

BIOGRAPHY

Catherine Adams Hutt, PhD, RD



Following a career in the public and private sectors, Dr. Adams Hutt launched a consulting firm and serves as President and CEO of RdR Solutions Consulting, specializing in food safety and health policy, and regulatory science. She is also CEO and Principal for a food regulatory consulting firm, Food Regulatory Solutions (FRS) and Founder, Executive Director for a not-for-profit forum, “The Rialto Conference”.

Catherine has had senior leadership roles in the public and private sectors. She led quality and food safety programs for Fortune 200 manufacturing and food service companies, including HJ Heinz, Campbell Soup Company and Tricon Restaurants, before they became YUM Brands. She was Chief Quality Officer for McDonald’s Corporation and Coors Brewing Company. Dr. Adams Hutt also led McDonald’s nutrition strategy. Prior to joining the public sector, Catherine was Assistant Administrator for the US Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service, the regulatory agency for meat and poultry. There she led the global development for the principles of HACCP as we know it today, led the US Delegations for the Codex Food Hygiene Committee and Import and Export Certification Committee, and played key roles in the adoption of HACCP as a regulatory tool and the development of the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Standards that are part of WTO agreements today. She has also worked for two science-based trade associations, ILSI-Nutrition Foundation and the Grocery Manufacturers of America, in Washington, DC.

Dr. Adams Hutt received her doctoral degree from the University of Illinois, Masters of Science from Michigan State University and undergraduate degree from the Pennsylvania State University. She is a Registered Dietitian. Dr. Adams Hutt has been recognized as Distinguished Alumnus of Penn State and was inducted as a Fellow of the University earlier this year. She is also a Fellow of the Institute of Food Technologists.

Catherine is married to Peter Barton Hutt and lives in both Washington, DC and Texas. She owns and operates a working ranch near Dallas, Texas where she breeds and raises competitive cutting horses and registered Angus cattle. Practicing what she preaches, the ranch is a registered facility with the USDA, preventative animal health practices are routine and the ranch uses wind energy.