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CURRICULUM VITAE

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

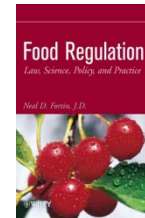
- 2006 to Present **Professor and Director**, Institute for Food Laws and Regulations (IFLR) at Michigan State University. Lead IFLR and its International Food Law Distance Education Certificate Program and oversee the food law courses taught by an international network of food science academic and legal professionals. Teach the courses: Food Regulation in the United States, International Food Law, and Codex Alimentarius. **Affiliate Professor of Law**, Michigan State University College of Law (from 2004). **Adjunct Professor**, University of Minnesota Public Health Institute (from 2005). **Editorial Advisor**, *Guide to U.S. Food Labeling Law*, Thompson Publishing (2008).
- 2005-08 **Contributing Editor**, *Food Product Design* magazine.
- 2004-06 **Visiting Associate Professor**, Michigan State University.
- 2003-09 **Lead Instructor**, US food law, Institute for Food Laws & Regulations.
- 2003 to 2007 **Attorney** concentrating in food and drug law, food safety, labeling, ingredient evaluation, advertising, and administrative law.
- 2002-03 **Research Attorney**, Michigan Court of Appeals.
- 1997 to 2002 **Manager**, Food Service Sanitation Section, Michigan Department of Agriculture. Managed the state's food service sanitation program, which regulates food service operations in Michigan. Reviewed, evaluated, and provided guidance to local health department programs. Responsible for the oversight of the forty-five local health departments, their three hundred staff, and disbursement of \$10 million in state funding. Primary drafter of the Michigan Food Law of 2000. Member of the steering committee that created the Michigan Local Public Health Accreditation Program. Chaired the Food Advisory Board, which advises the Michigan Department of Agriculture on retail food safety law and policy. Primary drafter of the Michigan Food Law of 2000.
- 1994 to 1997 **Regional Supervisor**, Food Division, Michigan Department of Agriculture. Regionally administered the programs that enforced the food safety and consumer protection laws.
- 1989 to 1994 **Standards Coordinator**, Food Division, Michigan Department of Agriculture. Managed statewide compliance for food standards and labeling. Drafted laws, such as the revised Comminuted Meat Act, the Bottle Water Bill, and the Motor Fuels Quality Act.

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

- ❖ Distinguished Faculty Award, Master in Food Safety Program, Michigan State University, 2009
- ❖ Dietary Supplement Committee, Food and Drug Law Institute, 2009-2010
- ❖ Commissioner, Michigan Local Public Health Accreditation Program, 1998 – 2002
- ❖ Advisory Council, Michigan Community Health Leadership Institute, 2000 - 2002
- ❖ NSF Council of Public Health Consultants, NSF International, 2000 - 2002
- ❖ President, Great Lakes Conference on Food Protection, 1998-1999
- ❖ President, North Central Association of Food and Drug Officials, 1997-98
- ❖ Vice-President, North Central Association of Food and Drug Officials, 1996-97
- ❖ Public Health Work Group of the Michigan Association of Counties, 1999-2002

LAW PUBLICATIONS

- *Improving U.S. Regulation of Imported Foods*, chapter in *IMPROVING IMPORT FOOD SAFETY* (forthcoming Wiley-Blackwell 2010).
- [FOOD REGULATION: LAW, SCIENCE, POLICY, AND PRACTICE](#) (Wiley & Sons, 2009).
- *The History of Food Safety Regulation in the United States and Canada*, chapter in *ENSURING GLOBAL FOOD SAFETY: EXPLORING GLOBAL HARMONIZATION* (Academic Press / Elsevier, 2009).
- *United States Food Law: Consumers, Controversies, Current Issues*, 1 *EUROPEAN CONSUMER LAW JOURNAL* 15-42 [*REVUE EUROPÉENNE DE DROIT DE LA CONSOMMATION*] (Stéphanie Mahieu, ed., 2009).
- *Food Regulation in the United States*, chapter 12 in *CHINA'S FOOD SAFETY LAW, INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE* (Du Gangjian, ed., Sun Juanjuan translator, Higher Education Press of China, forthcoming 2010).
- *Codex Alimentarius Commission*, chapter in *HANDBOOK OF TRANSNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS* (Christian Tietje and Alan Brouder, eds., Martinus Nijhoff, 2009).
- *The Food Allergen Labeling and Consumer Protection Act: The Requirements Enacted, Challenges Presented, and Strategies Fathomed*, chapter 3 in *CONSUMER PROTECTION: DISPUTES AND RESOLUTION* 31-52 (K. Padmaja, ed., 2009).
- *Food Safety Regulations Applicable to Imported Foods*, chapter 2 in *IMPORTED FOODS: MICROBIOLOGICAL ISSUES AND CHALLENGES* 45-68 (Mike P. Doyle and Marilyn C. Erickson, eds., 2008).
- [SECURED TRANSACTIONS \(UCC ARTICLE 9\)](#), *Law in a Flash*, Aspen Publishers (2006).



