



Timothy Lytton's newest book [*Outbreak: Foodborne Illness and the Struggle for Food Safety*](#) (Chicago University Press 2019) takes a deep dive into the complex workings of the U.S. food safety system. Lytton develops a systems approach to understanding food safety regulation by examining the interdependence of government regulation, industry supply chain management, and civil liability in efforts to reduce the risk of foodborne illness. The book chronicles devastating foodborne illness outbreaks that have spurred steady scientific and technological advances in food safety. Lytton offers practical reforms that will strengthen the food safety system's capacity to learn from its mistakes and identify cost-effective food safety efforts capable of producing measurable public.

Outbreak has been selected as a finalist for the 2020 American Bar Association Silver Gavel Award.

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"In *Outbreak*, Lytton gives us a legal scholar's superb analysis of how government, lawyers, and civil society are struggling to prevent the tragic and unnecessary illnesses, hospitalizations, and deaths caused by microbial food contaminants. Foodborne illness may seem like an intractable problem, but Lytton's suggestions for dealing with it are well worth attention, as is everything else in this beautifully written, thoughtful, and readable account. I couldn't put it down."

William D. Marler, Esq., The Food Safety Law Firm

"From swill milk to HACCP to FSMA to Blockchain, Lytton weaves a compelling biological story of how we feed ourselves and the interplay between the supply chain, regulation, media, and civil litigation."

Stephen Sugarman, UC Berkeley School of Law

"A remarkable sweeping overview and evaluation of food safety practices that well serves both experts working in the field and members of the general public interested in the problem of food safety. Lytton shows how major outbreaks have prompted a variety of changes to reduce the risk of foodborne illness. Yet, as he argues persuasively, we don't have firm scientific knowledge as to the degree to which—if at all—most of these measures have actually achieved their goal."



Timothy D. Lytton is Distinguished University Professor and Professor of Law and currently serves as the Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development at Georgia State University College of Law. Lytton's research examines health and safety regulation, with a focus on food policy, gun violence, and sexual abuse.

Lytton's most recent book, [Outbreak: Foodborne Illness and the Struggle for Food Safety](#) (University of Chicago Press 2019) analyzes the complex interaction of government regulation, industry supply-chain management, and civil liability in the U.S. food safety system. His previous book, [Kosher: Private Regulation in the Age of Industrial Food](#) (Harvard University Press 2013), examines kosher food certification as a model of private regulation in the food industry, and the book explores the implications of this model for consumer protection more generally. His food policy research also covers obesity, nutrition labeling, and school food.

Lytton has a longstanding interest in the public policy implications of tort litigation. He has explored this subject through case studies of contemporary issues such as clergy sexual abuse and gun violence. His book [Holding Bishops Accountable: How Lawsuits Helped the Catholic Church Confront Clergy Sexual Abuse](#) (Harvard University Press 2008) examines how private lawsuits shape public policy. An earlier edited volume, [Suing the Gun Industry: A Battle at the Crossroads of Gun Control and Mass Torts](#) (University of Michigan Press 2005), analyzes tort litigation aimed at reducing gun violence.

Lytton was elected to the American Law Institute in 2018.