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WEEKLY NEWS TOPIC
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Michael Olson Features Attorney Joseph E. Sandler
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A RIGHT TO KNOW LAWYER FEEDING FRENZY!
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They are spending over $40 million to convince Californians to deny themselves the right to know about genetically-modified organisms in their food.
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Who are they? Monsanto, Dupont, DOW, Bayer, Syngenta, Pepsi, Coke, Nestle, Conagra, General Mills, Del Monte, Kellog, Hershey, and JM Smucker, to name but a few.
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Why do they want Californians to deny themselves the right to know about GMOs?
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We recently received a press release from the San Francisco law firm of Morrison & Foerster, which included the following claim from partner Michele Corash:
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“Under Prop 37, anyone can sue a food company disputing its labels, even if plaintiffs didn’t suffer damage from the food, or even if plaintiffs didn’t rely on a product label in deciding to purchase the food.”
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Sensing a legal feeding frenzy over food in Ms Corash’s claim, we immediately requested a Food Chain appearance by a Morrison & Foerster attorney. However, after a couple of weeks of best efforts, they turned us down with a “Way too busy!
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Fair enough. We kept asking, and found that attorney Joseph E. Sandler of the Washington DC firm of Sandler, Reiff, Young & Lamb, would be willing to help us answer the following questions regarding the legalities of the California Right to Know initiative:
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Would some foods be legally exempt from labeling? If so, why?
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How much would a legal label add to the cost of food?
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Will everyone be able to sue food companies over the labeling of their food?

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