

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**  
**2004 Annual Agricultural Law Symposium**  
**Des Moines, Iowa**  
**October 1 & 2, 2004**

**Friday, October 1, 2004**

See Hotel Second Floor Map

**Time                      Location**

**7:00 - 8:30 Second Floor Mezzanine**

**Conference Registration and Continental Breakfast**

*Sponsored by* **Ramsay Bridgforth, Harrelson and Starling LLP**

**7:30 - 8:30 State Room**

**ABA Business Session: Ag Finance Subcommittee**

"Food Security Act Meets Setoff Rights – Case Law and Controversy"

*T. Randall Wright, Baird, Holm, McEachen, Pederson, Hamann & Strasheim LLP*

**8:30 - 9:00 State Room**

**AAALA Annual Business Meeting**

*Susan Schneider, AAALA President, University of Arkansas School of Law*

**9:00 - 9:15              Break**

**9:15 - 12:00 State Room**

**Annual Update of Developments in Agricultural Law**

Moderator: *David R. Bridgforth, Ramsay, Bridgforth Law Firm*

**2004 Update: Commercial Law**

*Keith G. Meyer, University of Kansas School of Law*

**Legal Issues in Food Production and Marketing**

*Neil D. Hamilton, Drake University School of Law*

**10:15 - 10:30      Break - Second Floor Mezzanine**

Sponsored by **Brown, Winick, Graves, Gross, Baskerville and Schoenebaum, P.L.C., Des Moines, IA**  
**and AAALA**

**10:30 - 12:00 State Room**

**2004 Update on Agricultural Bankruptcy**

*Allen H. Olson, Allen H. Olson Law Firm*

**Tax Developments Affecting Agriculture**

*Roger A. McEowen, Iowa State University*

**Selected Policy Issues of Importance in Agriculture**

*Neil E. Harl, Iowa State University*

**12:00 - 1:15              Lunch - Grand Ballroom**

**Awards Ceremony**

**Friday, October 1, 2004 See Hotel Second Floor Map**

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**1:15 - 3:00 State Room**

**Annual Update Continued**

**Administrative Law and Agriculture**

*Doug O'Brien*, Asst. Professor and Staff Attorney, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

**Environmental Law**

*Theodore A. Feitshans*, North Carolina State University

**Federal False Claims Act**

*David R. Bridgforth*, Ramsay, Bridgforth Law Firm

**3:00 - 3:15              Break - Second Floor Mezzanine**

*Sponsored by Lawler & Swanson, P.L.C., Parkersburg, IA and the AALA*

**3:15 - 5:00              Concurrent Sessions:**

**Session A – State Room**

**Alternative Dispute Resolution in Agriculture**

Moderator: *Jeff Knishkowy*, Director, Conflict Prevention and Resolution Center, USDA, Washington, D.C.

“Who’s Using ADR in Agriculture – and With What Results?”

*Jeff Knishkowy*,

“Mediation in Ag Related Cases”

*Michael Thompson*, Iowa Mediation Service

“Mediation – A Success Story”

*Steven Wandro*, Wandro, Baer & Casper, P.C.

**Session B – Independence Hall**

**Estate and Business Planning Impacting Farmers and Ranchers**

Moderator: *Roger McEowen*, Iowa State University

“Title XIX and Saving the Family Farm”

*Orville Bloethe*, Bloethe-Van Zee Law Office

“Selected Topics in Farm and Ranch Estate Planning”

*Neil E. Harl*, Iowa State University

“Selected Topics”

*David Bibler*, Buchanan, Bibler, Buchanan & Gabor

“Tax Considerations of Being a ‘Trade or Business’”

*Phil Harris*, Professor, University of Wisconsin

**Session C –Wedgewood Room**

**Strategies in Defending Agricultural Product Liability Claims**

Moderator: *Jacob Bylund*, Faegre & Benson LLP, Des Moines, IA

*Ross Johnson*, Faegre & Benson LLP, Des Moines, IA

*Allan A. Thoen*, Faegre & Benson LLP, Des Moines, IA

*Kim J. Walker*, Faegre & Benson LLP, Des Moines, IA

**5:00 - 5:30 State Room**

“Precaution and Liability in Europe”

*Prof. Lucas Bergkamp*, Managing Partner, Hunton & Williams, Brussels, Belgium;

Professor, Erasmus University, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

**5:30 - 7:00 Grand Ballroom Reception for all Participants and Guests**

*Sponsored by Beving, Swanson & Forrest, P. C.*

**7:00 – 9:00              Reception for Law Students, Raccoon River Restaurant and Brewery *Sponsored by Drake Student Ag Law School Association***

Saturday, October 2

**Time                      Location**

**7:00 - 8:30 Second Floor Mezzanine and State Room**

**Continental Breakfast**

**Breakfast Discussion Groups\*** Practitioners; Educators; Government Attorneys; Corporate Counsel

\* Students are encouraged to attend any of the above session to discuss issues in the field currently of most interest to them.

