

**TSCA Reform-- Four Years Later
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Biographies



Lynn L. Bergeson
Managing Partner, Bergeson & Campbell, P.C.

Managing Partner of Bergeson & Campbell, P.C., Lynn L. Bergeson has earned an international reputation for her deep and expansive understanding of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), the European Union's Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) regulation, and especially how these regulatory programs pertain to nanotechnology, industrial biotechnology, synthetic biology, and other emerging transformative technologies. Her knowledge of and involvement in the policy process allows her to develop client-focused strategies whether advocating before Congress, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), or other governance and standard-setting bodies.

Ms. Bergeson is the current President of the Product Stewardship Society Board of Directors, Vice Chair of the International Bar Association (IBA) Agricultural Law Section, and Vice Chair of the American Bar Association (ABA) Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources Committee on Pesticides, Chemical Regulation, and Right-to-Know. She served as Chair of the ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources and has served in many Section leadership positions. She has also served on the Board of Directors of the Environmental Law Institute (ELI), the NanoBusiness Commercialization Association, and the Product Stewardship Society, among other business and law organizations, and lectures and writes frequently on legal, regulatory, and science policy issues.



Yvette T. Collazo
**Director, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxic Substances (OPPT),
EPA**

Yvette T. Collazo was named Director of EPA OPPT in March 2020. Previously, Ms. Collazo worked for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), where she led activities related to federal contracts and agreements of more than \$250 million for the cleanup of radiological, industrial, and groundwater hazards resulting from decades of nuclear material production at DOE's Savannah River facility. Ms. Collazo also served as Senior Advisor and Director for the Office of Technology Innovation and Development at DOE's Office of Environmental Management. In this capacity, she led the identification and advancement of technologies, processes, and technical

practices that improved the performance of waste processing, groundwater and soil, facility decontamination and decommissioning, and nuclear materials projects over their life cycles, from planning to disposal.

Starting in 2013, Ms. Collazo served as District Director of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands District Office. As District Director, she was responsible for the delivery of the SBA's financial assistance, business counseling, entrepreneurial training, and federal contracting programs throughout the District. Ms. Collazo has a Master of Science in Environmental Management from the Illinois Institute of Technology and a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus.



Michael L. Dourson, Ph.D.
Director of Science, Toxicology Excellence for Risk Assessment (TERA)

Dr. Michael Dourson is a board-certified toxicologist. Most recently, he was Senior Advisor in the Office of the Administrator at EPA. Prior to this position, Dr. Dourson was a Professor in the Risk Science Center at the University of Cincinnati, College of Medicine, and worked at TERA and EPA. He was awarded the Arnold J. Lehman award from the Society of Toxicology, the International Achievement Award by the International Society of Regulatory Toxicology and Pharmacology, and four bronze medals from EPA. He has been elected as a Fellow of the Academy of Toxicological Sciences and as a Fellow for the Society for Risk Analysis.

He has been elected to multiple officer positions in the American Board of Toxicology (including its President), the Society of Toxicology (including the President of three specialty sections), the Society for Risk Analysis (including its Secretary), and is currently the President of the Toxicology Education Foundation, a nonprofit organization with a vision to help the public understand the essentials of toxicology. He has co-published more than 150 papers on risk assessment methods or chemical-specific analyses, and co-authored well over 100 government risk assessment documents, many of them risk assessment guidance texts. In addition to numerous appointments on government panels, such as EPA's Science Advisory Board, he is a current member on the editorial board of *Regulatory Toxicology and Pharmacology* and *Human and Experimental Toxicology*.



Alexandra Dapolito Dunn
Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution
Prevention (OCSPP), EPA

Alexandra Dapolito Dunn is the Assistant Administrator for OCSPP, effective January 2019. Prior to that, she served as the Regional Administrator for EPA Region 1 and her responsibilities included overseeing the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, and ten tribal nations.

Before joining EPA Region 1 in January 2018, Ms. Dunn served through that time as Executive Director and General Counsel for the Environmental Council of States (ECOS), a national nonprofit, nonpartisan organization committed to helping state agencies improve environmental outcomes for all Americans. From 2014 to early 2018, Ms. Dunn helped state governments improve water infrastructure, air pollution control, site cleanup, chemical management, and economic development. Prior to joining ECOS, Ms. Dunn was Executive Director and General Counsel for the Association of Clean Water Administrators.

