

FOOD & AGRIBUSINESS

OVERVIEW

BCLP's Food and Agribusiness Practice is a leader in providing legal services for the agribusiness and food industries. Our lawyers have deep legal and operational experience in a myriad of "farm-to-fork" issues – from regulatory compliance, transactions and commercial finance, to commercial and product liability litigation and everything in between – and now have a broad international client base throughout the sector. We are leaders in representing producers, processors, suppliers, cooperatives, lenders and investors worldwide.

INDUSTRY SEGMENTS WE SERVE

- Dairy and dairy-derived food ingredients
- Beef, poultry, pork, eggs
- Vegetable and fruit crops
- Seeds and commodity crops
- Packaged food and food ingredients
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Dietary and nutritional supplements
- Crop chemicals
- Ag biotech products and crop inputs (including "green" products for plant growth regulators, disease and pest control)
- Food and feed grain trading, transportation and agricultural processing
- Sugar, ethanol and biodiesel refineries
- Animal feed and health products

AWARDS

- Ranked in Band 2 for Agribusiness in Chambers Global 2021
- For 20 years, we have routinely ranked as one of the top 25 most active law firms for U.S. M&A deals (Refinitiv). On average, we close more than 300 deals each year firmwide
- We have substantial experience managing international deals in more than 45 countries and on six continents, including deals in South America, Canada, Israel & Estonia
- Pitchbook consistently names BCLP among the top 25 most active venture capital law firms: Most Active Global Law Firm; Most Active in U.S. by Location; Most Active in Mountain by Location; Most Active at Early Stage by Type
- Merrit Jones recognized as one of 2019 JD Supra Top Authors in the category of Food & Beverage

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- Pesticides (FIFRA)

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Agribusiness
- Agtech and Biotech
- Food & Beverage
- Restaurant Practice
- Pubs, Clubs & Restaurants

EXPERIENCE

- Regulatory issues, including environmental, FDA, USDA and antitrust
- Domestic and international mergers and acquisitions
- Commercial and venture financing
- Commercial transactions
- Joint ventures and licensing
- Funded research and product development agreements
- Formation issues for start-ups, such as venture capital, strategic investments, commercial agreements and intellectual property protection
- Defense of consumer and commercial labeling claims

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The following articles present a brief summary of topics of interest specific to French law which apply to French and foreign companies in the food, beverage and agriculture sector, when products are marketed in France. These articles provide a broad overview of some of the key issues that may arise and do not constitute legal advice. The points addressed in these articles may be subject to further analysis by BCLP teams.

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BCLP advises Ocado Group on its proposed acquisition of Myrmex Inc.

International law firm BCLP is advising UK listed Ocado Group (Ocado), the UK-based technology company providing end-to-end online grocery fulfilment solutions to some of the world's largest grocery retailers, on its proposed acquisition of materials handling robotics start-up Myrmex Inc. (Myrmex) for approximately €10.2 million. This follows Ocado's previous acquisition of a minority stake in Myrmex in October 2020.