

# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

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Friday, October 7, 2005

**7:00-8:30--Lobby** Conference Registration and Continental Breakfast  
*Sponsored by Ramsay, Bridgforth, Harrelson and Starling LLP*

**7:30-8:30—Grand Ballroom**

**ABA Business Section: Ag Finance Subcommittee**  
Pages "A"

Moderator: *T. Randall Wright*, Subcommittee Chair

*T. Randall Wright, Mary Hendrickson, Larry Harris & Harrison Pittman*

An update on developments in corporate farming laws and restrictions and the impacts of concentration of agricultural production. This session is open to all conference registrants.

**8:30-9:00—Grand Ballroom**

**ALA Annual Business Meeting**

Moderator: *William C. Bridgforth*, ALA President

**9:00-10:15—Grand Ballroom**

**Annual Update of Developments in Agricultural Law**

Moderator: *Henry Rodegerdts*

**2005 Update: Commercial Law** /

Pages "B"

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

**Administrative Law and Agriculture** /

Pages "C"

*Doug O'Brien*, University of Arkansas

**10:15-10:30 Break** *Sponsored by Lawler & Swanson, P.L.C., Parkersburg and Greene, Iowa*

**10:30-12:00—Grand Ballroom**

**Annual Update of Developments in Agricultural Law (continued)**

Moderator: *Ann Hazlett*

**The Next Farm Bill: An Overview of the Policy, Political and Economic Drivers** "

Pages "D"

*Robert L. Thompson*, Gardner Professor of Agricultural Policy, U. of Illinois, and former USDA

Assistant Secretary for Economics and Senior Advisor for Ag Trade Policy at the World Bank.

**2005 Update: Tax Developments Affecting Agriculture** /

Pages "E"

*Roger A. McEowen*, Iowa State University

**12:00-1:00—Seville** Lunch

**1:00-3:00—Grand Ballroom**

**Annual Update of Developments in Agricultural Law (continued)**

Moderator: *Michael Olexa*, University of Florida

**Update on Legal Issues in Food Production and Marketing, Including the Future of Checkoffs**

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

**Update on Food Law**  
**Pages "G"**

*Michael Roberts*, Director, National Agricultural Law Center

**Update on Environmental Law**  
**Pages "H"**

*Theodore A. Feitshans*, North Carolina State University

**1:00-3:00—Southmoreland (1st Floor)**

**Concurrent Session T1: Agricultural Tax - LLCs and FLPs**  
**Pages "I"**

**(This is the second tax law session- open to all attendees)**

Speakers: *Roger McEowen*, Iowa State University  
*Phil Harris*, University of Wisconsin  
*Neil Harl*, Iowa State University

**3:00-3:15 Break**

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

**Session A—EFG half of Grand Ballroom**

**Agriculture and the Polluter Pays Principle: An International View**  
**Pages "J"**

Moderator and Organizer:

*Margaret R. Grossman*, University of Illinois

This mini-symposium, sponsored by the Bock Chair in Agricultural Law at the University of Illinois will focus on the "Polluter Pays Principle" and its applications to agricultural emissions. The panel includes *Margaret Rosso Grossman* (U. of Illinois, Urbana), *Michael N. Cardwell* (U. of Leeds, United Kingdom) and *Marie-Ann Bowden* (U. of Saskatchewan, Canada).

**Session B—ABCD half of Grand Ballroom**

**Check Kites, Ponzi Schemes (e.g., in Cattle Fraud Schemes) and**  
**Other Forms of Off-Balance Sheet Financing**  
**Pages "K"**

Moderator *T. Randall Wright*; Organizers: *T. Randall Wright* and *Phillip L. Kunkel*

Speakers: *Mark Benedict*, Husch & Eppenger

*Judge Jerry W. Venters*, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Kansas City.

Speakers will discuss cases involving fraudulent practices in the area of livestock financing and investment, and suggest ways in which such practices can be prevented and/or detected.

**Session T2—Southmoreland(1st Floor)**

**Continuation of Tax Program**

**Pages "I" (note- no pages "L")**

**(This is the third tax law session- open to all attendees)**

Speakers: *Roger McEowen*, Iowa State University  
*Phil Harris*, University of Wisconsin  
*Neil Harl*, Iowa State University

This session is a continuation of Session T1 addressing taxation of farm and ranch LLCs, FLPs and the Domestic Production Deduction (I.R.C. § 199).

**5:30-7:00—Seville Reception for all Participants and Guests**

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**Saturday, October 8**

**7:00-8:15-Lobby Continental Breakfast**

**Breakfast Discussion Groups:** Practitioners; Educators; Government Attorneys; Corporate Counsel. Students are encouraged to attend any of the above sessions to discuss issues in the field of most interest to them.

**8:30-9:00—Grand Ballroom**

**Presidential Address and Awards Presentation**

**Presidential Address:**

*William C. Bridgforth*, President AALA, 2004-05

**Awards Presentations:**

*Jesse J. Richardson, Jr.*, Chair, AALA Awards Committee

**9:00-10:00—Grand Ballroom**

**Significant Developments in Domestic and International Policy Leading Up to the Farm Bill Discussions in 2006 or 2007**

**Pages “M”**

Moderator: *William Gillon*, an internationally recognized agricultural lawyer and outside counsel for the National Cotton Counsel

Panelists: *David Grahn*, Associate General Counsel, Rural Development, Office of the General Counsel, Washington, D.C.

