



Thank you for joining us in Washington, DC for the 40th Annual AALA Agricultural Law Education Symposium!

Attendees may earn between 4-5 CLE credits for Thursday and 12 -14 credits of CLE (including up to 3 ethics hours) for Friday-Saturday. Our two-day symposium is headquartered at the Key Bridge Marriott at 1401 Lee Highway, Alexandria, Virginia. We are once again offering a Thursday “off-site” CLE for those who wish to attend; our venue this year is the USDA Jefferson Auditorium at 1200 Independence Avenue SW, Washington DC 20024.

Thursday’s program will include a featured speaker, a general counsel panel, an update from the EPA and three separate updates from the USDA. There are 11 keynote sessions and 30 concurrent sessions over the course of Friday and Saturday. Concurrent sessions are organized by five tracks: food law; in-house/corporate counsel; new practitioner; policy; and private practitioner.

Our popular “Ag Law Updates” are once again offered, with 3 updates on Friday and 3 updates on Saturday morning. Our update speakers will cover new developments in Agri-finance and Bankruptcy, Agricultural Taxation, Environment and Natural Resources, Water and Land Use, Food, and Federal Policy Issues, including the Farm Bill.

The symposium also includes AALA’s 40th Anniversary Awards Luncheon that you will not want to miss!

Thank you to our generous sponsors, which provide invaluable support to the AALA as we offer our 40th annual educational symposium.

We are look forward to seeing you in Washington DC! 2018-19 AALA President-Elect Mike Traxinger

Agenda Key

** Designation: To be Recorded and Available to Attendees for one year*

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Policy Track

**Private Practitioner
Track**

Food Law Track

**In-House /
Corporate Counsel
Track**

**New Practitioner
Track**

Student Activities

Ethics

2019 AALA Annual Agricultural Law Educational Symposium Agenda

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

8:30 am – 5:00 pm	Farm Bureau LINC Attorney meeting (invitation only) <i>600 Maryland Avenue SW, Suite 1000 W, Washington DC 20024</i>
4:00 – 8:00 pm	Symposium Registration Available, Key Bridge Marriott Lobby
4:30 – 6:00 pm	National Association of State Departments of Agriculture attorney meeting (invitation only), Key Bridge Marriott, Georgetown Salons B/C
4:30 – 6:30 pm	VIP Capitol Hill Reception (invitation only) <i>Kennedy Caucus Room, Russell Senate Office Building, 2 Constitution Avenue Northeast, Washington, DC 20002</i> Union Station (Red Line)
6:30 – 8:00 pm Capital View Ballroom	Opening Reception, Key Bridge Marriott <i>Sponsor: Drake University Law School</i> Rosslyn (Blue and Orange Lines)

Thursday, November 7, 2019

7:00 – 8:30 am	Symposium Registration Available - Potomac Ballroom Foyer, Key Bridge Marriott
9:00 am	Security Opens at USDA South Building, 1200 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20024, Federal Center SW (Blue and Orange Lines)
9:00 – 10:30 am	Symposium Registration Available - USDA Jefferson Auditorium, South Building
10:00 – 11:00 am	USDA Welcome with Featured Speaker, USDA Jefferson Auditorium, South Building Welcome: USDA General Counsel Stephen Alexander Vaden Featured Speaker: Dino LaVerghetta, Counsel at Sidley Austin, LLP and Former Senior Associate Counsel to the President and Special Assistant to the President
10:30 am	Security closes at USDA South Building - All attendees must have arrived
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Session #1: Office of General Counsel Panel Moderator: Office of White House Counsel Associate Counsel to the President Tara Helfman Speakers: Environmental Protection Agency General Counsel Matt Leopold United States Department of Agriculture General Counsel Stephen Alexander Vaden United States Department of the Interior Solicitor Dan Jorjani <i>Session Sponsor: National Agricultural Law Center</i>
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch on Your Own, USDA Cafeteria, South Building
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Session #2: Hot Topics under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and Registration Review Update Speaker: EPA Administrator Alexandra Dapoloito Dunn
2:00 – 3:00 pm	Session #3: USDA Farm Bill Update Speaker: Peter Bonner, Assistant General Counsel, Food Assistance, and Farm and Rural Programs Division, USDA, Washington DC; Mai Dinh, Assistant General Counsel, Marketing, Regulatory and Food Safety Programs Division, USDA, Washington DC; Azine Farzami, Attorney for General Law and Research Division, USDA, Washington DC; Kyle Liske, Senior Advisor to Secretary Purdue, USDA, Washington DC; Beverly Li, Assistant General Counsel, Natural Resources and Environment Division, USDA, Washington DC; and Janet Safien, Assistant General Counsel for International Affairs, Food Assistance, and Farm and Rural Programs Division, USDA, Washington DC <i>Session Sponsor: National Agricultural Law Center</i>
3:00 – 3:15 pm	Networking Break <i>Sponsors: Maryland State Bar Association Agricultural Law Section; Maryland State Farm Bureau; Daneker, McIntire, Schumm, Prince, Manning & Widmann, P.C. (Brooke Schumm III); and Berenato and White LLC</i>

