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### **Partner at Sidley Austin, LLP Food and Drug Practice Joins Food Recovery Network's Board of Directors**

*William McConagha adds his legal expertise and years of experience with the FDA to Food Recovery Network's movement against food waste and hunger.*

WASHINGTON, D.C. — September 20, 2017 — Food Recovery Network (FRN) is proud to welcome Bill McConagha, partner at the Sidley Austin LLP Food and Drug practice, as the newest member of its National Board of Directors.

Ernie Minor, President of FRN's Board of Directors, noted that McConagha is the fourth exciting new addition to the board in 2017, alongside [Ted Monk](#) of Sodexo, [Kelly Moler](#) of MOM's Organic Market, and [Claire Cummings](#) from Bon Appétit Management Company. "We're working hard to bring on new board members with a wide range of backgrounds and knowledge, and Bill's experience will move FRN further toward achieving our ambitious goals," Minor said. "As we continue to look for two more board members who can help with strategic fundraising, we're honored to welcome professionals like Bill who strengthen the leadership of our board."

Before becoming a partner at Sidley, McConagha worked for more than 17 years at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in a variety of capacities, including as an Assistant Commissioner, Senior Attorney in the Office of Chief Counsel, and Health Policy Advisor to the Senate HELP Committee. At the HELP Committee, he played a key role in drafting and negotiating the Food Safety Modernization Act of 2011. McConagha has been recognized by *Best Lawyers in America* and *Who's Who Legal*.

McConagha, who has a unique combination of experience with FDA-related enforcement, regulatory, and legislative matters, is looking forward to his role on FRN's Board of Directors. "FRN is a national leader at the forefront of hunger and food waste issues, and I'm excited join such a vibrant non-profit that is constantly building its capacity for change-making," he said. "FRN is poised to further position its model of recovery and leadership development as an influential and replicable standard. I look forward to infusing my experiences into FRN's work and support their efforts."

FRN's Executive Director, Regina Northouse, explained that the addition of McConagha coincides with the start of the second year of FRN's three-year strategic plan, which aims to grow the organization to 350 chapters and recover one million pounds of food year over year both by the end of FRN's 2019 fiscal year. "The expertise and legal acumen that Bill brings to the Board of Directors will set us up for success as we tackle the many new initiatives starting this year, from our first-ever Student and Alumni Advisory Board to new data and metric collection that will inform our contribution to the food recovery movement that is taking shape in this country right now. Year two of our strategic plan sees FRN piloting several new programmatic changes that will benefit from Bill's guidance."

### **About Food Recovery Network**

Food Recovery Network unites and empowers college students to fight food waste and hunger by recovering surplus food from their campuses and local restaurants that would otherwise go to waste and donating it to hungry Americans. FRN has nearly 229 chapters in 44 states and the District of Columbia that have recovered more than 2 million pounds of food since 2011. For more information about Food Recovery Network, visit [www.foodrecoverynetwork.org](http://www.foodrecoverynetwork.org) and be sure to subscribe to our newsletter on the homepage. Follow @FoodRecovery on Twitter and Instagram, and like FRN on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/FoodRecoveryNetwork](https://www.facebook.com/FoodRecoveryNetwork).