*Michael Knipe*, Assistant General Counsel of the Legislative Division, Office of the General Counsel, Washington, D.C.

**10:00-10:15 Break**

**10:15-11:00—Grand Ballroom**

**Plenary session: 2005 Update on Bankruptcy Law**

**Pages “N”**

*Susan A. Schneider*, University of Arkansas School of Law

**11:00-12:00—Grand Ballroom**

**How to Avoid and Respond to Ethical Crisis**

**Pages “O”**

*Barbara Glesner-Fines*, U. Missouri Kansas City School of Law

**12:00-1:15—Seville Lunch**

**Program:**

**“Celebrating 25 Years of the Agricultural Law Update.”**

Moderator: *Drew L. Kershen*, Former President, AALA 1996.

Panelists: *Linda Grim McCormick*, Editor (The Editor’s Perspective), *Susan Schneider*, Former President AALA 2004 (An Author’s Perspective), *Thomas Lawler*, Former President AALA 1999 (A Reader’s Perspective as Practicing Attorney)

## 1:15-3:00 Concurrent Sessions

### Session C—Southmoreland (1st Floor)

#### **Land Use Issues in Agriculture, Including Wind Farms, GMOs, and Farmland Protection Pages “P”**

Organizer and Moderator: *Jesse J. Richardson, Jr.*, Virginia Tech

#### Speakers & Topics:

*L. Leon Geyer*, Virginia Tech, “Wind Farms”

*Marcia Tilley*, Oklahoma State University, “Recent State Statutes on Land Use and GMOs”

*Jesse Richardson, Jr.*, and *Andrew Branan*, “Land Use Issues in Representing the Farmer in Transition (including farmland protection)”

### Session D—EFG half of Grand Ballroom

#### **How State and Local Laws for Biotech Crops Respond to Precautionary Export Markets Pages “Q”**

Organizer and Moderator: *Thomas P. Redick*

#### Speakers & Topics:

*Rachel G. Lattimore*, Arent Fox: “Common Law Liability for Biotech Crops”

*Drew Kershen*, U. of Oklahoma: “Proposed Liability Laws: The Vermont/California 2005 Legislative Bills”

*A. Bryan Endres*, U. of Illinois: “Statutory Grower Protections in a Biotech World”

*Robert Leurer*: “Report on the Canadian Experience”

### Session E—ABCD half of Grand Ballroom

#### **Agriculture, Risk, and the Law**

#### **Pages “R”**

Moderator: *David Moeller*

#### Speakers & Topics:

*Bill Crispin*, Law Office of William K. Crispin, Chtd.: “Federal Crop Insurance - Handling a Client’s Denied Claim”

*Terence Centner*, U. of Georgia: “Right to Farm Laws, and the Constitutional Issues Involving Takings”

*Michelle Gearhardt*, Dungan and LeFevre LPA:

“Divorce and the Farm: Managing the Risks and Minimizing the Damage”

## 3:00-3:15 Break

## 3:15-5:00 Concurrent Sessions

### Session F—Southmoreland (1st Floor)

#### **Legal Careers in Agriculture for New and Not-so-new Attorneys**

#### **Pages “S”**

Organizer and Moderator: *Jeffrey A. Feirick*

This topic is intended especially for law students and new attorneys. The goal is to provide ideas about different career opportunities in Agricultural Law.

#### Panel:

*Peggy Hall*, Ohio State U.

*Larry Gearhardt*, Ohio Farm Bureau

*Charles Sullivan*, Syracuse, NY

*Kraig Roesch*, USDA Packers & Stockyards

**Session G—EFG half of Grand Ballroom**

**New Directions in Agriculture and Accompanying Challenges for Lawyers**

**Pages “T-1 and T-4”**

Organizer and Moderator: *James Dean*

*Justin D. Cumming*, Rothgerber Johnson & Lyons: “Agricreation” (Agritourism and Agritainment) -- Types and Legal Issues” (What issues are raised by bringing people to the farm for entertainment purposes. Should farmers obtain releases as are found on the back of tickets at amusement parks? Should warnings be issued? What if someone is injured?)

*James Dean*, Dean, Dunn & Phillips: “The Raw Milk Wars -- Consumer Accessibility to Raw Milk” (Some people in the United States believe unpasteurized milk is better for them while regulators and most in the medical community disagree. This presentation will explore the legal issues surrounding this phenomenon, and one approach of a Colorado community.)

**Session H—ABCD half of Grand Ballroom**

**Air Emissions from Animal Feeding Operations: A Discussion of the EPA Consent Agreement and Final Order – The Background, the Reactions and the Implications**

**Pages “T-2, T-3, T-5” (note-this session was set out after page numbers assigned)**

Moderator: *John Becker*

Organizers: *John Becker* and *Karl Czymmek*

Panelists: *John Becker* Penn State U., “Air Emissions from Agricultural Enterprises: A Review of Applicable Laws”

*Karl Czymmek*, Cornell U.

*Hugh O’Riordan*, Givens Pursley LLP, Boise, Idaho “CERCLA/EPCRA Reporting or, How I Learned to Love Paperwork”

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