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- [*The Food Allergen Labeling and Consumer Protection Act: The Requirements Enacted, Challenges Presented, and Strategies Fathomed*](#), 10 JOURNAL OF MEDICINE AND LAW 126 (Spring 2006).
- [*Is a Picture Worth More Than 1,000 Words? The Fourth Amendment and FDA's Authority to Take Photographs under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act*](#), 1 JOURNAL OF FOOD LAW & POLICY 239-268 (Fall 2005).
- [*The Hang-Up with HACCP: The Resistance to Translating Science into Food Safety Law*](#), 58 FOOD AND DRUG LAW JOURNAL 565-594 (2003).
- *Protecting Our Vulnerable Food Supply*, (with Pestronk and Lindsay), 30 JOURNAL OF LAW, MEDICINE & ETHICS, Special Supplement to Vol. 30:3, pp. 96-104 (Fall 2002).
- Editorial Advisor, GUIDE TO U.S. FOOD LABELING LAW, Thompson Publishing (2008-2010).
- Editor, FOOD & DRUG REGULATION: AN ELECTRONIC BOOK OF STUDENT PAPERS, *available at*: <http://www.iflr.msu.edu/BookStudentPapers.html> (2007-2010).

LAW RELATED PUBLICATIONS

- *Naturally Confused*, FOOD PRODUCT DESIGN (March 2008).
- *Dishing Up Whole Grain Claims*, FOOD PRODUCT DESIGN 118 (June 2007).
- *Why Food Laws Matter: Laws and Institutions Go Hand in Hand with the Health of Business*, FOOD PRODUCT DESIGN 102 (March 2007).
- *Health Claims, Healthy Trends: Navigating the Legal Thicket*, FOOD PRODUCT DESIGN (June 2006).
- *Infamous Lawsuit Liability*, FOOD PRODUCT DESIGN (December 2005).
- *FDA's Final Rules on Recordkeeping: The Fourth Set of Food Regulations Required Under the Bioterrorism Act*, FOOD PRODUCT DESIGN 152 (September 2005).
- *Allergen Labeling on the Horizon*, FOOD PRODUCT DESIGN 168 (June 2005).
- *Fats in the Fast Lane: Changes in Fatty Acid Regulation, Labeling, and Allowed Claims*, FOOD PRODUCT DESIGN 148 (March 2005).
- *There's No Ham in Hamburger*, FOOD & BEVERAGE REPORT (1996).
- *Bottled Water: The New Michigan Law*, MICHIGAN FOOD NEWS 6, 13 (January 1994).
- *Michigan's New Bottled Water Law*, MICHIGAN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH NEWS 14-15 (Spring 1994).
- *Labeling for Meat and Poultry to Identify Dietary Information*, FOOD & BEVERAGE REPORT (April 1991).

COURSES TAUGHT

- **Food and Drug Law**, Michigan State University College of Law, fall terms, 2004 - present.

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- **Food Regulation in the United States**, Michigan State University College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, fall and winter terms, 2003 - present.
- **International Food Laws and Regulations**, Michigan State University College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, fall and winter terms, 2003 - present.
- **Codex Alimentarius**, Michigan State University College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, fall and winter terms, 2006 – present.
- **International Food Law in Europe**, Michigan State University College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, spring term, 2005.
- **Food Labeling and Nutrition Law**, Public Health Institute, University of Minnesota, School of Public Health, Spring 2005-2008.
- **Food Labeling Workshop**, Michigan State University, 2007-2008.

ADDITIONAL LECTURES AND TEACHING

- *Research Ethics*, Food Safety Research Methods (VM 830-730), 2008-present.
- *Scientific Writing*, Food Safety Research Methods (VM 830-730), 2008-present.
- *Protecting Your Intellectual Property*, Integrated Approaches to Food Product Development (FSC 470) and Packaging Development (PKG 485), 2003 to present.
- *International Institutions and the Regulation of Food in Asia*, Food Regulation in Asia (ANR 490-739), 2007 to present.

