

Speaker Biographies



Meglena Mihova
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Meglena Mihova participated in the accession negotiations of her native country, and she brings deep insight to the role and functioning of the European Union (EU) member states, the deal making among them, and the resulting challenges and opportunities for business. Among her clients and peers, Ms. Mihova is widely regarded as best in class and is extremely respected as the go-to chemical expert in the EU.

Since joining EPPA, Ms. Mihova works on the interplay between legal design and implementation of regulations and the wider political and economic context. Her preferred fields of work are trade and the management of the complex government-business preparation processes in association or accession candidate countries. Highly technical rules underpin global trade in every business sector, and they result from often highly charged political negotiations requiring analytical insight into the drivers in governments defining the European Commission mandates to negotiate trade agreements. Identifying these factors early on can make a change to the bottom line for years to come.



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Richard E. Engler, Ph.D., is a 17-year veteran of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and is one of the most widely recognized experts on the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), with over 25 years' experience engaged in interpretation and implementation of this complicated yet foundational law for American innovation and productivity. He participated in thousands of TSCA substance reviews at EPA, as well as pre-notice and post-review meetings with submitters to resolve complex or difficult cases, and he draws upon all of this invaluable experience to assist Acta clients as they develop and commercialize novel chemistries. Dr. Engler writes and speaks frequently about the opportunities for industry to use TSCA to its competitive advantage and the challenges newer chemicals and technologies sometimes present under TSCA regulations. His ability to communicate clearly TSCA's intricacies and implications make him a highly sought presenter for trade group, scientific society, and industry and product association meetings and events.



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Lynn L. Bergeson counsels clients on issues pertaining to chemical hazard, exposure and risk assessment, and risk communication. She has earned an international reputation in the legal and regulatory aspects of conventional and nanoscale chemical regulatory programs under TSCA, the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), the EU's Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), and on issues pertinent to nanotechnology and other emerging transformative technologies. Specialties include chemical product approval and regulation under TSCA, FIFRA, and REACH, as well as nanoscale substances and nanomaterials law, policy, and regulation.

Ms. Bergeson works with corporations and a wide range of trade associations on evolving regulatory and policy matters pertinent to products of conventional, biotechnology, biobased chemicals, nanotechnologies, and other emerging technologies particularly with respect to TSCA, FIFRA, the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA), REACH and REACH-like programs, and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) matters. Ms. Bergeson served as chair of the American Bar Association (ABA) Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources and as chair of the International Bar Association (IBA) Agriculture and Food Section. She has served on the Board of Directors of the Environmental Law Institute (ELI), the NanoBusiness Commercialization Association, and is a recent past President of the Product Stewardship Society. Ms. Bergeson is a Fellow of the American College of Environmental Lawyers (ACOEL) and serves as a Regent and on its Executive Committee.