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The Fairmont | Dallas, TX

Agenda

47th Annual AALA Educational Symposium

EDUCATIONAL TRACKS & SESSIONS

P POLICY TRACK

IC IN-HOUSE/CORPORATE COUNSEL TRACK

PP PRIVATE PRACTITIONER TRACK

E ETHICS SESSION

FL FOOD LAW TRACK

THURSDAY, NOV. 05

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. ● NASDA MEETINGS

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. ● STATE AGENCY ATTORNEYS MEETING (invitation only)

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. ● NE2033 AG AND NATURAL RESOURCE LAW GROUP

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. ● FARM BUREAU LINC MEETING

▶ **CAREER PATHWAYS PANEL & THURSDAY CLE PROGRAM**
SPONSORED & CO-HOSTED BY: SMU
LOCATION: Southern Methodist University
Hughes-Trigg Ballroom AB at the Hughes-Trigg Student Center
3140 Dyer Street, Suite 201 Dallas, TX 75205

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. ● **CAREER PATHWAYS PANEL**
(FREE TO ATTEND - REGISTRATION REQUIRED)
SPEAKERS: ● Kristi Boswell, Alston & Bird ● Pat Dillon, Dillon Law, PC ● Mike Traxinger, Agtegra Cooperative ● John Dillard, Olsson Frank Weeda Terman Matz PC

12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. ● **EMINENT DOMAIN**
SPEAKER: Zach Brady, Brady Hamilton LLP

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. ● **LAWMEN & LAWYERS: WHEN AG LAW & CRIMINAL LAW INTERSECT**
SPEAKERS: ● Cahil Murchison, Braun & Gresham
● Kenny Murchison, TSCRA ● Clay McKinney, TSCRA

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. ● **BORDER LANDOWNER ISSUES: NEW WORLD SCREWWORM, LANDOWNER LIABILITY, STATUTORY ATTEMPTS AT SOLUTIONS**
SPEAKERS: ● Jim Bradbury, James D. Bradbury, PLLC
● Josh Winegarner, Texas Cattle Feeders Association
● J. Pete Laney, The Law Offices of J. Pete Laney

THURSDAY, NOV. 05

- 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. ● STUDENTS & NEW MEMBER RECEPTION
- 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. ● WELCOME RECEPTION ON THE PATIO
LOCATION: Fairmont Dallas, Texas
- 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ● DANCE & LIVE MUSIC FEATURING TELL RUNYAN
LOCATION: Fairmont Dallas, Texas
SPONSORED BY: Dillon Law, PC

FRIDAY, NOV. 06

- 7:00 a.m. ● REGISTRATION
- 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. ● BREAKFAST (provided)
- 8:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. ● INTRODUCTION & WELCOME
- 8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. ● ENVIRONMENTAL LAW UPDATE
SPEAKER: Brigit Rollins, National Agricultural Law Center
- 8:45 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. ● FOOD LAW UPDATE
SPEAKER: Susan Schneider, University of Arkansas School of Law
- 8:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. ● STUDENT TRIVIA COMPETITION
- 9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. ● TAX UPDATE
SPEAKER: Kristine Tidgren, Center for Agricultural Law and Taxation
- 9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. ● FINANCE UPDATE
SPEAKER: Jeff Peterson, Winthrop & Weinstine
- 10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. ● NETWORKING BREAK
- 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. ● **E** ETHICS
SPEAKER: Shannon Ferrell, Oklahoma State University
- 11:30 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. ● FEATURED PRESENTATION (TBA)

FRIDAY, NOV. 06

12:20 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**LUNCH (on your own)**

BY POPULAR REQUEST, WE HAVE EXTENDED THE LUNCH BREAK!