Ms. Dunn has taught on the subjects of environmental justice and human rights and the environment as Dean of Environmental Law Programs at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University. She has also taught at the Columbus School of Law, Catholic University of America, where she served as Faculty Advisor to the student Environmental Law Society. Ms. Dunn most recently taught environmental justice as an Adjunct Associate Professor of Law at the American University's Washington College of Law. Ms. Dunn served through the end of 2017 on the executive committee and board of directors of ELI. She has chaired the ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources, its World Justice Task Force, and served on the ABA Presidential Force on Sustainable Development.



Richard E. Engler, Ph.D.
Director of Chemistry, Bergeson & Campbell, P.C.

Richard E. Engler, Ph.D. is Director of Chemistry with Bergeson & Campbell, P.C. Dr. Engler is a 17-year veteran of EPA and is one of the most widely recognized experts in the field of green chemistry, having served as Senior Staff Scientist in EPA's OPPT and leader of EPA's Green Chemistry Program. He has participated in thousands of TSCA substance reviews at EPA, as well as pre-notice and post-review meetings with submitters to resolve complex or difficult cases, and he draws upon this invaluable experience to assist clients as they develop and commercialize novel chemistries.

During his years at EPA, Dr. Engler was an advocate for green chemistry and leader of the Presidential Green Chemistry Challenge Awards, served many years on the organizing committee of the American Chemistry Society's Green Chemistry & Engineering Conference, performed

relevancy reviews for EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) Small Business Innovation Results funding, and represented EPA on the NSF/GCI/ANSI 355: Greener Chemicals and Processes Information Standard development committee, where he served as Vice Chair. He also taught risk-based decision-making at the University of California, Berkeley Extension's Green Chemistry Certificate program. Dr. Engler holds a Ph.D. in physical organic chemistry from the University of California, San Diego, and taught classes in organic chemistry there and at the University of San Diego prior to joining EPA.



David B. Fischer, MPH, Deputy Assistant Administrator, OCSPP, EPA

David B. Fischer joined EPA as Deputy Assistant Administrator of OCSPP in July 2019. Prior to joining EPA, Mr. Fischer was a partner of legal and regulatory affairs at IBEX Partners LLC, a public affairs firm. Before his partnership at IBEX, Mr. Fischer held several senior positions at the American Chemistry Council in its Office of General Counsel and Chemical Products and Technology Division, providing legal and policy counsel on a broad range of industrial, specialty chemical, and product defense matters. Earlier in his career, Mr. Fischer was also the Director of Environmental Health at the

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, where he led the first national assessment of state activities in lead poisoning prevention.



**Michal I. Freedhoff, Ph.D.
Director of Oversight, United States Senate Committee on Environment
and Public Works**

Michal Freedhoff joined the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee as its Minority Director of Oversight in February 2017. She has more than 20 years of government experience, beginning in then-Congressman Ed Markey's office as a Congressional Science and Engineering fellow after receiving a Ph.D. in physical chemistry. She has also served on the staffs of the House Science Committee, the House Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, the House Energy and Commerce Committee, and the House Natural Resources Committee.

Dr. Freedhoff's legislative work includes the fuel economy provisions in the 2007 Energy Independence and Security Act, a law requiring the creation of an online database of dangerous consumer product safety defects, the 2016 re-authorization of TSCA, and 2019 legislation to address per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination. Her ongoing oversight work includes the evaluation of Trump Administration nominees and the Trump EPA's regulatory rollbacks, and previous investigations include the response to the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, the Bush Administration EPA's response to the landmark Supreme Court global warming decision in *Massachusetts v EPA*, the efforts of electric utilities and automakers to protect against cyber

attacks, and the automobile safety issues illustrated by the GM ignition switch and Takata airbag defects.



Scott Fulton
President, Environmental Law Institute

Scott Fulton has been at ELI since September 2015, when he was selected as ELI's fifth President. Previously, Mr. Fulton was a Principal at the environmental law firm Beveridge & Diamond, P.C., and served as General Counsel of EPA and in a number of other high-ranking government leadership positions.

In addition to his role as EPA's General Counsel, Mr. Fulton served in a number of other key leadership roles in both Republican and Democratic Administrations, including as Acting EPA Deputy Administrator, head of EPA's Office of International Affairs, Judge on the Environmental Appeals Board, and head of the Agency's enforcement program. He also served as Assistant Chief of the Environmental Enforcement Section of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Environment and Natural Resources Division. An international expert on environmental governance and rule of law, he serves as a member of the United Nations Advisory Council on Environmental Justice and teaches International Environmental Governance as an Adjunct Professor at the George Washington School of Law.



