Leah Margulies, Esq. – Short biography

Ms. Margulies became a lawyer following her participation in the consultations that resulted in the International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes, adopted by the World Health Assembly in 1981. She represented the North American NGOs in that process, including the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility where she oversaw a range of strategies—shareholder resolutions, lawsuits and the boycott of Nestle—to reign in unethical marketing practices. She was a Program Officer at the Environment Unit at the UN Centre on Transnational Corporations focusing on, among other things, the impacts of TNCs on climate change, and subsequently established a legal office at UNICEF to support the legislative and monitoring efforts of countries working to implement the WHO/UNICEF Code. Currently she is a legal adviser to NGOs and others, including to Corporate Accountability International (formerly Infact), the organization she founded in 1977. Interspersed with her international advocacy, Ms. Margulies represented low income New Yorkers in their struggles for civil justice and for a decade led a New York statewide project bringing legal help to poor and vulnerable persons via the Internet.

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