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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**CONSTITUTIONAL LAW UPDATE**

SPEAKERS: • Travis Cushman, American Farm Bureau Federation
• Michael Kimberly, Winston & Strawn LLP
• Avi Kupfer, Mayer Brown

**WHAT LURKS BENEATH: GROUNDWATER QUALITY RISKS FOR AGRICULTURE**

SPEAKERS: • Jim Bradbury, James D. Bradbury, PLLC
• Deric DuQuaine, MilkSource LLC • David Crass, Michael Best & Friedrich LLP • Dr. Michael Sklash, Dragun Corporation

**CURRENT ISSUES IN FOOD LAW & FOOD FEDERALISM**

SPEAKERS: • Erin Bacon, Caprock Strategies
• Alli Condra, Davis, Wright Tremaine
• Natalie Ranier, K&L Gates

**IMMIGRATION LAW: PRACTICAL ADVICE**

SPEAKERS: • Brandon Davis, Phelps
• Misty Borkowski, Hall Booth Smith, P.C.

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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**TBA****THE GOLDEN RULE: THE ONE WITH THE GOLD MAKES THE RULES (WORKING WITH LENDERS)**

SPEAKERS: • Jill Dillon, Rabo Agrifinance LLC
• Stephanie Bradley Fryer, Capital Farm Credit
• Garrett Coutts, Brady & Hamilton LLP

**ANTITRUST COMPLIANCE BASICS FOR FOOD BUSINESSES AND NON-ANTITRUST PRACTITIONERS**

SPEAKERS: • Lance Lange, Faegre Drinker
• Anna Sallstrom, Faegre Drinker

**RESPONDING EFFECTIVELY TO SOCIAL COMPLIANCE AUDITS**

SPEAKERS: • Kyla Kaplan, Olsson Frank Weeda Terman Matz PC
• Chelsea Good, Good & Associates

4:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

**NETWORKING BREAK**

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P **SACKETT V. EPA AND THE NEW WOTUS RULE: IMPLICATIONS FOR AGRICULTURE**

SPEAKERS: • Charlie Yates, Pacific Legal Foundation
• Timothy Bishop, Mayer Brown

PP **THE IMPACT OF BANKRUPTCY ON AGRICULTURAL ISSUES - A SURVEY**

SPEAKER: • Bruce Akerly, Akerly Law PLLC

FL **FOOD LABELING LITIGATION AND REGULATORY UPDATES: U.S. & CANADA**

SPEAKERS: • Michael Stark, Faegre Drinker • Tyler Young, Faegre Drinker
• Nora Faris, Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP • Julia Schatz, Bennett Jones LLP

IC **THE FARMFLUENCER FIELD GUIDE: LEGAL COMPLIANCE STRATEGIES FOR SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCERS IN AGRICULTURE**

SPEAKERS: • Tore DeBella, Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP
• Angie Krieger, Landus

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

● **SKYLINE RECEPTION**

LOCATION: The Petroleum Club
1900 N. Akard St. Ste. 1400, Dallas, TX
SPONSORED BY: Gray Reed

SATURDAY, NOV. 07

7:00 a.m.

● **REGISTRATION**

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

● **BREAKFAST (provided)**

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

● **AG POLICY UPDATE**

SPEAKER: David Grahn

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

● **LAND USE UPDATE**

SPEAKERS: • Jesse Richardson, West Virginia University - College of Law
• Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, Texas A&M University

