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Steven Leslie has over a decade of experience in the food, beverage, and CPG industry. As counsel for GMA, Steven provides legal guidance to both GMA and its members on a wide variety of legal issues. Steven is also the head of GMA Product Liability Solutions (PLS), which provides non-litigated and litigated claims management for GMA members. Steven also has primary oversight of the annual GMA Legal Conference, and is a frequent speaker on claims management, litigation prevention, and other industry legal issues.

Steven graduated from Johns Hopkins University in 1999, and joined GMA (then NFPA) in November of 2002. Steven has handled a wide variety of claims against GMA members, including allegations of foodborne illness, chemicals in products, foreign materials, and defective containers. While at GMA, Steven also obtained his J.D. from George Washington University, graduating with honors in May of 2011. Steven was admitted to the Maryland Bar in December of 2011, and has served as the head of PLS (formerly the Claims Program) since that time. In February of 2016 Steven joined the Legal Affairs department, taking on additional responsibilities as in-house counsel for the association.