

# Farm to Firm

*Breaking Ground in Ag and Food Law - The Official Newsletter of AALA*

Below are the policies and content criteria for AALA's Farm to Firm Newsletter. We welcome and encourage member submissions to the Newsletter and ask that you review the relevant criteria prior to submission. Please don't hesitate to contact a member of the Newsletter Committee if you have any questions.

## AI Policy Statement:

Authors must disclose when AI is used in content generation (not editing) to the Newsletter Committee. The Committee will review the content and decide if the content is appropriate to publish, despite the use of AI. In the case where the Committee determines the content should make the publication, it will be accompanied by an AI disclosure in the publication. The disclosure will state, "Author had the assistance of AI in generating the article."

The AI policy applies to all Article and Case Summary submissions.

## Article Policy and Submission Criteria:

We welcome article submissions that reflect a range of perspectives, experiences, and areas of expertise within the field of agricultural law. Our goal is to publish content that is informative, engaging, and relevant to AALA members, while highlighting a variety of voices and timely topics across the agricultural law landscape.

### *Article Length and Format*

Submissions should generally be approximately 1,000 words, with a maximum length of 1,500 words. Articles should be clearly written and well-organized.

Formal Bluebook citation is not required. However, authors should include citations for significant statements of fact, either within the text or as a reference list. If a submission includes numerous citations, please use endnotes rather than footnotes to assist with formatting and publication.

### *Content and Style*

We accept a variety of article types, including:

- Educational or informational pieces on interesting areas of agricultural law
- Personal reflections or experiences, especially relating to unique careers in agricultural law
- Opinion or commentary articles on legal developments

Submissions should be thoughtful, relevant, and appropriate for a professional audience.

### *Selection Process*

Articles are selected with an emphasis on topic diversity and author variety. Committee Chairs retain discretion in determining which submissions are published.

Selection is generally based on the following factors:

- Order of submission (first-come, first-served)
- Completeness and readiness of the article at the time of the publication deadline
- Overall relation to recent developments and timely topics

## Case Summary Submission Criteria:

The Newsletter Committee encourages student members and young professionals to contribute to the Newsletter by submitting summaries of recent agricultural law cases.

### *Article Length and Format*

Case summaries should be no more than 500 words and should explain the key facts, legal issues, and outcome of the case. Submissions should be written for a professional audience and aim to highlight the case's relevance to agricultural law.

### *Submission Process*

Authors interested in contributing should contact a member of the Newsletter Committee with their selected case prior to submission. This helps avoid duplication and ensures a range of cases are covered.

### *Author Bio*

In addition to the case summary, authors are asked to provide:

- A short biography (2–5 sentences)
- An optional headshot for publication

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