

# Sustaining a Bold **COMPLIANCE CULTURE**

**2023 AHFA SUMMIT**

**August 9-10, 2023**

**Guilford Technical Community College Conference Center**

<b>Wednesday, August 9</b>	
<b>8:00 – 8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>REGISTRATION – Conference Center Lobby</b> <b>COFFEE &amp; MORNING SNACKS IN THE EXPO HALL</b> <i>Sponsored by Insight Quality Services</i>
<b>8:30 – 9:30</b>	<p><b>Session 1 – <i>TSCA: The Looming Deadline for Fabricators</i></b></p> <p>Joel Oser, Senior Vice President &amp; General Manager, and Chris Battin, Chief Technical Officer, Benchmark International, Eugene, Oregon</p> <p>This session will provide a detailed update on the TSCA Title VI testing and certification requirements for fabricators of laminated products.</p> <p>Joel Oser attended Virginia Tech, then joined the U.S. Army and served two tours in Iraq before returning to Virginia and completing his degree. He joined Benchmark International in 2013 and today he leads teams of auditors and inspectors in site assessments for regulatory compliance, quality assurance, manufacturing traceability and risk mitigation.</p> <p>Chris Battin has served in progressive leadership roles at Benchmark International, covering manufacturing, supply chain, information technology and retail sectors of the paper, packaging and flooring industries, among others.</p>
<b>9:30 – 10:15</b>	<p><b>Session 2 – <i>What You Need to Know about the Canadian Formaldehyde Emission Regulation</i></b></p> <p>Andy O'Hare, President Composite Panel Association, Leesburg, Virginia</p> <p>Andy O'Hare has served as the chief staff executive of the Composite Panel Association since August 2020. Prior to the CPA, he was vice president of public policy with the Fertilizer Institute for nearly six years. He is a registered professional geologist in the State of Virginia and is a Certified Association Executive.</p>

<b>10:15 – 10:30</b> <b>MORNING BREAK in the EXPO HALL</b> <i>Sponsored by TÜV Rheinland</i>	
<b>10:30 – 11:15</b>	<p><b>Session 3: <i>When CPSC Activity Spills Into the Courtroom: Perspectives of a Former Commissioner</i></b></p> <p><b>Joseph Mohorovic, Senior Managing Consultant</b>  <b>Engineering Systems Inc., Aurora, Illinois</b></p> <p>A more aggressive CPSC increases the likelihood of a product recall, an investigation, a unilateral press release or a safety report becoming an issue in a product liability case. This presentation will examine the most likely situations to cause an interaction with the CPSC ... and how to prepare for those situations.</p> <p>Joe Mohorovic has a distinguished background as an executive and public servant, operating at the intersection of business and government and culminating in his service as a commissioner on the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission from 2013 to 2017. He currently brings real world product safety experience and his insider's knowledge to his role as senior managing consultant in ESI's safety and risk assessment practice group.</p>
<b>11:15 – 12:00</b>	<p><b>Session 4 – CPSC Update: What's Next on the Agency's Agenda</b></p> <p><b>Matthew Howsare, Partner</b>  <b>Cooley LLP, Washington, D.C.</b></p> <p>How will CPSC approach enforcement of the new stability standard for clothing storage furniture? What's the future of 6B – the CPSC provision restricting the agency's ability to disclose certain information? Matt Howsare will provide insights on these and other issues impacting the industry.</p> <p>Matthew is the chair of Cooley's North American product safety practice and a leading global consumer product safety and compliance lawyer who counsels manufacturers, retailers, distributors, trade associations and consumer product companies. He previously served as the chair of the consumer safety product practice at Mintz and as the chief of staff at the Consumer Product Safety Commission.</p>
<b>12:00 – 1:00</b> <b>LUNCH</b> <i>Sponsored by UL Solutions</i>	
<b>1:00 – 1:45</b>	<p><b>Session 5 – <i>F2057-23 Deconstructed: What You Need to Know About the New Federal Standard</i></b></p> <p><b>Richard Rosati, Vice President</b>  <b>Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Inc., Buffalo, New York</b></p>

