

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

**AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL LAW ASSOCIATION
SIXTEENTH ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE**

Westin Hotel, Seattle, Washington

October 3,4,5

Thursday, October 3, 1996

- 12:00 - 5:00 Registration Cascade Foyer West**
1:00 - 1:15 Opening Session and Welcome Cascade Ballroom
1:15 - 3:00 General Session A Cascade Ballroom

Moderator: Walter J. Armbruster, President Elect

- Defining the Farm Firm of Tomorrow
Professor Steven T. Sonka
- Serving the Agricultural Clients of Tomorrow
Professor J. W. Looney
- Government Service to the Agriculture of Tomorrow
William L. Oemichen, Esq.

3:00 - 3:30 Break Cascade Foyer West

3:00 -5:30 General Session A (continued) Cascade Ballroom

- Emerging Policy Issues in a Changing Agriculture
Professor Neil D. Hamilton
- Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform (F.A.I.R.) Act of 1996
- Implementing the F.A.I.R. Commodity and Resources Provisions
Ralph Linden, Esq.

6:30 - 8:00 Icebreaker Fifth Avenue

Friday, October 4, 1996

7:00 - 8:30 Continental Breakfast (Four Groups) Cascade Foyer West
Government and Industry: Patricia Conover, Host Olympic
Private Practice: William Bridgforth, Host St. Helens
Faculty: Leon Geyer, Host Adams
Students: Lonnie Beard, Host Cascade Ballroom

8:30 - 10:30 General Session B Cascade Ballroom

Agricultural Law Update

Moderator: Professor Philip E. Harris

- **Agricultural Commercial Law**
Gordon W. Tanner, Esq.
- **Bankruptcy**
F. Mark Bromley, Esq.
- **"Hedge to Arrive" Contracts**
David Barrett, Esq.
- **Land Use/Rural Zoning**
Deanne Hackman
- **Cooperatives**
Terrance Costello, Esq.
- **Agricultural Taxation**
Professor Philip E. Harris

10:30 - 11:00 Break Cascade Foyer West

11:00 - 12:00 AALA Business Meeting Cascade Ballroom

12:00 - 1:45 Banquet - President's Luncheon and Awards Fifth Avenue

Walter J. Armbruster, President - Host
Speaker - Professor Drew L. Kershen, Immediate Past President

2:00 - 3:30 Concurrent Sessions C, D & E

**2:00 - 3:30 Session C: Alternative Dispute Resolution
in Dealing with Environmental Conflicts Vashon**

Moderator: Katherine Baril, Esq.

- **Evolution of Environmental Disputes**
Katherine Baril
- **Political Considerations of Participants in Alternative Dispute
Resolution**
Stuart Trefry

2:00 - 3:30

Session D: Defining the Biotechnology Interests of Farm Firms and Agribusiness St. Helens

Moderator: Professor Janie Simms Hipp

- **The Patent Process: Current Legal Issues in Agricultural Patent Law and Litigation Involving Agricultural Patents**
Gregory T. Pletta, Esq.
- **Legal Issues Involving the Commercial Use of Agricultural Biotechnological Products**
Professor Martha L. Noble
- **International Aspects of Agricultural Biotechnology**
David Adelman, Esq.

2:00 - 3:30

Session E: Cooperatives and Other Business Structures for Industrialized and Traditional Agriculture Grand Crescent

- **Redefining Cooperation: The Role of Cooperatives in Emerging Agricultural Initiatives**
Commissioner Sarah Vogel
- **Structure and Business Issues for Value-Added Cooperatives**
Mark Hanson, Esq.
- **Redeveloping Legal Frameworks: A case for State Cooperative Acts that will Foster the Cooperative Way of Doing Business in the Twenty-First Century**
Charles J. Sullivan, Esq.

3:30 - 4:00

Break Cascade Foyer West

4:00 - 5:30

Concurrent Sessions F, G & H

4:00 - 5:30

Session F: Resource Use Conflicts - Issues for Twenty-First Century Agriculture Vashon

Moderator: Michael T. Olexa

- **Federal Allocation and Regulation of Water in the Western United States**
Professor George Gould
- **Unplanned Obsolescence: The Land Retirement Battle in California's Central Valley**
Brenda Jahns, Esq.
- **State and Federal Law in Conflict Over Indian and Other Federal Reserved Water Rights**
Richard Morrison, Esq.

4:00 - 5:30

Session G: Serving Niche Farmers - Helping the Entrepreneur Compete in the Industrialized Food System St. Helens

Moderator: Professor Terence J. Centner

- Niche Farming in Washington State
James Jesernig
- International and National Certification Standards
Timothy J. Sullivan, Esq.
- Advising Organic Producers
Suzanne Vaupel, Esq.
- The Future of Eco-Labeling
Kyle W. Lathrop, Esq.

4:00 - 5:30

Session H: The Changing Structure of Agricultural Finance Grand Crescent

Moderator: Nels Ackerson, Esq.

- Lawyers' Roles and Legal Structures in the New Internationalization of Financial Services
Professor Eric Thor
- Lawyers' Roles in Agricultural Secondary Markets: Farmer Mac, Farm Credit and Commercial Banks
Thomas R. Clark, Esq.
- Lawyers' Roles in New Financial Relationships; Experience and Expectations
Dean Mohr, Esq.

6:30 - 8:00

Reception hosted by the AALA Fifth Avenue

Saturday, October 5, 1996

7:00 - 8:15

Continental Breakfast Cascade Foyer West

7:00 - 8:15

ABA Agrifinance Subcommittee and Agricultural Law Committee Cascade Ballroom

- Chapter 12 - The First Ten Years Experience
Edward Nazar, Esq.
- New Farm Credit Act Procedures
Brook Schumm, III, Esq.

8:15 - 8:30

Break Cascade Foyer West

8:30 - 9:45

Concurrent Sessions I, J & K

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| 8:30 - 9:45 | <p>Session I: Pacific Rim Trade Issues Vashon</p> <p>Moderator: Gordon W. Tanner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Overcoming Non-Tariff Trade Barriers to Agricultural Products Entering the Pacific Rim William L. Bryant, Esq. ● Agriculture in Apec: The Argument for a Pacific Rim Food System Lynn J. Turk ● Agricultural Products Going to China: What are the Hurdles? Eden Woon |
| 8:30 - 9:45 | <p>Session J: Emerging Market Structures - Helping Producers Reduce Risk and Secure Markets in a Changing Environment St. Helens</p> <p>Moderator: Richard W. Brunette, Esq.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Using Government Credit Guarantees in Export Markets Martha Keplinger, Esq. |
| 8:30 - 9:45 | <p>Session K: Estate and Business Planning for a Changing Agriculture Grand Crescent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Use of Disclaimers in Farm and Ranch Estate Planning Charles W. Willey, Esq. ● Strategies for Asset and Business Transfer Planning for the Farm and Ranch Family Paul Wright, Esq. ● Current Developments in Estate and Business Planning Impacting Farmers and Ranchers Roger A. McEowen, Esq. |
| 9:45 -10:15 | Break Cascade Foyer West |
| 10:15 - 12:15 | <p>General Session L: ETHICS Cascade Ballroom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Serving a Changing Agriculture: Conflicts and Other Dilemmas of Representing Parties in a Vertically Integrated Agriculture Peter Jarvis, Esq. |
| 12:15 | Adjourn |
| 1:30 | Seattle Tour |

