

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

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

The Minneapolis Hilton and Towers
Minneapolis, Minnesota
October 17-18, 1997

Thursday, October 16, 1997

3:30 Pre-Symposium Tour of Cargill, Inc.

1:30 - 5:30 AALA Board Meeting

5:00 - 9:00 Preregistration

Friday, October 17, 1997

7:30 - 9:00 Registration/Continental Breakfast Salon E

7:30 - 8:00 ABA Coffee

8:00 - 8:40 AALA Business Meeting Salon E

8:00 - 12:00 ABA Subcommittee Educational Sessions

8:00 - 9:00 ABA Agriculture and Agribusiness Finance Update Hennepin Room

- Bankruptcy matter of *In Re Morkin*
Phillip L. Kunkel, Esq.
- Developments in Court Cases Involving Agricultural Lending
Gordon W. Tanner, Esq.

10:00 - 12:00 ABA Article 9 Task Force Workshop Hennepin Room

9:00 - 12:00 AALA EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIUM SESSIONS

9:00 - 10:30 General Session A: Dynamics of the Rural/Urban Interface Salon E

Moderator: Paul L. Wright

- Loss of Farm Land: Seen and Unseen Market Pressures
Dr. Luther Tweeten
- "Policy Making in the Throws Of Urban and Rural Pressures: From
the Ski Slopes to the Mile High City"
Representative Russell L. George
- "Litigation in the Rural/Urban Interface: From Environmental
Racism to Tortious Interference"
Bill J. Helwig, Esq.

10:30 - 11:00 **Break**

11:00 - 12:00 **General Session B: ETHICS** Salon E

 ● **Ethics of Agricultural Sustainability**
 John E. Simonett, Minnesota Supreme Court Justice (Retired)

12:15 - 1:45 **President's Luncheon** Salons A & B

Host - Walter J. Armbruster, President
"Private Property Rights Under Fire"
Guest Speaker - Sonja Hillgren, Editor of Farm Journal, former President
of National Press Club

2:00 - 3:30 **Concurrent Sessions C & D**

2:00 - 3:30 **Session C: Land Use Planning Strategies**
at the Rural/Urban Interface Salon E

Moderator: Professor John C. Becker

 ● "Overview of Available Land Use Planning Strategies at the
 Interface"
 Henry E. Rodegerdts, Esq.

 ● "Purchasing Development Rights for Farmland Preservation:
 Results of Survey of 200 Purchase Transactions"
 Professor Stanford M. Lembeck

 ● "Local vs. State Jurisdictional Authority for Addressing
 Environmental and Nuisance Effects of Agriculture at the Rural
 Urban Interface"
 Professor Charles W. Abdalla

2:00 - 3:30 **Session D: Transportation and Marketing of Agricultural Commodities**
in a New Era Hennepin/Carver Rooms

Moderator: Christopher R. Kelley, Esq.

 ● "The Future of Rural Rail Transportation: Trends and Remedies"
 Andrew P. Goldstein, Esq.

 ● "Legislative and Regulatory Update on Agricultural Commodity
 Issues Under the Commodity Exchange Act"
 Thomas Erickson, Esq.

3:30 - 4:00 **Break**

4:00 - 5:30 **Concurrent Sessions E & F**

4:00 - 5:30 **Session E: Delivering Legal Services
in the Era of Rural/Urban Interface** Salon E

Moderator: Nels J. Ackerson

- "Adapting to Globalization, Industrialization, and Technological Innovation in Rural America"
Professor J. W. Looney
- "A New Era of Economic Development and Organizational Innovation in Rural America"
Professor David Trechter
- "Responding to the Challenge: Professional Innovation for Lawyers in Rural America"
James R. Baarda, Esq.

4:00 - 5:30 **Session F: Litigating Environmental Claims** ... Hennepin/Carver Rooms

Moderator: Dr. John D. Copeland

- "The Value of Expert, Expert Witnesses"
Bernalyn D. McGaughey
- "Litigating Land Use Conflicts"
Eldon McAfee, Esq.
- "Environmental Issues Impacting Farmers and Ranchers"
Frank Hackmann, Esq.

