns that storing food in Food Packaging that contains PFAS compounds may result in increased ingestion of those PFAS substances. Related to food packaging, a growing number of states are enacting or proposing general bills involving the recyclability of food or beverage packaging, but this client alert does not specifically address those requirements as these measures do not exclusively involve PFAS substances. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), commonly cited examples of Food Packagi...

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