



Foodborne Illness Litigation

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Defense Against *E.coli*, Salmonella and Other Outbreaks

Weinberg, Wheeler, Hudgins, Gunn & Dial's Foodborne Illness Litigation Practice Group has defended clients against outbreaks tied to a host of products, including



spinach, lettuce, peanut butter, beef, chicken and chili. The Firm frequently represents food processing companies but has also represented establishments such as nursing homes, petting zoos and amusement parks.

Weinberg, Wheeler, Hudgins, Gunn & Dial has experience with major outbreaks caused by pathogenic organisms including *E. coli*, Salmonella, Shigella, and Lysteria. The Firm's attorneys provide legal counsel regarding:

- Personal injury claims
- Regulatory oversight and compliance
- Disputes with vendors, wholesalers and retailers
- First and third party insurance claims
- Media relations

Recent Foodborne Illness Clients and Cases

- Midwestern beef processor in national *E. coli* outbreak in the summer of 2008 with over 80 confirmed cases linked to the outbreak.
- Hot dog chili manufacturer in national Botulism outbreak in 2007 resulting in dozens of claims.
- Peanut butter manufacturer in national Salmonella outbreak in 2008 with hundreds of claimants.
- California lettuce processor in 2006 Taco Bell *E. coli* outbreak in Delaware, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania.
- Peanut butter producer associated with 2006-2007 Salmonella outbreak resulting in thousands of claims.
- California spinach processor in national *E. coli* O157:H7 outbreak in August 2006.
- Midwestern beef processor in multi-state *E. coli* O157:H7 outbreak in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois that resulted in over 300 claims.



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- Michigan beef processor that had multiple suits dismissed in an *E. coli* outbreak.
- Pennsylvania nursing home that successfully obtained indemnity from the wholesaler in an *E. coli* O157:H7 outbreak afflicting over 100 residents.
- Chicken processor in a large Salmonella outbreak in the Mid-Atlantic in which attempts at class action were defeated and cases were favorably compromised.
- Water amusement park in Georgia faced with multiple claims arising from *E. coli* outbreak affecting several toddlers and adolescents.

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