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Plenary Session

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Modernizing Proposition 65: New Approaches to Warnings

Moderator: **Laura Zuckerman**, Supervising Deputy Attorney General

Panel: **Jonathan Hewitt**, Senior VP State Affairs, Consumer Brands

Kristi Morioka, Staff Counsel, OEHHA

Trent Norris, Partner, Hogan Lovells Cadwalader US LLP

Laralei Paras, Partner, Seven Hills LLPS

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Bios

Laura Zuckerman

Supervising Deputy Attorney General

Laura Zuckerman is a Supervising Deputy Attorney General in the Environmental Justice and Protection Section of the California Department of Justice. Prior to joining the Environmental Justice and Protection Section in 2006, she spent five years as a member of the Attorney General's Energy Task Force, engaging in large-scale investigation of, and complex civil litigation involving, the California energy industry. Before joining the Attorney General's Office, Ms. Zuckerman practiced complex civil litigation at McCutchen, Doyle, Brown & Enersen, where she began her litigation career after clerking for the Honorable William H. Orrick, Jr., in the United States District Court for the Northern District of San Francisco.

At the Attorney General's Office, a significant portion of Ms. Zuckerman's work consists of matters undertaken in the Attorney General's independent capacity to enforce environmental laws, including Proposition 65 and other statutes relating to protection of human health and the environment.

Ms. Zuckerman received her J.D. from UC Berkeley School of Law, where she was an Articles Editor for the Ecology Law Quarterly. She received her A.B. magna cum laude in Social Studies from Harvard University.

Jonathan Hewitt**Senior VP State Affairs, Consumer Brands**

John Hewitt is senior director, state affairs, at the Consumer Brands Association, based in California. Hewitt has managed state issues on behalf of CPG companies for over 10 years. In addition to state legislative issues, Hewitt has extensive experience in issues involving Proposition 65.

With a combination of association, political and agency experience, Hewitt has worked on many successful ballot initiatives, legislative and regulatory measures. In addition to his professional experience, he has sat on several non-profit boards and was an elected school board member for nearly 12 years.

Hewitt joined the Consumer Brands Association from the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), where he served as both special counsel to the secretary and as the agency's general counsel. At the department, Hewitt was responsible for complex litigation and regulatory matters as well as represented the department on interagency initiatives, such as the governor's drought task force and international climate change program.

Prior to CDFA Hewitt worked at the California Farm Bureau, where he played a key role in developing strategic water quality initiatives, including managing activities with local and state regulators as well as litigation development.

A native of Northern California, Hewitt graduated from Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, with a bachelor's degree in agricultural business and a minor in water science. Hewitt also holds a juris doctor from the University of Pacific McGeorge School of Law and is admitted to practice law by the California Bar as well as the United States Supreme Court. He lives in Pleasant Grove, California, with his family.

Kristi Morioka**Staff Counsel, OEHHA**

Ms. Morioka is an experienced litigator and administrative lawyer. She joined the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) in 2020. Ms. Morioka advises the Director, Executive Officers, and OEHHA staff on all legal matters. Her principal areas of practice include Proposition 65 implementation and developing and amending various regulations. Ms. Morioka is a Sacramento native and graduated from the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law, JD, California State University, Chico, MA, and Wichita State University, BA.

Trent Norris**Partner, Hogan Lovells Cadwalader US LLP**

Trenton H. Norris guides manufacturers and retailers of everyday products and services through their toughest challenges. In his litigation, counseling, and government advocacy practice, Trent resolves scientific and technical disputes involving consumer protection, advertising, environmental, and food and drug law, with an emphasis on the unique requirements of California law. He brings over 30 years' experience with regulators, prosecutors, activists, bounty hunters, and plaintiffs' lawyers to defend clients and provide practical perspectives on litigation avoidance.

Mr. Norris and his team have represented over a thousand food manufacturers, retailers, and trade associations in Proposition 65, consumer class action, and extended producer responsibility matters. He has also pioneered the use of the First Amendment to successfully challenge Proposition 65 warnings for glyphosate, acrylamide in food, and titanium dioxide and diethanolamine in cosmetics as well as restrictions on recyclability claims.

Mr. Norris lobbies California environmental agencies and both challenges and defends regulatory actions in court. Mr. Norris is listed in Chambers USA for Food & Beverages Regulatory & Litigation, Environmental, and Advertising Litigation; and in Best Lawyers for Environmental Law. He was named Environmental Lawyer of the Year in San Francisco for 2023 and 2027. He is a magna cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School, where he was an editor of the Harvard Law Review.

Laralei Paras**Partner, Seven Hills LLP**

Laralei Paras is a Partner at Seven Hills LLP with 20 years' experience in environmental advocacy. After earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Conservation and Resources Studies from the College of Natural Resources at U.C. Berkeley, she earned her juris doctor and environmental law certificate at the Northwestern School of Law at Lewis and Clark College. Since 2002, her practice has concentrated on the enforcement of Proposition 65 on behalf of non-profits and citizen enforcers.