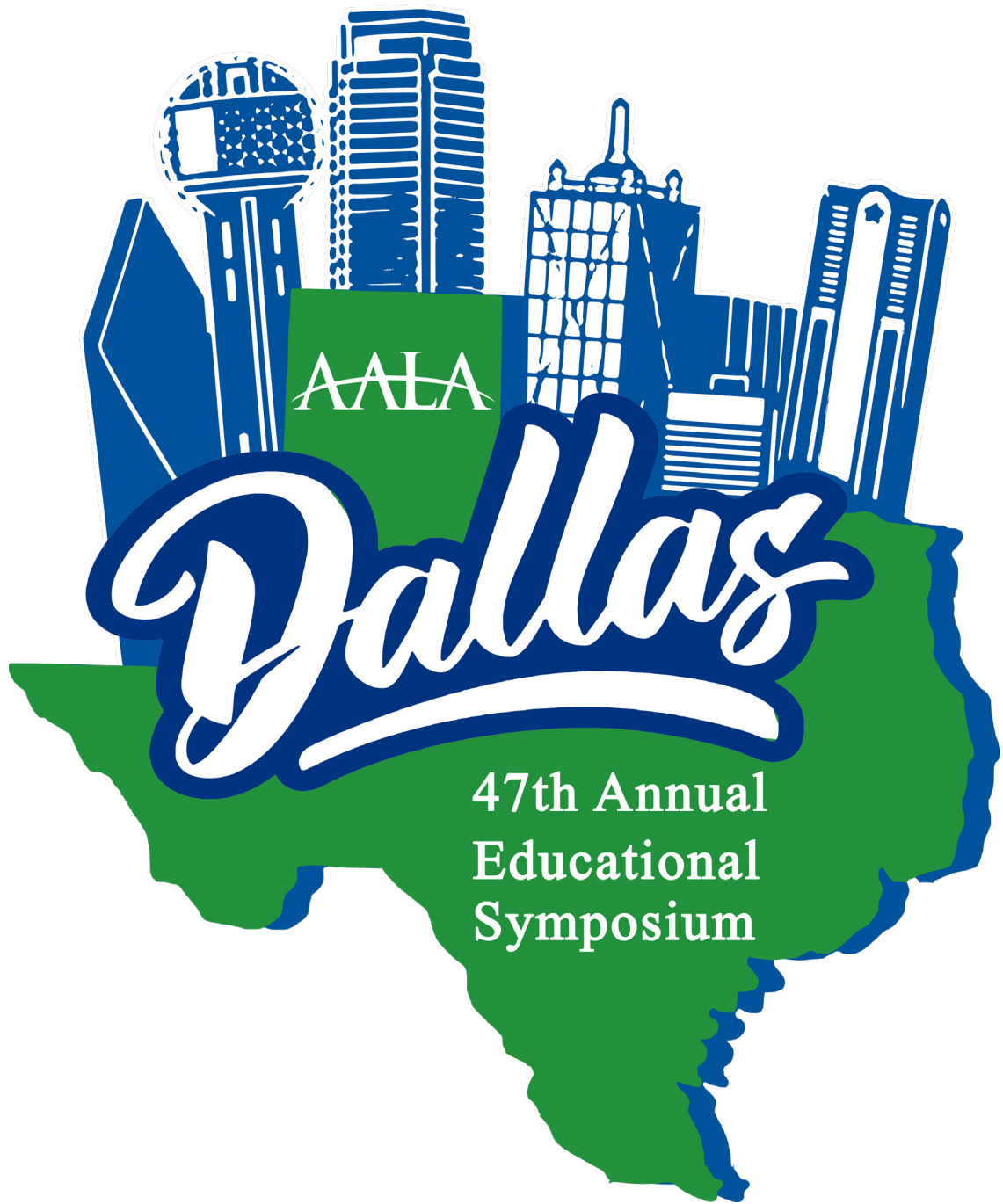




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**47th ANNUAL AALA
EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIUM**
NOVEMBER 5 – 7, 2026
The Fairmont | Dallas, TX

Agenda

47th Annual AALA Educational Symposium

2026 AGENDA

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 Dedman School of Law & Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute's Energy, Environment & Natural Resources Research Cluster 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)

● Mike Traxinger, Agtegra Cooperative ● John Dillard, Olsson Frank Weeda Terman Matz PC ● Alli Condra, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP
SPEAKERS: ● Kristi Boswell, Alston & Bird ● Pat Dillon, Dillon Law PC

