



Registration Packet

46th ANNUAL AALA
EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIUM
NOVEMBER 5 – 7, 2025

WELCOME! TO THE

46th Annual AALA Educational Symposium

EDUCATIONAL TRACKS

- P **POLICY TRACK**
- IC **IN-HOUSE/CORPORATE COUNSEL TRACK**
- PP **PRIVATE PRACTITIONER TRACK**
- E **ETHICS TRACK**
- FL **FOOD LAW TRACK**

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 05

- 8:00 a.m. ● REGISTRATION
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. ● STATE AGENCY ATTORNEYS MEETING (invitation only)
- 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. ● SESSION - THREE STATES, ONE RESOURCE: WATER LAW CHALLENGES IN AGRICULTURE
SPEAKERS: • Jim Bradbury • Brianna Schroeder • Dan Jones
- 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. ● WORKING LUNCH (provided)
"GRAB AND GO" TO THE NEXT SESSION
- 12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. ● E SESSION - UNDER PRESSURE: MENTAL HEALTH AND ETHICS IN AG LAW
SPEAKER: Shannon Ferrell
- 1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. ● SESSION - FARM NEWS FROM THE HILL
SPEAKERS: Dr. Justin Benavidez and Clark Ogilvie
- 2:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. ● PUTT PUTT GOLF ROUND
5-hole Putt-Putt Golf course reserved for AALA at the Kierland Resort. Network with peers over drinks and friendly competition in a relaxed, scenic setting.
- 4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. ● STUDENTS & FIRST-TIMERS SOCIAL: HOW TO GET THE MOST FROM THE SYMPOSIUM
- 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. ● SYMPOSIUM WELCOME RECEPTION



THURSDAY, NOV. 06

- 7:00 a.m. ● REGISTRATION
- 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. ● BREAKFAST (provided)
- 8:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. ● INTRODUCTION & WELCOME
- 8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. ● SESSION 4A - FOOD LAW UPDATE
SPEAKER: Susan Schneider, University of Arkansas School of Law, Fayetteville, AR
- 8:45 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. ● SESSION 4B - AG LAW POLICY UPDATE
SPEAKER: David Grahn, Arlington, VA
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. ● STUDENT TRIVIA COMPETITION
- 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. ● SESSION 5 - AGRIBUSINESS AND LABOR LAW
SPEAKERS: • Brandon Davis, Phelps Dunar LLP, New Orleans, LA
• Misty Wilson Borkowski, Hall Booth Smith. P.C., Little Rock, AR
• Jamie Fussell, Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association, Maitland, FL
- 10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. ● NETWORKING BREAK
- 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. ● SESSION 6 - CONSTITUTIONAL & APPELLATE LAW UPDATE
MODERATOR: Travis Cushman
SPEAKERS: • Michael Kimberly, Winston & Strawn • Damien Schiff, Pacific Legal Foundation, Sacramento, CA
- 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. ● SESSION 7A - ENVIRONMENTAL LAW UPDATE
SPEAKER: Anthony Schutz
- 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. ● LUNCH (on your own) & STUDENT LUNCHEON
- 1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. ● SESSION 7B - AG FINANCE UPDATE
SPEAKER: Jeff Peterson, Winthrop & Weinstine, P.A., St. Cloud, MN
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. ● SESSION 8 - PAUL E. BRIERLEY, DIRECTOR OF THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



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2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
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SESSION 9A - IMPLEMENTING THE MAHA AGENDA

SPEAKER: Matt Herrick, Brian Ronholm

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SESSION 9B - WIND/SOLAR FARM DEVELOPMENT EASEMENT/LEASE AGREEMENTS, SITING, AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS UPDATE

SPEAKERS: • Kathleen Law • Dr. Shannon Ferrell • Paul Goeringer

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SESSION 9C - RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AT USDA

PANEL: Scott Carlson; Stephen Carpenter; Abi Fain; Janie Hipp; Savi Horne; Sarah Vogel; Lauren Wustenberg

IC

SESSION 9D - PREPARING FOR DOL, WAGE & HOUR, H-2A, I-9, ANDE-VERIFY AUDITS

SPEAKER: Julie Pace

3:30 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

NETWORKING BREAK

3:40 p.m - 4:40 p.m.
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SESSION 10A - HOW DOES ARIZONA EXIST? A HISTORIC AND HOLISTIC APPROACH TO WATER SECURITY

