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Nationwide, people are worried about food safety. Justifiably so: it seems that every day there's some new report of a food-borne disease epidemic or a massive recall of adulterated eggs, vegetables, or meat. Thousands of people are dying every year from adulterated food. And the numbers keep growing.

That's why we have expanded our docket to hold corporations accountable for the manufacture, distribution, and deceptive marketing of food and other products that endanger consumers' safety, health, and nutrition.

Our newly launched [Food Safety and Health Project](#) will initially focus on health and safety risks created by enormous factory farms, also known as "Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations" (CAFOs). Those facilities are a major source of food-borne illnesses in the U.S.

Mismanaged CAFOs have been associated with the widespread adulteration of meat, eggs, and poultry; the massive overuse of antibiotics; and the use of dangerous hormones and other growth supplements in meat and dairy. CAFOs are also notorious sources of environmental degradation, worker abuse, animal cruelty and consumer deception.

The Project's first major case is [National Meat Association v. Brown](#), where we are asking the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold a California law that prohibits slaughterhouses from putting diseased or injured animals in the food supply. We are co-counsel for a number of public interest groups that have intervened in the case on the side of the State of California. [Our brief](#) was filed earlier this week.

The second case already in the works challenges the State of Texas' failure to enforce its own health and safety laws governing egg factories. Along with the [Center for Food Safety](#), we joined the [Animal Legal Defense Fund](#) in demanding that Texas officials do their job and ensure sanitary and humane conditions in egg-producing facilities. [Our amended petition in the case](#), *Center for Food Safety v. Lakey*, was filed today.

The Food Safety and Health Project is being led by Senior Attorney [Leslie Brueckner](#) and Food Safety and Health Attorney [Jessica Culpepper](#), who recently joined Public Justice after a five-year stint litigating food safety and animal welfare cases at [The Humane Society of the United States](#).

Thank you for helping to make our Food Safety and Health Project possible. We wouldn't have been able to expand into this important new area of law without your steadfast support.

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Chickens raised for meat are crowded by the thousands into factory farm warehouses.  
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