

About the Author

Steven M. Druker is a public interest attorney who initiated a lawsuit against the U.S. Food and Drug Administration that forced it to divulge its files on genetically engineered foods. This revealed that politically appointed administrators had covered up the extensive warnings of their own scientists about the unusual risks of these foods, lied about the facts, and then ushered these products onto the market in violation of explicit mandates of federal food safety law. In organizing the suit, he founded the Alliance for Bio-Integrity and assembled an unprecedented coalition of eminent scientists and religious leaders to stand with it as co-plaintiffs – the first time scientists had sued a federal administrative agency on the grounds that one of its policies is scientifically unsound.



He is a prominent commentator on the risks of genetically engineered (GE) foods and has been a featured speaker at symposia at the British House of Commons and the National Congress of Brazil and at press conferences sponsored by the Brazilian Medical Association, the Swedish Consumers' Association, and concerned members of the European Parliament.

He has served on the food safety panels at conferences conducted by the National Research Council and the FDA; given lectures at numerous universities (including the Biological Laboratories at Harvard, Tel Aviv University, and the University of Copenhagen); and met with government officials world-wide, including the UK's Environmental Minister and the heads of food safety for France, Ireland, and Australia. He also conferred at the White House Executive Offices with an interagency task force of the President's Council on Environmental Quality.

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His articles on GE food have appeared in several respected publications, including *The Congressional Quarterly Researcher*, *The Parliament Magazine*, and *The Financial Times*.

He has extensive academic background in the history and philosophy of science and in human development and ethics. He co-authored the introductory and final chapters of *Higher Stages of Human Development*, published by Oxford University Press, and wrote a chapter on ethical development for *Transcendence and Mature Thought in Adulthood*, published by Rowman and Littlefield.

He majored in philosophy at the University of California, Berkeley, received a special award for "Outstanding Accomplishment" in that field, and graduated with "Great Distinction in General Scholarship." He also received his Juris Doctor from U.C. Berkeley and was elected to both the California Law Review and the Order of the Coif (the legal honor society).