SPEAKERS: • Chelsea McGuire • Victoria Okula Samwick

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SESSION 10B - FARMING THROUGH THE FINANCIAL STORM: WHAT DIVING INTO BANKRUPTCY FILING DATA HAS FOR AGRICULTURAL ATTORNEYS

SPEAKERS: • Paul Goeringer • Adam Rabinowitz • Will Secor • Nancy Whaley

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SESSION 10C - COMBINE PFAS IN AGRICULTURE--IMPLICATIONS IN TEXAS AND BEYOND AND PFAS IN BIOSOLIDS --TECHNOLOGY AND LEGAL LIABILITY

SPEAKERS: • Jason Hill • Tiffany Dowell Lashmet • Thomas Parker

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SESSION 10D - WHEN HEADLINES HIT: THE INTERSECTION OF CRISIS COMMUNICATIONS AND AGRICULTURE LAW

MODERATOR: Angie Krieger

SPEAKERS: • Hannah Thompson Weeman • Jacque Matsen • Chelsea Good

4:40 p.m. - 5:10 p.m.

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ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SPONSORED BY: Brick Gentry



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SESSION 11A - CONSEQUENCES TO AGRICULTURAL LENDERS OF DEVELOPING WESTERN GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

SPEAKER: Gage Hart Zobell, Dorsey & Whitney, LLP

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SESSION 11B - THE RURAL LAWYER: HOW TO INCENTIVIZE RURAL LAW PRACTICE AND HELP SMALL COMMUNITIES THRIVE

SPEAKERS: • Hannah Haksgaard • Anthony Schutz

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SESSION 11C - ANIMAL/PET FOOD REGULATIONS & "MAHA"

SPEAKERS: • Kyla Kaplan • Kitt Tovar Jensen

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SESSION 11D - WATER AND ZONING NEEDS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT ALONGSIDE AGRICULTURE

SPEAKER: Hannes Zetzsche

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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AALA RECEPTION

LOCATION: SCOTTSDALE HANGAR ONE

Join us for an evening at Scottsdale Hangar One, a premier private jet hangar known for its world-class design and distinctive setting. Savor a stunning grazing charcuterie board of fresh, locally-sourced ingredients and enjoy a full bar with modern cocktails in this one-of-a-kind aviation-inspired venue.

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FRIDAY, NOV. 07

7:15 a.m.

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REGISTRATION

7:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.

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BREAKFAST (provided)

7:45 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.

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SESSION 12A - LAND USE AND RESOURCE LAW UPDATE

SPEAKER: Jesse Richardson

8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

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SESSION 12B - TAX LAW UPDATE

SPEAKER: Kristine Tidgren



FRIDAY, NOV. 07

8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.



**SESSION 13 - THE BEST REASON OF WISE MEN:
THE PRACTICE OF LAW ACCORDING TO LINCOLN**
SPEAKER: Jim Bradbury

9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

NETWORKING BREAK

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
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**SESSION 14A - LANDS IN TRANSITION: LAND USE, ZONING,
AND THE NEXT GENERATION**

SPEAKERS: • Josh Bailey • Matthew Ormiston



**SESSION 14B - LITIGATION POSSIBLE: THE (SOMETIMES)
FINAL RECKONING**

SPEAKER: Scott Brown, Lori Graham, Stephanie Fryer



**SESSION 14C - 25 YEARS IN: IS ORGANIC READY TO
GROW UP?**

SPEAKER: Marni Karlin



**SESSION 14D - AGRI STATS, INFORMATION SHARING, AND
ALGORITHMIC PRICING: APPLICATIONS TO AGRICULTURE –
UPDATE**

SPEAKER: Mark Tobey

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
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**SESSION 15A - RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES: EMERG-
ING POLICY ONSITING AND PERMITTING**

SPEAKER: Robert Andrew Branan



**SESSION 15B - BUILDING A STRONG HERBICIDE
DRIFT CASE**

SPEAKERS: • Don Downing • Jack Downing



**SESSION 15C - EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY
(EPR) FOR FOOD PACKAGING: “I HAVE TO DO WHAT?”**

SPEAKERS: • Olivier Jamin • John Dillard • Kyla Kaplan



**SESSION 15D - ALMONDS, BLUEBERRIES, & CHARDONNAY:
THE ABCS OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND PERMANENT
CROPS**

SPEAKERS: • Marisa Bocci • Kari Larson

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.