6:00 **Reception hosted by the AALA** Marquette/LaSalle

The Association wishes to thank the Minnesota Bar Association Agricultural Law Section and the Faegre & Benson law firm for their assistance in sponsoring this event.

Saturday, October 18, 1997

7:00 **Continental Breakfast** Salon E Foyer
Government & Industry Host - Mary Feeny
Private Practitioners Host - Thomas A. Lawler
Faculty Host - Keith G. Meyer
Student Host - Joe H. Kimmel

8:15 - 9:45 **General Session G: Agricultural Law Update** Salon E

Moderator: Philip E. Harris

- "Commercial Transactions"
Gordon W. Tanner, Esq.
- "Bankruptcy"
Susan A. Schneider, Esq.
- "Income Tax"
Professor C. Allen Bock

9:45 - 10:15 **Break**

10:15 - 11:15 **General Session H: Agricultural Law Update Continued** Salon E

- "Cooperatives"
James B. Dean, Esq.
- "Federal Crop Insurance"
John E. Sheeley, Esq.
- "FSA Credit Programs and USDA National Appeals Division"
Stephen Carpenter, Esq./Karen Krub, Esq.

11:15 - 12:15 **General Session I: Agricultural Ethics Issues** Salon E

- Timothy J. Gephart, CPCU
Lewis Remele, Esq.

12:30 - 1:45 **Awards Luncheon** Salons F & G

AALA Presidential Address and Award Presentations
"Challenges for Agricultural Lawyers Facing the 21st Century"
Walter J. Armbruster, AALA President, Managing Director Farm
Foundation

2:00 - 3:30 **Concurrent Sessions J & K**

2:00 - 3:30 **Session J: Lending on the Fringe:
The Urban Lender Meets Rural Reality** Salon E

Moderator: Phillip Kunkel, Esq.
Panelists: John R. Crowgey
 Brian Buck
 James Ridgeway
 Leigh Reed

Panel Discussion of following topics:

- historical financial information and the bank's decision process
- uniform set of financial and reporting standards
- interaction between lending in the suburbs and traditionally rural areas

2:00 - 3:30

Session K: County v. City and Farmer v. Farmer: Legislation, Mediation and Reflection Hennepin/Carver Rooms

Moderator: Janie Simms Hipp

- "Small Farmer Response to Big Agriculture"
Dana Jackson
- "Responses Through Mediation to Conflicts in the Agriculture Community and Rural Areas"
Dr. Michael Thompson
- "Impressions on the Value of Right to Farm"
Professor Neil D. Hamilton

3:45 - 5:15

Concurrent Sessions L & M

3:45 - 5:15

Session L: Electrifying Your Office: Using Electronic Tools to Compete at the Office, at School and at Home Salon E

Moderator: Professor L. Leon Geyer

- "How a Sole Practitioner Uses the 'Electronic Office' to Maintain a Competitive Law Practice"
Jesse J. Richardson, Jr., Esq.
- "Technologies Reshaping the Practice of Law"
Joseph A. Jacksha
- "The Agricultural Lawyers' Guide to the Internet"
Professor L. Leon Geyer

3:45 - 5:15

Session M: Estate Planning Considering Urban Impact on Farm Land Values Hennepin/Carver Rooms

Moderator: Professor Roger A. McEowen

- "Valuing the Closely-Held Farm or Ranch Business: Lack of Marketability and Minority Interest Discounts"
John S. (Jack) Campbell, Esq.
- "Considerations in Structuring Farm and Ranch Businesses in Light of Mizell, the Family-Owned Business Exclusions and Assorted Other Factors"
Dr. Neil E. Harl
- "Recent Caselaw and Legislative Developments Concerning Special Use Valuation of Farm and Ranch Property and 1997 Tax Law Changes"
Roger A. McEowen

6:20

Dinner Boat Cruise on Lake Minnetonka