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Tom is an internationally known food safety expert who has experience in food microbiology, food technology, cleaning and sanitation, pest prevention, auditing, and analysis of food safety metrics. He has worked in food safety roles for Jewel Foods, Harris Teeter, Steritech, Fresh Management, Ecolab and has been leading the Food Safety and Quality Assurance programs at Compass Group since 2019. Compass Group was awarded the International Association for Food Protection Black Pearl Award in 2023. Tom has a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana and a Master of Public Health from Benedictine University and is a Certified Professional for Food Safety. He is a member of many food safety organizations including the International Association for Food Protection, the Conference for Food Protection, the Association for Food and Drug Officials, and the National Restaurant Association. He has been involved in food safety for over 35 years and has career long passion for food safety culture and organizational behavior.