Mark A. Hartman
Director for Management, OPPT, EPA

Mark A. Hartman is a veteran EPA leader. He transitioned to OPPT in October 2017, having served EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) for years in a variety of leadership positions for more than a decade. Prior to joining OPPT as Deputy Director, Mr. Hartman was Deputy Director of the Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division in OPP. Mr. Hartman's familiarity with both agricultural and industrial chemicals is a well-recognized asset to EPA and the industries OPPT serves. Mr. Hartman holds degrees from Syracuse University (Master of Public Administration) and George Washington University (Masters in Environmental Studies).



Tala Henry, Ph.D.
Director, Risk Assessment Division, OPPT, EPA

Tala Henry, Ph.D. is the Director for the Risk Assessment Division in EPA's OPPT, which evaluates new and existing chemicals and potential risks related to those chemicals, and assesses ways to prevent or reduce the release of pollution into the environment. Previously, she served as the Director, Acting Director, and Deputy Director of the National Program Chemicals Division at OPPT from 2009 to 2013, and from 2006 through 2009, Dr. Henry served as a Toxicologist in the Risk Assessment Division at OPPT. Prior to working as a Toxicologist in the Risk Assessment Division, she was a Toxicologist in the Health and Ecological Criteria Division in the Office of Water. Dr. Henry received a Ph.D. in pharmacology from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.



Liz Hitchcock
Director, Safer Chemicals Healthy Families

Liz Hitchcock is Director of Safer Chemicals Healthy Families. She oversees staff, coordinates with partner organizations, and manages the campaign's advocacy efforts on Capitol Hill and at EPA and other federal agencies. She joined the campaign after four years as the Public Health Advocate for the U.S. Public Interest Research Group (PIRG). In that capacity, she led U.S. PIRG's campaigns on environmental health issues, including product safety, chemical policy reform, chemical facility security, and food safety. She coordinated PIRG's successful campaign to win landmark federal standards for toxic lead and phthalates in children's products in the 2008 reform of the Consumer Product Safety Commission and was PIRG's lead lobbyist on the food safety campaign that resulted in the 2010 passage of the Food Safety Modernization Act.

Prior to becoming a public health advocate, she served as U.S. PIRG's Communications Director for 11 years, working with the state PIRGs' advocacy and field staffs to educate the national and local media on such issues as product safety, clean water, toxic chemical accidents, safe energy alternatives, and air pollution. She is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College and a native of Schenectady, NY.



Mary Kirchhoff, Ph.D.
Executive Vice President, Scientific Advancement
Director, ACS Green Chemistry Institute

Dr. Kirchhoff received Bachelor's and Master's degrees in chemistry from Russell Sage College and Duquesne University, respectively, and a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the University of New Hampshire. She served for nine years on the faculty at Trinity College in Washington, D.C., and three years as an American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Environmental Fellow and visiting scientist at EPA. She spent three years with the ACS Green Chemistry Institute before moving to the ACS Education Division, where she served as Director from 2005-2016. She is a Fellow of AAAS and a member of the Chemical Sciences Roundtable.



Jeffery Morris, Ph.D.
Jeff Morris Solutions, LLC

Jeffery Morris, Ph.D. is former Director of EPA's OPPT. Prior to his work at OPPT, he served as the National Program Director for Nanotechnology, responsible for managing EPA's Nanomaterials Research Program in EPA's ORD. Dr. Morris has also served as the Acting Director in the ORD Office of Science Policy.

Dr. Morris is principal at Jeff Morris Solutions, LLC, a consultancy assisting clients with regulatory issues in ways that safeguard human health and protect the natural environment.



Melissa J. Perry, Sc.D., MHS
Chair and Professor, Environmental and Occupational Health, Milken Institute School of Public Health, George Washington University

Dr. Melissa Perry is a leading public health researcher whose wide-ranging epidemiologic and preventive intervention studies over the past two decades have investigated factors in occupational injury and disease and the influence of chemical and physical agents on reproduction. Dr. Perry's research has drawn international attention to the health effects of pesticide exposure. Current projects include investigating how climate change is impacting the properties of pesticides and other chemicals.

