Friday, October 21, 2011

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.  ABA Business Section, Ag Finance Subcommittee
“Fundamentals of Negotiating Oil & Gas Leases and Perfecting a Security Interest in as Extracted Collateral”
Moderator: Drew Theophilus, Baird Holm, Omaha, NE
Larry Harris, Melcher Hubert Sjodin, PLLP, Waconia, MN
John B. McFarland, Graves, Dougherty, Hearon & Moody, Austin, TX

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.  AALA Annual Business Meeting
Patricia A. Jensen, AALA President

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.  AALA Symposium
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9:00 – 9:30 a.m.  Session A UCC – Brooke Schumm, Daneker, McIntire, Schumm, Prince, Manning & Widmann, PC, Baltimore, MD

9:30 – 10:00 a.m.  Session B Tax Law Affecting Agriculture – Philip Harris, University of Wisconsin

10:00 – 10:30 a.m. Session C Agricultural Bankruptcy – Jeffrey Peterson, Gray Plant Mooty, St. Cloud, MN

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break

10:45 – 11:15 a.m.  Session D Environmental Law & Agriculture - Anthony Schutz, Univ. of Neb. College of Law

11:15 – 11:45 a.m. Session E New Developments in Food Law – Susan Schneider, Univ. of Ark. School of Law

11:45 – 12:15 a.m. Session F Land Use Law – Jesse J. Richardson, Virginia Tech

1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

1  Tax Law Developments
Philip Harris, University of Wisconsin
Neil Harl, Iowa State University

2  Finding Money, Time and Knowledge for Your Client
Moderator: Tiffany Dowell, Peifer, Hanson & Mullins, P.A., Albuquerque, NM
Susan Stokes, Farmers’ Legal Action Group, Inc.
Justin Schneider, Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc., Indianapolis, IN
R. Max Best, Law Office of R. Max Best, Clovis, NM
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Ag Antitrust: What’s Next?  
Moderator: John D. Shively, Faegre & Benson, LLP, Denver, CO  
    David M. Hayes, Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC, Syracuse, NY  
    Gabriel Gervey, Assistant Attorney General, State of Texas, Austin, TX  
    Phillip L. Kunkel, Gray Plant Mooty, St. Cloud, MN  
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Challenge for Food Safety Regulation: Evolving Pathogens and New Federal Legislation  
Moderator: Patricia A. Jensen, University of St. Thomas, Minneapolis, MN and AALA President  
    Dr. David Goldman, Office of Public Health Science, Food Safety Inspection Service, USDA  
    Maureen Kelly Moseman, Nebraska College of Law and Moseman & Associates, Omaha, NE  
    Elizabeth Haws Connally, Gardner Law, San Antonio, TX  
3:45 - 5:15  
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Investments in Agricultural Land, Limitations and Issues  
    Theodore Feitshans, North Carolina State University  
    Garth Glissman, Kutak Rock, LLP, Omaha, NE  
    Anthony Schutz, University of Nebraska College of Law  
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Wind Energy Leasing: Representing Landowner Interests  
    H. Alan Carmichael, Wetsel & Carmichael, LLP, Sweetwater, TX  
    Shannon L. Ferrell, Oklahoma State University  
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Assisting America’s New Farmers: USDA, the Farm Bill, Landowners, and the Role of Lawyers  
Moderator: Neil Hamilton, Director, Agricultural Law Center, Drake University School of Law  
    Brandon Willis, USDA Senior Advisor to the Secretary  
    Janie Hipp, USDA Senior Advisor to the Secretary and Director, Office of Tribal Relations  
    Ed Cox, Drake University Law School  
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Challenges of Today’s Agricultural Employers  
Moderator: Elizabeth Haws Connally, Gardner Law, San Antonio, TX  
    Ned Meister, Director of Commodity and Regulatory Activities, Texas Farm Bureau  
    Nowell Berreth, Alston & Bird, LLP, Atlanta, GA  
    Tommy Simmons, Texas Workforce Commission
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8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

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**UCC - Emerging Issues for the Next Farm Credit Crisis**  
Moderator: Drew Theophilus, Baird Holm LLP, Omaha, NE  
Alvin C. Harrell, Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City, OK  
Charles J. Sullivan, Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC, Syracuse, NY  
Brooke Schumm, Daneker, McIntire, Schumm, Prince, Manning & Widmann, P.C., Baltimore, MD

