

## **Regulatory and Toxicology Expert Brent Kobielush Joins TAG**

November 1, 2021 - Leading food safety and public health consulting group, The Acheson Group (TAG), is pleased to announce that Dr. Brent Kobielush has joined our team of experts as Director, Food Safety. Dr. Kobielush comes to TAG from Cargill, Inc., where he served as Director, U.S. Regulatory Affairs providing leadership and technical regulatory direction to ensure that the company's products and processes were compliant with all applicable US FDA food laws/regulations, and leading the rollout of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) across 500+ facilities across the globe.

Dr. Kobielush brings to TAG an extensive expertise in regulatory toxicology in human and animal foods and foreign supplier verification. Bringing a wealth of national and international food safety experience to TAG, he joins a growing team of recognized food safety and public health experts. As a virtual company, TAG's experts are located across North America and serve companies around the world; Dr. Kobielush will be located in Minneapolis, Minn.

"We are excited to have Dr. Kobielush join TAG's team of experts," said TAG President and CEO David Acheson. "His strong industry background, commitment, and regulatory and toxicology expertise will help to further expand TAG's offerings and services in these areas. We look forward to Brent's engagement with TAG clients and the 20-plus members of TAG's food safety and public health team."

Prior to his six years at Cargill, Dr. Kobielush was the Manager of Toxicology for General Mills where he was responsible for assuring the chemical composition of all General Mills' products met applicable product safety and regulatory standards. He received his B.S. from Bethel University (St. Paul, MN) in Chemistry and M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry (Rochester, NY) in Toxicology.

Dr. Kobielush is an FSPCA-trained PCQI and Lead Instructor; is a member of many professional organizations including the Society of Toxicology (SOT), the Institute of Food Technologists (IFT), and the International Association of Food Protection (IAFP); is a governor-appointed member of the Minnesota Food Safety and Defense Task Force (MNFSDT); and has served as the Secretary of the Toxicology and Safety Evaluation Division at the Institute of Food Technologists (IFT), President of the Northland Regional Chapter and Food Safety Specialty Section at the SOT, Chair of the Food and Chemical Safety (FCS) Committee at the International Life Sciences Institute of North America (ILSI NA), Chair for the Chemical Management and Regulatory Inspection and Compliance Committees at the Grocery Manufacturer's Association (GMA), and a member of the Joint Institute for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition's (JIFSAN) Advisory Council at the University of Maryland. He also spent 12 years serving as a board member for the Food Allergy Research and Resource Program (FARRP) at the University of Nebraska.

## **About The Acheson Group (TAG)**

Led by former FDA Associate Commissioner for Foods Dr. David Acheson, The Acheson Group (TAG) is a global food safety and public health consulting group that helps companies assess their unique situation, address gaps, and deploy best practices for operational, regulatory, and reputational risk mitigation. With in-depth industry knowledge and real-world experience, TAG's experts provide remote or onsite assistance in Recall and Crisis Management, EMP & ECP, Food Defense, Supply Chain Management, Public Health, Food Safety Culture, Training, and COVID-19 protections to help businesses mitigate risks, improve operational efficiencies, and protect their brand. Visit TAG at [www.achesongroup.com](http://www.achesongroup.com).