



Securing the Supply Chain Forum: A Global Perspective of Food Protection to Secure Our Agriculture Economy

Hosted by:
The Centers of Excellence—Global Trade & Supply Chain MGMT
and Homeland Security Emergency MGMT

When: Wednesday, April 26, 2017
Where: Highline College - Building 2; Des Moines, WA
Time: 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
(4:15 – 6:00 p.m. NETWORKING EVENT)

Registration for this Forum is FREE.

You can register [Here](#) or cut and paste the link into your web browser:

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Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided for those in attendance.



Featured Speaker

William Marler

Managing Partner, Marler Clark LLP, PS

An accomplished personal injury lawyer and national expert in food borne illness litigation, William (Bill) Marler has been a major force in food safety policy in the United States and abroad. He and his partners at [Marler Clark](#) have represented thousands of individuals in claims against food companies whose contaminated products have caused serious injury and death. His advocacy for better food regulation has led to invitations to address local, national, and international gatherings on food safety, including recent testimony to US Congress Committee on Energy and Commerce. Marler Clark is considered the nation's foremost law firm representing victims of foodborne illness.

Marler began litigating foodborne illness cases in 1993, handling the seriously injured survivors of the landmark [Jack in the Box E. coli O157:H7](#) outbreak. Since then, Marler has represented victims of every large foodborne illness outbreak in the United States against such companies as Wholesale Club, Chili's, Chi-Chi's, ConAgra, Dole, Excel, Golden Corral, KFC, Sheetz, Sizzler, Supervalu, and Wendy's, securing over 500 million dollars for his clients.

In 2010, Bill Marler was awarded the NSF Food Safety Leadership award for Education. He has the top rating from Martindale, is voted a Superlawyer every year, and has been voted into Best Lawyers in America.

AGENDA

- 8:30 a.m. Registration
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
Dr. Meg Ryan, Director, CoE Global Trade and Supply Chain Management
Alice Madsen, Professional Technical Dean, Highline College
- 9:15 a.m. **“Recognition of the importance that our vital agriculture sector be prepared for and recover from natural or man-made incidents or disasters.”**
Speaker: **Steve Fuller**, Policy Assistant to Director,
Washington State Department of Agriculture
- 9:30 a.m. **Food Modernization Act (FSMA): Intent-Implementation-Impacts**
Speaker: **Claudia Coles**, Policy & External Affairs, Food Safety & Consumer Services
Division, WA State Department of Agriculture

<https://www.fda.gov/food/guidanceregulation/fsma/default.htm> FSMA
- 10:15 a.m. **Morning Panel/Presentation/Discussion:**
“Preparing for Intentional and Natural Disasters”
Speakers:
Curry Mayer, Emergency Management Director, City of Bellevue
and former California Department of Agriculture Ag Policy Associate
Joe Zaccaria, Managing Director, Premier Risk Solutions, LLC.

Q and A Discussion
- 11:30 a.m. LUNCH
Speaker:
Bill Marler, Marler Clark, LLP, the Food Safety Law Firm
Bill is an accomplished attorney and national expert in food safety and has become an
advocate for a safer food supply and helped to spur the passage of FSMA.
- 1:15 p.m. **Afternoon Panel: Industry Focus: Transport, Logistics and Technology**
Speakers:
Steve McQueary, Sales Manager, Brown Line LLC – Lynden
Barry Maxon, CEO, SafetyChain Software
- 2:30 p.m. Break – 15 minutes
- 2:45 p.m. **Education Panel:** How can educators provide students with foundational understanding
of needs of the food industry: growers, processors, distributors, operators, and
regulators to safeguard our food supply chain?

Speakers:
Trevor Lane, County Director, WSU CAHNRS/Extension
Steve Lettic, Faculty, Criminal Justice and Homeland Security-Emergency Management,
Highline College

Matt Williams, Instructor, Walla Walla Community College

Lindsey Williams, Coordinator of Marketing and Communications, Agriculture Center of Excellence, Walla Walla Community College

Honorio Todio, Ph.D., Faculty, North Seattle Community College

3:30 p.m. Summary, wrap up and next steps.

Linda Crerar, Director, CoE-Homeland Security Emergency Management

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