**8:30 - 9:00 State Room**

**Presidential Address**

*Susan Schneider*, AALA President, University of Arkansas School of Law

**9:00 - 10:00 State Room**

**“The 2002 Farm Bill Two Years Later”**

*Ralph Linden*, Assistant General Counsel for International Affairs and Commodity Programs

**10:00 – 10:15 Break - Second Floor Mezzanine**

**10:15 - 11:15 State Room**

**Ethical Issues Facing Practicing Attorneys**

*L. Leon Geyer*, Professor of Ag Economics, Virginia Tech

**11:15 - 12:00 State Room**

**United States vs. Brazil - International Consequences**

*William A. Gillon*, Butler, Snow, O’Mara, Stevens and Cannada Counsel to National Cotton Council

**12:00 - 1:15 Grand Ballroom**

**Lunch Honoring Neil Harl** *Speaker Orville Bloethe*, Victor, IA

Saturday, October 2

**Time**                      **Location**

**1:15 - 3:00**              **Concurrent Sessions**

**Session A – State Room**

**Farmland Preservation**

Moderator: *Peggy Hall*, Director, Agricultural and Rural Law, Swank Program in Rural-Urban Policy, OSU  
“Agricultural Conservation Easements and Farmland Preservation”

*Anita Zurburgg*, American Farmland Trust

“Landpooling – An Introduction”

*David Renkert*, Landpool Administrators, LLC

**Session B – Independence Hall**

**UCC Issues - Article 2 Remedies and Article 7 Issues**

Moderator: *T. Randall Wright*

“Those Not-So-Secret Liens: Article 2 Security Interests and Article 9 Liens”

*Brooke Schumm*, Daneker, McIntire, Schumm, Prince, Goldstein, Manning & Widmann, P.C

“UCC Article 9: Agricultural Liens and Livestock Leasing and Contract Feeding”

*Eldon McAfee*, Beving, Swanson & Forrest, PC

**Session C – Wedgwood Room**

**Traceability and Labeling of GMOs: European Rules and Consequences**

Moderator: *Stanley H. Abramson*, Arent Fox, PLLC

“European Regulation of GMOs: Traceability and Labeling”

*Margaret Rosso Grossman*, Professor of Agricultural Law, University of Illinois.

“Do European Non-Tariff Barriers Create Economic Nuisances in the US?”

*Thomas P. Redick*, Gallop, Johnson & Newman, L.C.

“Genetically Modified Varieties and a New Look at US Seed Laws”

*A. Bryan Endres*, Assistant Professor, Agricultural Law, University of Illinois

**3:00 - 3:15**              **Break - Second Floor Mezzanine**

**3:15 - 5:00**              **Concurrent Sessions**

**Session A – State Room**

**Food Traceability**

Moderator: *Michael Roberts*, Professor, National Agricultural Law Center

“An Overview of Food Traceability: A Brief history; the Debate over the Definition of Traceability; Legal and Regulatory Issues”

*Michael Roberts*, Professor, National Agricultural Law Center

“The Greening of the Food Market: Issues in Traceability for Agricultural Production with Ecological and Social Benefits”

*Martha L. Noble*, Sustainable Agriculture Coalition

“Traceability from the Perspective of the National Pork Producers Council”

*Jon Caspers*, Past President of the National Pork Producers Council

**Session B - Independence Hall**

**Corralling Livestock and their Environment: EMS, Waste, Water, and Air**

Moderator: *Terence J. Centner*, Professor, The University of Georgia

“Environmental Management Systems,”

*Earl Dotson*, President, Environmental Management Solutions, LLC

“Regulatory Issues under Iowa Regulations,”

*Eldon McAfee*, Beving, Swanson & Forrest, PC

“Coordinating Certification with Governmental Regulations,”

*Terence J. Centner*, Professor, The University of Georgia

“Air Emissions from Livestock Facilities, Can State Rules Help?”

*Jody M. Endres*, Law Clerk, United States District Court for the District of Arizona, Phoenix Division

*Margaret Rosso Grossman*, Professor of Agricultural Law, University of Illinois