

Food Regulatory Lawyer Joan Baughan Joins Steptoe

Joan Baughan has joined **Steptoe & Johnson LLP** as a partner based in the Washington office. Baughan practices food and drug law, focusing on US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and comparable international regulation of food contact materials, drugs, drug packaging, cosmetics, and medical devices. She will lead the firm's global food contact materials practice.

In a release, the firm said Baughan's food contact regulatory work includes the broad spectrum of activities associated with food contact materials including regulatory filings, opinion letters, performing compliance audits and training courses for clients, and advising on recalls. She also advises clients on drug packaging regulations, medical devices, Proposition 65 warning requirements, and cosmetics packaging issues. Baughan has experience with the regulation of food packaging materials and medicinal products under European Union and member state legislation, and is also familiar with the food contact approval regimes in Canada, China, Japan, and MERCOSUR (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, and Venezuela).

Baughan earned her J.D. from the Catholic University of America, where she was managing editor of The Catholic University Law Review. She received both her B.S. and B.S.M.T. from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.