	<p>This session will break down the new federal safety standard for clothing storage furniture touching on key areas of confusion for manufacturers of covered products.</p> <p>Richard Rosati has been the vice president of governmental affairs and industry standards at Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services for the last six and a half years – his latest role in a 22-year career with the company. He also currently serves as the chair of the ASTM International F15.42 Furniture Safety Subcommittee.</p>
1:45 – 2:30	<p><b>Session 6: <i>New Specifications for Tip Restraint Devices</i></b></p> <p><b>Scott Buehrer, President</b> <b>B. Walter &amp; Co., Wabash, Indiana</b></p> <p>The ASTM International voluntary standard for tip restraint devices currently is under review. Scott Buehrer, whose company produces TR devices, will bring attendees up to date on changes proposed to the standard.</p> <p>Scott Buehrer joined B. Walter &amp; Co. in 2016 as its president. His primary focus is on customer relationships and business development, as well as the continuous improvement of the company's manufacturing operations. His background includes management positions in research and development, engineering and sales.</p>
2:30 – 3:15	<p><b>COOKIE BREAK/ Break-out Sessions in the EXPO HALL</b> <i>Sponsored by Wright Creative Branding &amp; Labels</i></p>
3:15 – 4:00	<p><b>Session 7 – Stability Verified 2.0</b></p> <p><b>Brayden West, Senior Key Accounts Executive</b> <b>UL Solutions, Grand Rapids, Michigan</b></p> <p>With the implementation of the new 16 CFR 1621 for clothing storage units, manufacturers will need to comply with new safety requirements. The UL Solutions Stability Verified program, endorsed by AHFA, requires an evolution to a full safety certification program. The 2023 Summit provides a suitable forum for relevant stakeholders to openly share and collaborate on the program's proposed structure.</p> <p>Brayden West is a product/service specialist at UL Solutions with over eight years of experience assisting furniture brands, manufacturers and retailers in navigating the complex world of safety, security and sustainability.</p>
4:00 – 4:45	<p><b>Session 8: <i>Stability Test Method Demonstration</i></b></p> <p><b>AHFA Furniture Safety Task Group</b></p>

	Led by Kyle Richards of Verified Testing Services, the three test methods outlined in the new stability standard for clothing storage furniture will be demonstrated, including one unit with interlocks.
<b>5:00 – 6:00</b>	<b>RECEPTION in the EXPO HALL</b> <i>Sponsored by Benchmark International</i>
<b>Thursday, August 10</b>	
	<b>COFFEE &amp; MORNING SNACKS IN THE EXPO HALL</b> <i>Sponsored by Composad</i>
<b>8:30 – 9:30</b>	<p><b>Session 1 – <i>EU Regulatory Update</i></b></p> <p><b>Ed Turtle, Associate</b> <b>Cooley LLP</b></p> <p>This update on consumer product regulations impacting home furnishings sold in the EU will provide important insights for companies exporting to the EU.</p> <p>Edward Turtle is a products lawyer, regulatory advisor and litigator with particular experience in the technology, healthcare and consumer product sectors. He helps clients with compliance and safety issues, including in the development, launch and marketing of new products. He joined Cooley in early 2018.</p>
<b>9:30 – 10:15</b>	<p><b>Session 2 – <i>States Accelerating PFAS Regulations</i></b></p> <p><b>Michael Sullivan, Partner</b> <b>Womble Bond Dickinson, Atlanta</b></p> <p>So-called “forever chemicals” are the focus of regulatory activity in a host of states, and many are implementing reporting requirements followed by a ban. Michael Sullivan is tracking them all and will bring attendees up to date.</p> <p>Michael Sullivan is a seasoned business litigator and a trusted advisor who counsels business clients on strategy, risk evaluation and cost management for regulatory and litigation matters. Having served as lead counsel for clients in asbestos, formaldehyde and lead litigation matters, he understands how to analyze technical and scientific issues as part of a successful trial strategy.</p>
<b>10:15 – 10:30</b>	<b>BREAK in the EXPO HALL</b> <i>Sponsored by Verified Testing Services</i>
<b>10:30 – 11:15</b>	<p><b>Session 3 – <i>EPA’s Current Stance on PFAS</i></b></p> <p><b>William Troutman, Partner</b></p>

