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Denise Sylvester is the Branch Chief for the Food Disclosure and Labeling Division Compliance and Enforcement Branch within the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service. She is recognized as a thought leader, collaborator, and advocate for excellent customer service, process improvement, and outreach while holding various positions within the Federal Government at USDA and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). Most recently, Ms. Sylvester launched the compliance program for the National Bioengineered Food Disclosure Standard utilizing a cloud-based CRM IT Salesforce System for submission and management of consumer complaints.

Denise earned her Juris Doctor, J.D., from Western Michigan Cooley Law School with a concentration in Environmental Law. While in Law School, she served as Class President, an Editor on Law Review, and was awarded the prestigious Krinock Leadership award. Ms. Sylvester holds two bachelor's degrees from the George Washington University in Environmental Studies and International Affairs. In her spare time, she holds several volunteer leadership positions. She was elected to the State Bar of Michigan's Agricultural Law Committee and serves as Vice President. She is the District Advocacy Chair for Zonta International District 15.

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