Thursday, November 7, 2019 continued	
3:15 – 4:15 pm	Session #4: USDA Marketing and Regulatory Update Speakers: Rick Goeken, Principal Deputy General Counsel, USDA, Washington DC Sonia Jimenez, AMS Deputy Administrator, USDA, Washington DC Sheila Novak, Assistant General Counsel, USDA, Washington DC Matthew Michael, Director, Issuances Staff, Office of Policy and Program Development, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, Washington DC <i>Session Sponsor: National Agricultural Law Center</i>
4:15 – 4:30 pm	Networking Break
4:30 – 5:00 pm	Session #5: USDA Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Update Speakers: Ralph Linden, Associate General Counsel, International Affairs, Food Assistance, and Farm and Rural Programs Division, USDA, Washington DC Campbell Shuford, Senior Advisor to Secretary Perdue, USDA, Washington DC
5:30 – 7:00 pm	40th Anniversary AALA USDA Reception <i>USDA Whitten Patio, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20024</i> <i>Sponsor: National Pork Board</i>
Friday, November 8, 2019	
6:00 am – 5:00 pm	Symposium Registration Available <i>Potomac Ballroom Foyer</i>
6:30 – 8:00 am Potomac Foyer	Breakfast <i>Sponsor: United Soybean Board</i>
6:45 – 7:00 am	Welcome – Mike Traxinger, 2018-19 AALA President-Elect
7:00 – 8:00 am Potomac Ballroom	Session #6: Ag Law Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ag Finance⁺⁺ – Jeffrey Peterson, Partner, Gray Plant Mooty • Food Law⁺⁺ – Susan Schneider, Director, LLM Program in Agricultural and Food Law, University of Arkansas School of Law • Land Use and Resource Law⁺⁺ – Jesse Richardson, Professor, West Virginia University College of Law
7:00 – 8:00 am Georgetown Ballroom	Student Quiz Bowl Competition <i>Sponsors: James Baarda, Bradbury Law, Stephanie Bradley Fryer, Robert Branan, Brown Winick, Elizabeth Burns-Thompson, Dillon Law PC, Erika Dunyak, Jeff Feirick, Taylor Fritsch, Larry Gearhardt, Dora Ann Gostecnik, Amber Miller, Joseph Miller, Cari Rincker, Mike Traxinger, University of Maryland, Andrew Varcoe, and Waggoner Law Firm</i>
8:00 – 9:00 am Potomac Ballroom	Session #7: Why the Roberts' Courts New Take on Constitutional Law May Revolutionize Agricultural Law⁺⁺ Featured Speaker: Erin Morrow Hawley, Senior Fellow at the Kinder Institute, of Counsel at Kirkland & Ellis LLP, and Senior Counsel for the Independent Women's Forum Center for Law and Liberty
9:00 – 10:00 am Potomac Ballroom	Session #8: The Nuts and Bolts of Ag Trade Moderator: Ray Starling, General Counsel, North Carolina Chamber and President of the North Carolina Chamber Legal Institute Featured Speakers: Janae Brady, Senior Professional Staff, U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee, Washington, D.C.; and Ken Isley, Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA, Washington, D.C.

