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Plenary Session

10:00 to 11:00

Understanding Proposition 65's Impacts: Costs, Benefits, and Public Health Outcomes

Moderator: **Tina Cox**, Proposition 65 Implementation Chief, OEHHA

Panel: **Steve Kooy**, Technical Director Health & Sustainability,
BIFMA

Jennifer Ohayon, Research Scientist, Silent Spring
Institute

Judah Prero, Counsel, ArentFox Schiff

Mark Tozo, Partner, Lexington Law Group

Tracey Woodruff, Professor of Epidemiology & Population
Health, Stanford

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Bios

Tina Cox

Proposition 65 Implementation Chief, OEHHA

Tina Cox is the Proposition 65 Implementation Chief at California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), where she has served since February 2024. In this role, she leads the Proposition 65 Implementation team, overseeing chemical listings, scientific committee meetings, public and business outreach, chemical fact sheets, and the development of compliance tools and resources for businesses.

With more than 20 years of experience in Environmental, Health, and Safety (EHS) consulting, Tina has worked with both multinational and domestic companies to navigate complex environmental and occupational health regulations. Her expertise includes Proposition 65 compliance, stormwater management, hazardous waste, worker safety, and general environmental regulatory compliance.

Tina earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from the University of California, Davis. Throughout her career, she has managed projects involving environmental remediation, permitting, OSHA compliance programs, employee training, and regulatory reporting, bringing both technical expertise and practical implementation experience to environmental health and safety challenges.

Steve Kooy**Technical Director Health & Sustainability, BIFMA**

Steve Kooy is Director of Health and Sustainability at BIFMA, the trade association representing the commercial furniture industry. In this role, Steve leads BIFMA's health, sustainability, and government advocacy work, including the e3/LEVEL sustainability certification program used by many commercial furniture manufacturers.

Steve works with manufacturers, regulators, and other stakeholders on issues including product sustainability, PFAS, extended producer responsibility, and trade. He has helped advance BIFMA's advocacy efforts at the state level and supported the ongoing evolution of furniture sustainability standards.

Prior to joining BIFMA, Steve held roles in third-party certification and testing and led sustainability and environmental compliance efforts for a global furniture manufacturer.

Steve earned a Bachelor's degree in Civil/Environmental Engineering from the University of Michigan.

Jennifer Ohayon**Research Scientist, Silent Spring Institute**

Jennifer Liss Ohayon, PhD is a Research Scientist at Silent Spring Institute, specializing in environmental policy, occupational exposures, and community-engaged research. She is working on projects to characterize women's workplace exposures, and their potential sources, for occupations with elevated breast cancer risk. She also leads work to evaluate best methods for reporting back to study participants their exposures to endocrine disrupting chemicals. In collaboration with co-investigators at the University of California, Berkeley, she evaluated the effectiveness of Proposition 65 in reducing exposures to toxic substances, including assessing how the law has shaped product (re)formulations. She completed her PhD at the University of California, Santa Cruz researching the remediation of toxic waste in military Superfund sites.

Judah Prero**Counsel, ArentFox Schiff**

Judah Prero helps companies navigate the complex and evolving legal landscape governing chemicals, consumer products, sustainability initiatives, and environmental compliance. Drawing on experience in government, industry, and private practice, he advises manufacturers, distributors, retailers, and trade associations on regulatory requirements, compliance strategies, and advocacy before federal and state regulators. His practice focuses on laws and regulations administered by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), including the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) and Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), and state chemical and product regulatory programs.

Clients turn to Judah for practical guidance on emerging regulatory challenges involving PFAS, flame retardants, pesticides, antimicrobials, fluorocarbons and other regulated substances. He also advises on extended producer responsibility (EPR) programs, recycling and circular-economy initiatives, and environmental marketing and sustainability claims. Judah works closely with companies to assess compliance obligations, respond to legislative and regulatory developments, and engage effectively with policymakers and regulators.

Prior to joining ArentFox Schiff, Judah served as Assistant General Counsel at the American Chemistry Council, where he was the lead attorney representing industry during the drafting and negotiation of the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act, the landmark legislation that modernized the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for the first time in nearly four decades.

Earlier in his career, Judah served as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Maryland, where he advised state environmental officials on regulatory, enforcement, and compliance matters. He also spent nearly a decade as Assistant Counsel with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, advising on environmental, health, and safety issues, including air permitting, stormwater management, environmental review requirements, water quality programs, and advocacy before the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Mark Todzo**Partner, Lexington Law Group**

Since 1993, Mark N. Todzo has devoted his practice of law to the representation of plaintiffs in consumer and environmental protection litigation. In that time, he has represented aggrieved individuals, nonprofit

organizations and public entities in litigation that has curbed abusive and illegal corporate practices. Mr. Todzo's varied work has, among other things, helped to remove toxic chemicals from the environment, increased staffing in nursing homes, reformed deceptive advertising practices and recovered millions of dollars for the benefit of consumers. Mr. Todzo has argued cases in state and federal trial courts as well as courts of appeal and the California Supreme Court.

Mr. Todzo has focused much of his legal practice on eliminating and reducing toxic chemicals in consumer products as well as the emission of toxic chemicals and individuals' exposure to such chemicals. He has been a tireless advocate in cases seeking to remove lead from a host of children's products and the environment.

Mr. Todzo has served as class counsel in numerous class action lawsuits as well as liaison counsel in complex coordinated actions. He was lead counsel in a case that resulted in the removal of over 500,000 pounds of lead per year from California roadways and has represented classes of individuals in a variety of different cases including a class of purchasers of fake organic products sold by Hain Celestial and a class of Comcast subscribers who were blocked from using peer-to-peer file sharing programs in breach of their contracts.

Mr. Todzo is currently working on Proposition 65 cases seeking to reduce or eliminate the use of BPA in athletic clothing, BPS in thermal receipt paper, and "forever" PFAS chemicals from groundwater surrounding industrial facilities. He was successful in obtaining a reduction in emissions of hexavalent chromium in Paramount, California and styrene from factories throughout southern California. He also played a leadership role in the litigation against Southern California Gas Company relating to the 2015 methane gas blowout in Aliso Canyon, obtaining one of the few seven figure Proposition 65 settlements.

Mr. Todzo joined the Lexington Law Group, LLP in 1998 and is a principal of the firm. Mr. Todzo received his law degree from Hastings College of the Law in 1993 and received an A.B. from Duke University in 1986. In addition to the practice of law, Mark enjoys rock and mountain climbing, running, and biking.

Tracey Woodruff

Professor of Epidemiology & Population Health, Stanford

Tracey Woodruff, PhD, MPH is a recognized expert on environmental pollution exposures and impacts on health, with a focus on pregnancy, infancy and childhood, and her innovations in translating and communicating scientific findings for clinical and policy audiences. She is a Professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Population Health, School of Medicine & Senior Fellow in Woods Institute for the Environment, Doerr School of Sustainability at Stanford University. She was previously a senior scientist and policy advisor for the U.S. EPA's Office of Policy. Dr. Woodruff is a member of the National Academy of Medicine and newly appointed to the Scientific Review Panel (SRP) for Toxic Air Contaminants for California Environmental Protection Agency. She was previously a member of the DART for Prop 65. For more information on Tracey's work, visit <https://med.stanford.edu/profiles/tracey-woodruff>, or follow-on LinkedIn <https://www.linkedin.com/in/tjwoodruff/>.