Before coming to George Washington University in 2010, Dr. Perry spent 13 years on the Harvard School of Public Health's Department of Environmental Health faculty. She has received numerous research awards, including grants from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, the National Cancer Institute, and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

Dr. Perry is the Chair of the Board of Scientific Counselors for the National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (NCEH/ATSDR) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). She is a Co-chair of the National Academies Standing Committee on Use of Emerging Science for Environmental Health Decisions. She is a past President of the American College of Epidemiology and serves as a Standing Member of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health research grant review panel. She is an Associate Editor for two journals, *Environmental Health Perspectives* and *Reproductive Toxicology*.



Lorenz Rhomberg, Ph.D.
Principal, Gradient Corporation

Dr. Rhomberg is an expert in quantitative risk assessment, including dose-response analysis, pharmacokinetic modeling, and probabilistic methods, with special experience in chlorinated solvents and endocrine-active agents. He is the author of books and of more than 90 articles on these topics. His practice includes work in support of environmental litigation as well as work relating to a variety of regulatory programs, including the Comprehensive

Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), FIFRA, TSCA, and REACH, among others.

Before joining Gradient, Dr. Rhomberg was on the faculty of the Harvard School of Public Health and was employed by EPA. Dr. Rhomberg is active in professional groups and environmental policy development, focusing on current issues in the interpretation of toxicological data in human health risk assessment through service on panels sponsored by government, industry, and such organizations as the National Academy of Sciences and the UN Environmental Program. Dr. Rhomberg was recognized as the Outstanding Practitioner of the Year by the Society for Risk Analysis in 2009 and was named a Fellow of that Society in 2016. In 2017, he was given the Society of Toxicology's Arnold Lehman Award for contributions to the development of risk analysis.



Hon. John Shimkus
U.S. Representative, 15th District of Illinois

Hon. John M. Shimkus is a Member of the United States House of Representatives for the 15th District of Illinois. Among his duties in Congress, he is a Senior Member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee and Chair of its Environment Subcommittee. He also serves on the Energy, Health, and Communications and Technology Subcommittees; and is a Member of the Biotech, Wireless, NG9-1-1, Recycling, Coal, Steel,

and Baltic Caucuses; in addition to representing the U.S. Congress in the NATO Parliamentary Assembly.

Representative Shimkus has been a supporter and champion of chemical reform for many years. In February and April of 2014, he released discussion drafts of the Chemicals in Commerce Act (CICA) to update TSCA; in April and May of 2015, he released discussion drafts of the TSCA Modernization Act of 2015 (which would become H.R. 2576 -- the House version of amended TSCA); and on May 26, 2015, he officially introduced H.R. 2576. After a compromise bill was reached, which contained many of the policy priorities from H.R. 2576, Representative Shimkus stated that the legislation “represent[ed] a vast improvement over current law and takes a thoughtful approach to protecting people all across the country from unsafe chemical exposure while setting a new standard for quality regulation. It’s good for jobs, good for consumers, and good for the environment.”



Robert M. Sussman
Principal, Sussman and Associates

Bob Sussman is the principal in Sussman and Associates, a consulting firm that offers advice and support on energy and environmental policy issues to clients in the non-profit and private sectors. He serves on the Board on Environmental Sciences and Toxicology of the National Academy of Sciences and Toxicology and is Chair of the Interstate Commission for the Potomac River Basin. Mr. Sussman served in the Obama Administration, first as Co-Chair of the Transition Team for EPA and then as Senior Policy Counsel to the EPA Administrator, providing oversight and guidance on the full suite of policy issues across the Agency. Mr. Sussman served in the Clinton Administration as the EPA Deputy Administrator during 1993-94. He was the Agency’s Chief Operating Officer and Regulatory Policy Officer, testified frequently before Congress, and represented EPA at several international meetings. He is an Adjunct Professor of Law at Yale Law School and has taught courses on climate change policy at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.



Ami R. Zota, Sc.D., MS
Associate Professor, George Washington University Milken School of Public Health

Ami Zota is an Associate Professor in the Department of Environmental & Occupational Health at the George Washington University Milken School of Public Health. Dr. Zota’s work seeks to secure environmental justice and improve health equity through advancements in science, policy, and clinical practice. Her research identifies novel pathways linking social disparities, environmental exposures, and reproductive and children’s health. She received a career development award from the National Institutes of Health for her research on environmental health disparities and was recently recognized as a Pioneer Under 40 in Environmental Public Health by the Collaborative on Health and the Environment. She is currently an Associate Editor of *Journal of Exposure Science and Environmental Epidemiology* and on the Editorial Boards of *Environmental Health Perspectives* and *Environmental Epigenetics*.