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Bryan Burns is Vice President and Associate General Counsel of the North American Meat Institute. Among other duties, Burns serves as the primary staff liaison to the Worker Safety Committee, Environmental Committee, and Labor & Employment Committee. Burns is an accomplished attorney and a veteran of the protein industry, with more than 20 years' experience working for two different meat and poultry companies. During that time, he served both as in-house counsel and as an executive in the areas of environmental, health, safety, and risk management. He has handled matters involving, among other topics, antitrust and environmental litigation, commercial litigation, transactions and corporate governance, government investigations, health and safety, environmental, sustainability, and labor and employment.

Earlier in his career, Burns was an attorney in private practice specializing in business litigation. He also clerked for the Honorable Judge Robert Fussell in United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Arkansas. He earned his Juris Doctorate, magna cum laude, from the University of Arkansas in 2000, where he served as an editor of the Arkansas Law Review. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Arkansas in 1997.