Friday, November 8, 2019 continued

10:00 – 10:15 am Potomac Foyer	Networking Break Sponsor: Farm Bureau (American Farm Bureau Federation, Indiana Farm Bureau, Kansas Farm Bureau, Michigan Farm Bureau, North Carolina Farm Bureau, South Dakota Farm Bureau, Texas Farm Bureau and Virginia Farm Bureau)				
Session #9 Concurrent Breakouts	Potomac Salon A/B	Potomac Salon C/D	Georgetown Ballroom	Francis Scott Key Salon A	Francis Scott Key Salon B
10:15 – 11:45 am	Agriculture and the Clean Water Act – WOTUS, Groundwater, and More ⁺	The Law of Hard Times: What Lawyers and Policymakers in 2019 Can Learn from the Farm Crisis of the 1980s ⁺	Gene Editing in Agriculture – Regulatory Status and Legal Issues	Ag Tech Update – Blockchain, Ag Data, IoT and More ⁺	From Cradle to Grave: The Life Cycles of Farm and Ranch Ownership: From Acquisition through Operation to Disposition ⁺
LUNCHEON	Capital View Ballroom			Capital View Pre-Function 2	
11:45 am – 1:00 pm	Networking Luncheon Sponsor: National Cattlemen’s Beef Association			Student Luncheon Sponsor: National Cattlemen’s Beef Association	
Session #10 Concurrent Breakouts	Potomac Salon A/B	Potomac Salon C/D	Georgetown Ballroom	Francis Scott Key Salon A	Francis Scott Key Salon B
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Hemp Hemp Hooray, Current Issues in Hemp Production	Protection and Enforcement of Intellectual Property: Special Issues at the Intersection of Patents and Trade Secrets ⁺	In Search of Sustainable Food: Perspectives from the Supply Chain [#]	Agricultural Antitrust Developments ⁺	Top 10 Issues in Agricultural Leases ⁺
Session #11 Concurrent Featured Speakers	Potomac Salon A/B	Potomac Salon C/D	Georgetown Ballroom		
2:00 – 3:00 pm	State Agricultural Policy Issues	Attorney/Client Privilege and Agricultural Matters: Don’t let the Cow out of the Barn Door ⁺		Overview of the USDA-NASS Statistical Program Practitioner Track Featured Speaker(s) - Farm Data Accessibility ⁺	
3:00 – 3:30 pm Potomac Foyer	Networking Break Sponsor: Brick Gentry P.C., Des Moines, IA				
Session #12 Concurrent Featured Speakers	Potomac Salon A/B		Potomac Salon C/D		
3:30 – 4:30 pm	A View from the General Counsel’s Office		Agricultural Trade and the Law ⁺		

Friday, November 8, 2019 continued					
Session #13 Concurrent Featured Speakers	Potomac Salon A/B	Potomac Salon C/D	Georgetown Ballroom		
4:30 – 5:30 pm	2019 in Review: Farm Income, Policy, Markets and Trade	Caught Between <u>Johanns</u> and <u>Janus</u> : The Future of Federal and State Checkoff Programs ⁺⁺	Ethical Risk-Management: Practical Tips on Using Innovative Tools to Safeguard Your Organization’s Reputation		
5:30 – 6:00 pm Potomac Salon C/D	AALA Annual Business Meeting, Amber Miller, 2018-19 AALA President				
6:30 – 8:00 pm Capital View Ballroom	Reception Sponsor: Gray Plant Mooty				
Saturday, November 9, 2019					
7:00 am – 12:00 pm	Symposium Registration Available Potomac Ballroom Foyer				
6:30 – 8:00 am Potomac Foyer	Breakfast Sponsor: Syngenta				
7:00 – 8:00 am Potomac Salon A/B	Session #14: Ag Law Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">Tax Law⁺⁺ – Kristine Tidgren, Director, Center for Agricultural Law & Taxation, Iowa State UniversityEnvironmental Law⁺⁺ – Anthony Schutz, Professor, Nebraska College of LawFarm Bill – David Grahn, Associate General Counsel, Farm Credit Administration				
7:00 – 10:00 am Washington Room	Student Quiz Bowl Competition Continued Sponsors: James Baarda, Bradbury Law, Stephanie Bradley Fryer, Robert Branan, Brown Winick, Elizabeth Burns-Thompson, Dillon Law PC, Erika Dunyak, Jeff Feirick, Taylor Fritsch, Larry Gearhardt, Dora Ann Gostecnik, Amber Miller, Joseph Miller, Cari Rincker, Mike Traxinger, University of Maryland, Andrew Varcoe, and Waggoner Law Firm				
Session #15 Concurrent Breakouts	Potomac Salon A/B	Potomac Salon C/D	Georgetown Ballroom	Francis Scott Key Salon A	Francis Scott Key Salon B
8:00 – 9:00 am	State Responses to Agricultural Water Quality Challenges ⁺⁺	Navigating Crop Insurance Claims ⁺⁺	Implementation and Impacts of USDA’s GMO Labeling Rules	The Harvest is Ripe, but the Laborers are Few [#]	An Insurable Event? Managing Supply Chain Risk in a Global Food Economy [#]