SPEECHES AND PRESENTATIONS

- *Mitigating Global Food Safety Risks: How International Laws and Governance Could Be Strengthened to Improve Safety of the Global Food Supply*, Law and Evidence in Mitigating Food Safety Risks in the Global Food Supply: A Policy Forum, O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, Georgetown University, April 15-16, 2010.
- *Why Food Law Matters*, Nutrition Seminar Series (HNF 892), Michigan State University, January 19, 2010.
- *Don't Eat That! Legal Issues in Food Safety*, ABA Teleconference (September 16, 2009).
- *The Regulation of Food Imports: Past, Present, and Future*, presentation, Food Import Safety: Systems, Infrastructure, and Governance, University of Wisconsin – Madison (May 26-27, 2009).
- *What's in a Name? Food Labeling and Why It Matters*, Michigan Environmental Health Association Annual Education Conference, March 18, 2009) Traverse City, Michigan.
- *Food Allergens: What's So Scary About a Peanut?*, Michigan Environmental Health Association Annual Education Conference, March 18, 2009) Traverse City, Michigan.
- *Rags or Riches: Why Food Labeling Law Matters*, Making it in Michigan Conference, November 13, 2008, Lansing, Michigan.

- *The Pre-emption Doctrine and FDA's Lost Deference*, presentation, Public Interest Law Society seminar on *Wyeth v. Levine*, Michigan State University College of Law, November 20, 2008.
- *Why Food Laws Matter*, Illinois Food Safety Symposium, September 24, 2008, Champaign, Illinois.
- *Introduction to Food Law: Law, Policy, Science, and Leadership*, lecture for Introduction to Food Safety and Professional Development (VM 810), Michigan State University, June 12, 2008.
- *Why We Have Less Food Safety Than We Desire*, Who's Minding the Store: The Current State of Food Safety and How It Can Be Improved, Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, Washington, April 10-11, 2008.
- *Food Labeling: Uses and Limits as a Public Health Tool*, Spring Lecture Series, National Food Safety & Toxicology Center, Michigan State University, February 6, 2008.
- *Leadership in Food Manufacturing*, TESCO Suppliers' Technical Conference, Riverside, California, January 10, 2008.
- *What's So Scary about One Single Peanut? Allergens in Food, Warning Issues, and the State of the Law*, ABA "Hot Topics in Food Law" Teleconference, October 17, 2007.
- *Codex Alimentarius and How it is Important to U.S. Agriculture*, Academic Conference: Understanding the Growing Complexities of International Trade and Agriculture, Institute for Trade in the Americas, East Lansing, Michigan, September 27-28, 2007.
- *Introduction to Food Law: Swim with the Sharks without Being Eaten Alive*, lecturer, Introduction to Food Safety and Professional Development (VM 810), Michigan State University, June 14, 2007.
- *Health Claims for Foods*, presentation at the North American Tart Cherry Industry Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, February 7, 2007.
- *Allergens and the Food Allergen Labeling and Consumer Protection Act (FALCPA)*, conference speaker, Achieving Commercial Success in the Face of Food Regulation & Litigation, Chicago, IL, September 13, 2006.
- *Food Allergen Law and Your Business*, radio program interview, Long Island Business Show, August 12, 2006.
- *Firefly Genes, Mark McGuire's Tonic, and the Supersized Food Fight: An Introduction to Food Law*, lecturer, Introduction to Food Safety and Professional Development (VM 810), Michigan State University, June 13, 2006.
- *National and International Food Regulatory Law*, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Beijing, China (April 13, 2006), Jiangsu Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Nanjing, China (April 14, 2006), Zhejiang Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Hangzhou, China (April 17, 2006), and Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China (April 19, 2006).
- *Establishing Compliant—and Commercial—Labeling Programs*, conference speaker, Achieving Commercial Success in the Face of Food Regulation & Litigation, Orlando, FL, January 19, 2006.

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- *Mad Cows, Designer Foods, and the First Amendment: An Introduction to Food Law*, lecturer, Introduction to Food Safety and Professional Development (VM 810), Michigan State University, June 14, 2005.
- *Perspectives on the Regulation of GMOs*, Agricultural Biotechnology Short Course, Michigan State University, September 13, 2004.
- *Mad Cows, Designer Foods and Herbal Prozac: Why Food Laws Matter*, lecturer, Introduction to Food Safety and Professional Development (VM 810), Michigan State University, June 16, 2004.
- *US and EU Perspectives on the Regulation of GMOs*, lecturer, International Agricultural Biotechnology Conference, Michigan State University, May 21, 2004.
- *Trade, Food Security, and Standards*, panel chair at the conference Sovereignty and Security: New Conceptualizations for Post-9/11 North American Relations in the XXI Century, Michigan State University, April 1-17, 2004.
- *COOL or unCOOL: The Proposed Country of Origin Labeling Rules*, speaker at the Spring Lecture Series, National Food Safety & Toxicology Center, Michigan State University, February 16, 2004.
- *Can You Really Libel the Lettuce? A Look at Food Disparagement Laws*, panel speaker on food law and the First Amendment, National Food Safety & Toxicology Center, Michigan State University, November 18, 2003.
- *Food Safety Leadership*, speech at the Great Lakes Conference on Food Protection, Lansing, Michigan, April 29, 2003.
- Frequent introductions, comments, and presentations as a representative of the Michigan Department of Agriculture to a variety of groups associated with the department and its food regulatory programs (e.g., employees, food industry organizations, public health organizations, press, and legislative committees) 1983 – 2002.
- “Translating Science into Food Safety Law,” speaker at the American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics / CDC conference, The Public's Health & the Law in the 21st Century, Atlanta, Georgia, June 18, 2002.
- “The New Michigan Food Law: Leading the Country in Food Safety,” speech at the Annual Food Protection Conference, Michigan Environmental Health Association, March 16, 2001.
- “Local Public Health Program Accreditation” videotape, speaker on the food safety programs at local public health agencies in an overview of the state accreditation of local public health agencies, February 2000.
- “The Michigan Food Law of 2000,” speaker at the Environmental Health Directors Conference, Michigan Association of Local Environmental Health Administrators, September 2000.
- “Minimum Program Requirements for Food Service Regulatory Programs,” speaker at the Environmental Health Directors’ Conference, Michigan Association of Local Environmental Health Administrators, September 1999.