SATURDAY, NOV. 07

- 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. ● **FEATURED PRESENTATION**
SPEAKER: Ray Starling, NC Chamber
- 9:30 a.m. - 10:20 a.m. ● **PRACTICE MAKES... PROGRESS: NAVIGATING THE EARLY YEARS OF LAW PRACTICE**
SPEAKERS: ● Regan Booth, Booth Law Co.
● Trace Justiss, Oklahoma Farm Bureau
- 10:20 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. ● **NETWORKING BREAK**
- 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. **P** **THE SAM KANE PACKER INSOLVENCY SAGA, THE PACKERS AND STOCKYARDS ACT TRUST, AND MANAGEMENT OF \$38 MILLION IN CLIENT EXPECTATIONS**
CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS
SPEAKERS: ● David LeBas, Naman, Howell, Smith & Lee
● Craig Stokes, Stokes Law Office
- PP** **FARMLAND AS A NATIONAL SECURITY ASSET: AFIDA, STATE LAWS, AND COMPLIANCE**
SPEAKERS: ● Marisa Bocci, Arnold & Porter
● Kari Larson, Arnold & Porter
- FL** **SEEDS OF SOVEREIGNTY: PROTECTING INDIGENOUS AGRICULTURE THROUGH LAW AND POLICY**
SPEAKERS: ● Jessica Roberts, Davis, Wright Tremaine LLP
● Michael Kotutwa Johnson, School of Natural Resources and the Environment ● Bree Vculek, Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox ● Jesse Lyon, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP
● Kevin Murphy, WSU Breadlab
- IC** **FIELD NOTES FROM A CHANGING PRACTICE**
SPEAKER: Justice Larry Doss, Seventh District Court of Appeals
- 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. ● **AWARDS LUNCHEON & PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**
- 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. **P** **INTERSECTION OF OBBA AND FARM BILL 2.0**
CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS
SPEAKERS: ● Justin Benavidez, Chief Economist, United States Department of Agriculture
● Sam Rogers, U.S. House Committee on Agriculture
- PP** **1031 EXCHANGES**
SPEAKERS: ● Karlee Stagner, Accruit ● Max Hansen, Accruit
● Greg Lehrmann, Excel 1031 Exchange



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2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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- FL** **FSMA AT 15**
SPEAKERS: • Steven Mandernach, Association of Food and Drug Officials • Emily Broad Leib, Harvard Law School
• Maile Gradison, Hogan Lovells
- IC** **AGRICULTURAL RISK MANAGEMENT PANEL**
SPEAKERS: • Mike Traxinger, Agtegra Cooperative
• Bradley R. Prowant, Stoel Rives LLP
• R. W. Smith, Holmes Murphy & Associates
- P** **WHEN CROPS FAIL AND COVERAGE PREVAILS: A LAWYER'S GUIDE TO FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE**
SPEAKERS: • Michael Stevens, AgriSompo North America, Inc.
• Carolyn Payne, AgriSompo North America, Inc.
• Lauren Ward, Daniel Coker Horton & Bell
- PP** **A BREWING STORM IN THE CLOUDS: LEGAL ISSUES OF DATA CENTERS ON FARMLAND**
SPEAKERS: • Paul Goeringer, University of Maryland
• Jennifer Friedel, Virginia Tech
- FL** **NAVIGATING REGULATORY TRANSITION: COMPLIANCE CHALLENGES IN THE EVOLVING LIVESTOCK FEED AND PET FOOD LANDSCAPE**
SPEAKERS: • Kitt Tovar Jensen, Kemin Industries, Inc • TBA
- IC** **"PRODUCT OF THE USA": THE COLLISION OF FEDERAL PREEMPTION, STATE CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND THE NEW COOL RULE IN TAYLOR V. JBS FOODS USA**
SPEAKER: • Amber Miller, National Pork Board
• Blair Dunn, Western Agriculture, Resource and Business Advocates, LLP

3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

● NETWORKING BREAK

3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
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- P** **AGRICULTURAL RIGHT TO REPAIR: THE CURRENT FIX**
SPEAKERS: • Ross Pifer, Penn State Dickinson Law
• Gregory Nies, SIU Simmons Law School
- PP** **FARMING DATA: LEGAL RISKS & GOVERNANCE IN AGTECH, DATA SYSTEMS, AND AI-DRIVEN AGRICULTURE**
SPEAKERS: • Regan McGuill Booth, Booth Law Co. PLLC
• Angus Skinner, Nutrien Ag Solutions



SATURDAY, NOV. 07

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E BETWEEN THE BARN AND THE BOARDROOM: ETHICS FOR ATTORNEYS IN BOARD SERVICE

SPEAKER: • Kelly Wilfert, University of Wisconsin - Madison

4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

● BOARD LISTENING SESSION