Saturday, November 9, 2019 continued					
Session #16 Concurrent Breakouts	Potomac Salon A/B	Potomac Salon C/D	Georgetown Ballroom	Francis Scott Key Salon A	Francis Scott Key Salon B
9:00 – 10:00 am	<i>Regulation of Emerging Technologies in the Meat and Poultry Industry</i>	<i>Welcome to the Swamp! Advocacy in USDA Regulatory Matters and Administrative Hearings⁺⁺</i>	<i>National Organic Program – Legal Update⁺⁺</i>	<i>Responding to Class Action Threats: The A to Z on Minimizing Litigation and Liability Risk⁺⁺</i>	<i>Innovative Policy Solutions for Economic Development in Tribal Food & Agriculture⁺⁺</i>
10:00 – 10:15 am Potomac Foyer	Networking Break <i>Sponsor: K&L Gates</i>				
Session #17 Concurrent Breakouts	Potomac Salon A/B	Potomac Salon C/D	Georgetown Ballroom	Francis Scott Key Salon A	Francis Scott Key Salon B
10:15 – 11:15 am	<i>Right to Farm in North Carolina and Beyond⁺⁺</i>	<i>Do and Don'ts Under the Clean Water Act Normal Farming Activities Exemption⁺⁺</i>	<i>The First Year of FSMA Produce Safety Rule Inspections: Top Legal Issues⁺⁺</i>	<i>Top 5 Eye Openers Impacting Industry -- from Hemp to FDA Advisories to Alternative-Proteins</i>	<i>Real Estate Transactions Involving Agricultural Land</i>
Session #18 Concurrent Breakouts	Potomac Salon A/B	Potomac Salon C/D	Georgetown Ballroom	Francis Scott Key Salon A	Francis Scott Key Salon B
11:15 am – 12:15 pm	<i>Agricultural Commodity Transportation – Industry and Agency Perspectives⁺⁺</i>	<i>Understanding the Essentials of Agricultural Market Loss Litigation: Duty, the Economic Loss Doctrine and Damage⁺⁺</i>	<i>Navigating the Regulatory Structure for the Processing, Distribution and Selling of Cannabinoid Related Compounds, Including CBD⁺⁺</i>	<i>No Bull--- Monetizing the Environmental Attributes of Dairy Gas, Ag Waste, and Renewable Energy Projects on Farmland[#]</i>	<i>The LLC: Why the Partnership is still the Preferred Entity of Choice after Tax Reform⁺⁺</i>
12:15 – 1:30 pm Capital View Ballroom	AALA 40th Anniversary Awards Luncheon				
1:30 – 2:30 pm Potomac Salon A/B	Session #19: Ethics Restrictions on Current and Former Federal Employees: A Primer for Individuals and the Businesses Who Wish to Employ Them[#]				
2:30 – 3:00 pm Potomac Salon C/D	Member Discussion with the Board				

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