



Student Guide to the 2026 Symposium

47th Annual Agricultural Law Educational Symposium

November 5 to 7, 2026 | Fairmont Dallas | Dallas, Texas

If you study law and you care about agriculture, this Symposium puts you in the room with the attorneys who practice it. Thursday starts with a free panel for students. The rest of the week gives you education, mentorship, and competition.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5 Co-hosted by Southern Methodist University (SMU) and located at SMU Hughes-Trigg Student Center

Career Pathways Panel – Registration Required.

11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

FREE

This panel does not include lunch.

Five attorneys explain how they built a career in agricultural law and what the work looks like day to day. The panelists are:

Kristi Boswell · Alston & Bird

Pat Dillon · Dillon Law, PC

Mike Traxinger · Agtegra Cooperative

John Dillard · Olsson Frank Weeda Terman Matz PC

Alli Condra · Davis Wright Tremaine LLP

Thursday CLE Program – Registration Required.

12:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Includes the networking lunch at 12:15 p.m.

Student fee: \$65 regular, \$70 late from October 21.

Border Landowner Issues: New World Screwworm, Landowner Liability, Statutory Attempts at Solutions

Jim Bradbury · James D. Bradbury, PLLC

Josh Winegarner · Texas Cattle Feeders Association

J. Pete Laney · The Law Offices of J. Pete Laney

Lawmen and Lawyers: When Ag Law and Criminal Law Intersect

Cahil Murchison · Braun & Gresham

Kenny Murchison · Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association

Clay McKinney · Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association

Eminent Domain

Zach Brady · Brady Hamilton LLP

- **Thursday evening full symposium events:** Meet fellow law students, AALA Board members and long-time AALA members at the **Students and New Member Reception** held exclusively for students and new members, then head to the **Welcome Reception** to make more connections.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- **Student Mentorship Luncheon.** Sit down with practicing attorneys who answer your questions.
- **Networking breaks through the day.** Talk with attorneys, professors, and other students between sessions.
- **Skyline Reception, Dallas Petroleum Club.** Enjoy appetizers, drinks and conversations overlooking the Dallas skyline.
- **Student Trivia Competition.** Test your knowledge and put your law school on the map at this Symposium favorite. The competition is fast and friendly, and it is one of the best ways to meet other students.
Open to law students who register for the Symposium. Pre-registration for the competition is not necessary. Form a team in advance or enter alone and join an assigned team at the competition.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- **3L Breakfast.** 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. Meet other students in their third year of law school. Open to registered Symposium attendees. No RSVP is necessary. Come hungry and start building your network before the educational sessions kick off.
- **Practice Makes... Progress: Navigating the Early Years of Law Practice.** 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Hear from a panel of attorneys about navigating the first five years of practice and how to prepare.
Moderated by: Regan Booth and Trace Justiss
Panelists to be announced closer to the Symposium.
- **Awards Luncheon and the President's Address.** Student writing competition and scholarship winners are recognized here. Celebrate the year with the members you met in Dallas.

REGISTRATION

Registration	Regular	Late, from October 21
Career Pathways Panel only, students	Free	Free
Thursday CLE Program, students	\$65	\$70
Full Symposium, AALA member, students	\$210	\$240
Full Symposium, nonmember, students	\$240	\$284

Late rates start October 21, 2026. The Thursday CLE Program has a separate fee. You must pay that fee even if you register for the full Symposium.

See the full education program for all three days: aglaw-assn.org/featured/2026-annual-educational-symposium

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