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Ralph A. Simmons

joins Ciba Corporation's Expert Services Unit



Ralph A. Simmons has joined Ciba Expert Services as a member of its global regulatory team dealing with the FDA and international regulatory status of food-contact substances and food products.

Simmons is an attorney with over 20 years of experience in advising domestic and foreign companies on compliance with the laws and regulations administered by the FDA and similar international requirements. Until the end of 2006, he had been a senior partner in Keller and Heckman LLP law firm, and was instrumental in managing Keller and Heckman's FDA and related practice areas. He had a significant role in expanding the firm from its Washington, D.C. base to Brussels, Shanghai, and San Francisco.

Simmons has taken a lead role in representing industry on many policy issues in front of the FDA and similar authorities in other countries. He also has worked with the U.S. Congress and the FDA to create and protect important FDA programs, such as the innovative process for more rapid clearance of new food packaging materials.

In addition to his role in managing Keller and Heckman's FDA (and related international) practice on food packaging and other food-contact products, Simmons was the lead attorney in several significant pieces of litigation. He prepared and argued cases at trial and on appeal at the state and federal levels. He uses this litigation experience to help clients identify and manage business risks.

Simmons acted as the legal counsel to SPI's Food Drug and Cosmetic Packaging Materials Committee (FDCPMC) for 15 years. In that time, he helped establish the food-contact notification (FCN) system; secured and protected the funding for the FCN system; convinced the FDA on the applicability of the FCN system to monomers as well as polymers and additives; and successfully argued that the FDA bioterrorism rules on registration and advance notice of import need not apply to food-contact materials. Simmons was instrumental in the formation of the National Association for PET Container Resources (NAPCOR), the Association of Post-Consumer Plastics

Recyclers (APR), and the PET Resin Manufacturers Association (PETRA), and was legal counsel for NAPCOR for about 20 years, for APR for about 10 years, and for PETRA for about 5 years.

Simmons graduated from Princeton University and the University of Virginia Law School. Ralph continues to operate as an independent attorney from his Virginia office.

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