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Gary is President of G&L Consulting Group, LLC. He is an experienced food professional having worked in the technical, manufacturing and marketing areas of the Food and Food Service Industry. He provides Food Safety, Quality Assurance, Crisis Planning, Risk Assessment, Acquisition Identification and Assessment and Strategic Planning assistance to his clients (Farm to Fork).

Prior to his current position, he held senior level positions with Wal-Mart/Sam's Club, Foster Farms and Tasty Baking Company as well as with Arthur D. Little (ADL) and Technomic. He has also been a principal with Marketing Spectrum and Technical Food Information Spectrum (TFIS).

Gary is a member of numerous organizations and serves or has served on advisory committees such as the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods (NACMCF), the Conference for Food Protection, Food Quality Magazine, Food Safety Magazine and the Food Safety Summit's Educational Advisory Board (Chairperson). He has served as Secretariat for Safe Supply of Affordable Foods Everywhere (SSAFE) an international not for profit organization for six years.

He is one of the authors of a recently published book by Academic Press entitled "Food Safety- A Roadmap To Success". It identifies and discusses the pieces of the Food Safety Puzzle-: Culture, Management Commitment, Organizational Structure, Implementation and the Glue that holds it together: Communication/Education/Training, Influence, Accountability and Metrics. It is designed to be utilized by Food Safety Professionals to protect their company's brand, the customer and consumer and help them get the resources (people, money and departmental cooperation) that they need to effectively do their job and succeed.

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