AWARDS LUNCHEON + PRESIDENT’S ADDRESS



FRIDAY, NOV. 07

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

● KEYNOTE ADDRESS
SPEAKER: Dean Stacy Leeds

2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

● NETWORKING BREAK

2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
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SESSION 14A - FOOD AND AG TRADE POLICY UPDATE
SPEAKERS: • Peter Tabor • BJ Shannon

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SESSION 14B - ANIMAL DISEASE TRACEABILITY - FEDERAL
AND STATE REQUIREMENTS, HISTORY, 2024 ELECTRONIC
IDENTIFICATION RULE, & FUTURE POTENTIAL
SPEAKERS: • Chelsea K Good • Austin Vincent • Tiffany
Dowell Lashmet

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SESSION 14C - FRACTURING OF FOOD REGULATION: THE
SURGE IN STATE FOOD REGULATORY SCHEMES
SPEAKERS: • Natalie Rainer • Alli Condra

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SESSION 14D - CAN I FIX THIS? NO YOU CAN'T!: THE RIGHT
TO REPAIR IN THE FACE OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
RIGHTS
SPEAKER: • Brooke Schumm III • Corinne Marie Pouliquen, Esq.

3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

● BOARD LISTENING SESSION



GENERAL INFORMATION

AALA will host its 46th Annual Agricultural Law Educational Symposium on November 6-7, 2025, at the [Westin Kierland Resort in Scottsdale, AZ](#).

Pre-conference session (additional registration required) will be offered again the day before the conference kicks off. Please plan to join us on Wednesday, November 5.

REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION FOR ALL ATTENDEES

Regular rates will be available through October 20. Starting October 21, late fees will go into effect. **Note:** Members must be logged into the [Member Site](#) to order Member-priced tickets.

SPECIAL NOTE

PLEASE NOTE: AALA may reduce the symposium registration fees for a limited number of its members who require financial assistance. To request a reduced registration fee, AALA members who hold a current, paid membership must contact the symposium planning chair at info@aglaw-assn.org by August 8 and provide a brief statement and relevant information to support their request. Requests for reduced registration fees will be considered on a case-by-case basis by a group of planning committee members. All information submitted as part of a reduced registration fee request will be held in strict confidence. Members who are approved to receive a reduced registration fee will be contacted by August 22. Nonmembers are ineligible to request reduced registration fees.

2025 Symposium Ticket Prices Thursday & Friday			
		Regular	Late ¹
Standard	Member	\$555	\$650
	Nonmember	\$750	\$880
Government, Academic ² , Nonprofit, New Career ³	Member	\$505	\$590
	Nonmember	\$700 (activates membership)	\$820 (activates membership)
Speaker	Member	\$350	\$410
	Nonmember	\$550	\$650
Student	Member	\$180	\$210
	Nonmember	\$210 (activates membership)	\$250 (activates membership)
Guest ⁴		\$275	\$320
Bonus CLE Content: Wednesday Afternoon			
Standard (Member or Nonmember)		\$135	\$155
Government, Academic ² , Nonprofit, New Career ³ (Member or Nonmember)		\$110	\$130
Student (Member or Nonmember)		\$55	\$60

¹ Takes effect October 21, 2025

² Public or private

³ Less than 5 years of professional experience

⁴ Not eligible for CLE

HOTEL INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS



HOTEL RESERVATIONS for the **46th Annual AALA Educational Symposium** at the [Westin Kierland Resort in Scottsdale, AZ](#)

To reserve a room at the special group rate of **\$342 per night** plus 12.57% tax, please call the group reservation department at **480-624-1000** and request the “**2025 AALA Symposium**” group rate.

You may also reserve your room online using our [personalized reservation website](#).

We recommend booking early to ensure availability.

SYMPOSIUM CANCELLATION POLICY

The CANCELLATION POLICY for 2025 is as follows:

- Cancel through September 10 for a **full refund less a \$50** administrative fee.
- Cancel September 11 through October 21 (the first day of late registration) for a **50% refund**.
- Cancellation after October 21 is **not refundable**.

NOTE: At any time, registrations may be transferred to another person in the same organization at no additional cost.

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