	<p><b>Norton Rose Fulbright, Los Angeles</b></p> <p>Our state-level PFAS recap is followed by a thorough review of activity from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency targeting these substances.</p> <p>William Troutman is a partner in the Los Angeles office of Norton Rose Fulbright, where he serves as head of consumer markets and co-lead for ESG and human rights. He concentrates his practice on product safety and compliance, ESG and environmental disputes.</p>
<b>11:15 – 12:00</b>	<p><b>Session 4 – Harnessing Technology to Track Chemical Compliance</b></p> <p><b>Neil Smith and Dr. Bruce Jarnot, Regulatory &amp; Sustainability Experts Assent</b></p> <p>Keeping track of pending legislation, global regulatory requirements and compliance isn't just one person's full-time job – it requires a knowledgeable and dedicated team. Assent is a global company that uses supply chain mapping to help companies mitigate risks throughout their supply chain.</p> <p>Neil Smith helps companies manage their product compliance and sustainability programs with a focus on environmental, health and safety. Before joining Assent, he was the global product compliance and sustainability manager with Isola Group, running its EHS program and leading worldwide regulatory compliance programs. He is based in Gilbert, Arizona.</p> <p>Joining Neil is Bruce Jarnot, a board-certified toxicologist with over 30 years of experience managing product safety and global materials compliance programs with large organizations, including Whirlpool, ExxonMobil, the American Petroleum Institute and the U.S. Air Force. He has broad knowledge of global product compliance (including REACH, RoHS and Proposition 65). He is based in Washington, D.C.</p>
<b>12:00 – 1:00</b>	<p><b>LUNCH in the EXPO HALL</b>  <i>Sponsored by Cooley LLP &amp; Womble Bond Dickinson</i></p>
<b>1:00 – 1:45</b>	<p><b>Session 5: <i>It's All About the Label</i></b></p> <p><b>Deven Wisner, Vice President Global Registration Services, Tuscon, Arizona</b></p> <p>We've all seen the "Do Not Remove Under Penalty of Law" labels, but what do they really mean? With additional state requirements recently codified and more on the way down the pipeline, now is the time to shore up your knowledge of existing law label requirements and to prepare for upcoming changes.</p>

	<p>As vice president of Global Registration Services and American Law Label, Deven Wisner draws on a background in evaluation, industrial-organizational psychology and executive-level leadership. He helps organizations leverage data and evidence-based practices to make decisions and implement processes to change their organization for the better.</p>
1:45 – 2:30	<p><b>Session 6 – <i>AHFA Member Sustainability Best Practices</i></b></p> <p><b>Felicia Steinberg, Director, Community Relations &amp; Partnerships City Furniture, Miami, Florida</b>  <b>Randy Rankin, Global Client Development Director Eurofins, Las Vegas</b></p> <p>In this member company spotlight, we showcase the sustainable practices of City Furniture with the perspective of the in-house executive who helps to oversee the company’s broad-based initiatives and the supplier partner that helps the company achieve its goals.</p> <p>Felicia Steinberg has been with City Furniture for two years. She oversees the Top 100 retailer’s “City Care” initiative, including giving back 5% of annual profits to local causes, developing community partnerships, and the company’s journey to become carbon neutral by the year 2040.</p> <p>Randy Rankin has over 25 years of experience in the risk and supply chain management sector serving top-tier consumer products companies. He currently is global client development director for Eurofins Consumer Products Assurance, where he helps develop industry standard methodologies for considering working conditions and social compliance risks throughout the supply chain.</p>
2:30 – 3:00	<p><b>COOKIE BREAK in the EXPO HALL</b>  <i>Sponsored by Avalon Furniture</i></p>
3:00 – 3:45	<p><b>Session 7 – <i>ESG: It’s Not Just For Public Companies</i></b></p> <p><b>Chris Ashworth, Global Director of Sales UL Solutions, Annapolis, Maryland</b></p> <p>Discussion of environmental and social governance programs often centers on public companies and the expectations of their boards and shareholders. But there are benefits to be realized for companies of all sizes and advancing your company’s commitment is becoming increasingly important.</p> <p>As global director of sales in the asset and sustainability performance division of UL Solutions, Chris Ashworth focuses on renewable energy, ESG software solutions and building health and wellness advisory solutions. His global team was developed and implemented in 2021 to</p>

	delivery UL's enterprise sustainability solutions to a wider variety of clients.
<b>3:45 – 4:00</b>	<b>Closing:</b> Bill Perdue, AHFA