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**The Policy Nexus Between Energy and Agricultural Land Use**  
Moderator: Jody M. Endres, Energy Biosciences Institute, U. of Illinois, Champaign, IL  
Ross H. Pifer, Agricultural Law Resource and Reference Center, Penn State University  
A. Bryan Endres, University of Illinois  
Bradford W. Bayliff, Casey, Gentz & Bayliff, LLP, Austin, Texas

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**The Future Farm Policy: Update on the 2012 Farm Bill**  
Moderator: Bill Bridgforth, Ramsay, Bridgforth, Robinson and Raley LLP, Pine Bluff, AR  
Mary Kay Thatcher, Senior Director for Congressional Relations, American Farm Bureau Federation  
Martha Noble, Sustainable Ag Coalition, Washington, DC  
Chandler Goule, Vice President of Government Relations, National Farmers Union

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**Animal Welfare Litigation Impacting Livestock Producers: Emerging Issues**  
Moderator: David Waggoner, Waggoner Law Firm, Hillsboro, TX  
Joe Miller, General Counsel, Rose Acre Farms, Seymour, IN  
Michelle Pardo, Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P., Washington, DC  
Peggy Kirk Hall, The Ohio State University

10:45 – 11:45 a.m  Session G Ethics “Ethical Concerns with Improper Advertising and Solicitation with a Website and Social Media”  
Mr. Jonathan Smaby, Executive Director, Texas Center for Legal Ethics

11:45-12:45 Lunch

12:45 – 2:45 p.m

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**Estate Planning in a Climate of Change**  
Thomas Lawler, Lawler & Swanson, P.L.C. Parkersburg, IA  
Paul Wright, Wright Law Co., LPA, Dublin, OH  
Erin Herbold-Swalwell, Beving, Swanson & Forrest, Des Moines, IA

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**Dust in the Wind: The Future of Air Regulation in the Agricultural Industry**  
Moderator: Thomas Redick, Global Environmental Ethics Counsel, St. Louis, MO  
William Harnett, Associate Director, EPA Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards  
Allie Devine, VP and General Counsel of the Kansas Livestock Association
This Land is YOUR Land - This Land is MY Land - Understanding Land Rights
Moderator: David F. Barton, Gardner Law, San Antonio, TX
David Hartman, Smith Robertson, Elliott, Glen, Klein & Douglas, L.L.P., Austin, TX
David P. Smith, Barrett & Smith, PLLC, Austin, TX
Terence Centner, The University of Georgia

Student Symposium - First Session
Law student presentations on current research projects
Moderator: Peggy Kirk Hall, The Ohio State University

2:45-3:00pm  Break

Partnerships: The Neglected, The Disaster and The Desirable Plan
Moderator: Patrick K. Costello, Costello, Carlson & Butzon, LLC, Lakefield, MN
Robert Moore, Wright Law Co., LPA, Dublin, OH
Cari Rincker, Rincker Law, PLLC, New York, NY
Stephanie Smith, USDA Rural Development Cooperative Programs, Washington, DC

Balancing Water Demand at the Interface of Agriculture and Urban Growth
Moderator: William Perry Pendley, Mountain States Legal Foundation, Lakewood, CO
Steve Kosub, Water Resources Counsel, San Antonio Water System
Karl J. Dreher, General Manager, Edwards Aquifer Authority, San Antonio, TX
Russell S. Johnson, McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, L.L.P., Austin, TX

Civil Rights Litigation and the USDA: Resolving Disputes and Learning Lessons
Moderator: Neil Hamilton, Director, Agricultural Law Center, Drake University School of Law
Stephen Carpenter, Farmers’ Legal Action Group, Inc., formerly with Office of the Monitor in Pigford
Sarah Vogel, Baumstark, Braaten Law Partners, Bismarck, ND, class counsel in Keepseagle litigation
Janie Hipp, USDA Senior Advisor to the Secretary and Director, Office of Tribal Relations

4:30 – 5:30 p.m  Session H Ethics - Jesse J. Richardson, Virginia Tech