

Monica Johnson Joins Bonduelle U.S. Leadership Team as General Counsel



Bonduelle Fresh Americas, formerly Ready Pac Foods, a wholly-owned subsidiary of **Bonduelle**, announced the appointment of Monica Johnson, general counsel, to its Executive Committee, the business unit's senior leadership team.

Johnson joined the company in October 2018 and was appointed to the senior leadership team in January. She is responsible for providing professional legal advice and representation for all legal, regulatory and government matters affecting the business. As part of her role, she also provides legal advice and support to Bonduelle Americas Long Life, the company's North American canned and frozen business unit based in Canada, the company said in a release.

"Monica's deep legal experience with a variety of industries, as well as her government affairs background, bring great diversity to the Bonduelle Fresh Americas leadership team," said Bonduelle Fresh Americas CEO Mary Thompson. "The general counsel role is an important one for Bonduelle Fresh Americas and she has made a positive impact on many areas of the business in her short tenure here."

The company said Johnson brings more than 15 years of legal experience to Bonduelle in a broad range of industries, including foodservice, technology, manufacturing and supply chain/logistics. Prior to joining Bonduelle, she was assistant general counsel and assistant corporate secretary at Ventura Foods, LLC, a privately held manufacturer and distributor of branded and private-label food products, including dressings,

oils, sauces, dips, shortening, margarine, butter blends, mayonnaises, and flavor bases. Before Ventura Foods, Johnson was senior counsel at Western Digital, served as corporate counsel of BAX Global and was an associate at the law firm Theodora Oringer and Yoka & Smith.

Johnson has government affairs experience as well, having served in the administrations of three California governors. Most recently she served for eight years on the California Board of Optometry as an appointee of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, as vice chair partnering with board members to protect the public and regulate the profession of optometry.