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- “MDA’s Partnership with Local Health Departments,” speaker and panelist, Annual Educational Conference of the Michigan Environmental Health Association, Novi, Michigan, March 19, 1998.
- “Interdisciplinary Collaboration and the Future of Food Safety Regulation,” presentation at the Annual Food Protection Conference, Michigan Environmental Health Association, October 1998.
- “The Public Health Code Requirements on Local Health Department Food Safety Regulatory Programs,” presentation at the Governmental Accounting Seminar for Local Public Health Departments, Public Health Administrators Forum, September 1998.
- “Current Events and Food Safety Regulation,” presentation at the Environmental Health Directors’ Conference, Michigan Association of Local Environmental Health Administrators, September 1997.
- “Seafood HACCP,” presenter, FDA training course, Dearborn, Michigan, 1997.
- “Food Labeling Compliance Workshop,” authored and presented a three-day course on state and federal food labeling requirements, Lansing, Michigan, October 1994.
- “Reduced-Oxygen Packaging,” presentation, Annual Food Protection Conference, Michigan Environmental Health Association, 1994.
- “Michigan Regulation of Package Labeling,” guest lecturer, School of Packaging, Michigan State University, 1992-1993.
- “Vacuum Packaging: Science, Safety, and Standards,” U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s Current Concepts in Food Protection course, Reno, Nevada, September 21-23, 1993.
- “Vacuum Packaging: Science, Safety, and Standards,” presentation, U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s Current Concepts in Food Protection course, Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 16-18, 1993.
- “Current Issues in Food Labeling Law,” U.S. Food and Drug Administration training seminar, Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 16-18, 1993.
- “NLEA: the Nutritional Labeling and Education Act,” instructor for more than fifteen one-day courses around the state of Michigan, 1993-1994.
- “Changes in Michigan Department of Agriculture Regulations,” presentation at the Annual Educational Conference, Michigan Environmental Health Association, October 16, 1992.
- “Regulatory Requirements for Bottled Water,” speaker, Southwestern Sanitarians Seminar, Kalamazoo, Michigan, April 24, 1992.
- “The Nutritional Labeling and Education Act,” speaker and panelist, Food Industry Institute, Michigan State University, February 4, 1992.
- “The CA Law: Prospects for Change” and “Status of the Michigan Premium Program,” speaker, Michigan State University Control Atmosphere and Warehousing Clinic, 1991.
- “HACCP: What’s in it for Growers,” speaker, Great Lakes Vegetable Growers’ Convention, Grand Rapids, Michigan, January 1991.

OTHER ARTICLES WITH MENTION AND QUOTATION

- Interviewed and quoted in, “Snake oil, science and the FDA,” Paul W. Jackson, Michigan Farm News (Jan. 30, 2009) available at:
<http://www.michiganfarmbureau.com/farmnews/transform.php?xml=20090130/cover.xml>.
- Interviewed and profiled in, “The Law Behind the Label,” PUBLIC HEALTH INSTITUTE REVIEW, University of Minnesota School of Public Health, summer 2005.
- Interviewed and quoted in, “Restaurant Industry May Face a Spate of Food Allergy Lawsuits,” LAWYERS USA at 15 (July 3, 2006).

EDUCATION

Michigan State University College of Law
Juris Doctor, Summa Cum Laude

East Lansing, Michigan

Newman University
Bachelor of Science, Human Biology

Wichita, Kansas

University of Michigan
Bachelor of Science, Botany

Ann Arbor, Michigan

BAR ADMISSIONS

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U. S. District Court, Western District of Michigan

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO)

Food and Drug Law Institute (FDLI)

Institute of Food Technologists (IFT)

State Bar of Michigan (SBM)