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Lee Sanders is Senior Vice President, Government Relations and Public Affairs, as well as, Corporate Secretary for the American Bakers Association (ABA). Lee leads the ABA government relations team representing the baking industry before Congress, federal agencies, state legislatures and international policy making bodies. She advises association members and industry on critical legislative and regulatory issues while serving as a spokesperson on behalf of the industry. Lee is Co-Chair for the Food and Beverage Issue Alliance – a group of 43 FDA-regulated food industry trade associations that work together to develop unified positions on nutrition and food safety issues meeting quarterly with FDA officials. Lee also leads the Grain Chain Coalition of farm to fork organizations that develops unified positions on the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and other nutrition focused policy impacting grain-based foods.

Lee served as 2016 Chair of the Wheat Quality Council. She is a member of the ASB Advisory Board; past Chair of the American Association of Cereal Chemists International (AACCI) Milling and Baking Division; member of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Environment and Agriculture Committee and a member of the National Association of Manufacturers' Food and Ag Policy Committee. Lee is a founding member and current President of the Society of Bakery Women. Before coming to the industry 25 years ago, Lee served in a number of government roles including legislative aide to Senator Thad Cochran and as a political appointee in the Administration of George H.W. Bush.

Lee holds a B.A. Degree in Journalism from the University of Mississippi, and has an executive education certificate in Strategic Decision-Making from the Darden Business School at The University of Virginia. Lee is an ASAE certified association executive.