12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. ●

THURSDAY CLE PROGRAM: BORDER LANDOWNER ISSUES: NEW WORLD SCREWORM, 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

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. ●

THURSDAY CLE PROGRAM: LAWYERS & LAWYERS: WHEN AG LAW & CRIMINAL LAW INTERSECT

SPEAKERS: ● Cahil Murchison, Johnson City, Texas
● Kenny Murchison, TSCRA ● Clay McKinney, TSCRA

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. ●

THURSDAY CLE PROGRAM: EMINENT DOMAIN

SPEAKER: ● Zach Brady, Brady Hamilton LLP

THURSDAY, NOV. 05

- 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. ● **STUDENTS & NEW MEMBER RECEPTION**
LOCATION: Fairmont Dallas, Texas
- 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 LAW UPDATE**
SPEAKER: Kristine Tidgren, Center for Agricultural Law and Taxation
- 9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. ● **FINANCE LAW UPDATE**
SPEAKER: Jeff Peterson, Winthrop & Weinstine
- 10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. ● **NETWORKING BREAK**
- 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. ● **THIS MOVIE IS RATED MPRC: ETHICS GOES TO THE MOVIES**
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! <i>or</i> STUDENT LUNCHEON SPONSORED BY North Carolina Farm Bureau and Mississippi Farm Bureau
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	P	CONSTITUTIONAL LAW UPDATE SPEAKERS: • Travis Cushman, American Farm Bureau Federation • Michael Kimberly, Winston Taylor • Michael Scodro, Mayer Brown LLP
CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS	PP	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
	FL	CURRENT ISSUES IN FOOD LAW & FOOD FEDERALISM SPEAKERS: • Erin Bacon, Caprock Strategies • Alli Condra, Davis Wright Tremaine • Natalie Rainer, Steptoe
	IC	IMMIGRATION LAW: PRACTICAL ADVICE • SPEAKERS: • Brandon Davis, Phelps • Misty Borkowski, Hall Booth Smith, P.C.
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	P	INTERSECTION OF OBBBA AND FARM BILL 2.0 SPEAKERS: • Justin Benavidez, Chief Economist, United States Department of Agriculture • Sam Rogers, U.S. House Committee on Agriculture • Dr. Bart Fischer, Agriculture and Food Policy Center at Texas A&M University
CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS	PP	THE GOLDEN RULE: THE ONE WITH THE GOLD MAKES THE RULES (WORKING WITH LENDERS) SPEAKERS: • Jill Dillon, Rabo Agrifinance LLC • Stephanie Bradley Fryer, Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma • Garrett Coutts, Brady & Hamilton LLP
	FL	ANTITRUST COMPLIANCE BASICS FOR FOOD BUSINESSES AND NON-ANTITRUST PRACTITIONERS SPEAKERS: • Lance Lange, Faegre Drinker • Anna Sallstrom, Faegre Drinker
	IC	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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4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
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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 • Courtney Briggs, American Farm Bureau Federation

PP THE IMPACT OF BANKRUPTCY ON AGRICULTURAL ISSUES - A SURVEY

SPEAKER: • Bruce Akerly, Akerly Law PLLC • Robert N. Loughran, Akerly Law PLLC • Robert Yaquinto, Chapter 7 Trustee, Northern District of Texas

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)

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

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

AG POLICY LAW UPDATE

SPEAKER: David Grahn

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

LAND USE LAW 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: THE BIGGER PICTURE FOR AG LAW IN AN AGE OF REVOLT, RE-SORTING, AND RECONSTRUCTION
SPEAKER: Ray Starling, NC Chamber

9:30 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.

PRACTICE MAKES... PROGRESS: NAVIGATING THE EARLY YEARS OF LAW PRACTICE

MODERATORS: • Regan Booth, Booth Law Co.
• Trace Justiss, Villa Terra Consulting (Speakers TBD)

10:20 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

NETWORKING BREAK

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
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THE SAM KANE PACKER INSOLVENCY SAGA, THE PACKERS AND STOCKYARDS ACT TRUST, AND MANAGEMENT OF \$38 MILLION IN CLIENT EXPECTATIONS

SPEAKERS: • David LeBas, Naman, Howell, Smith & Lee
• Craig Stokes, Stokes Law Office

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FARMLAND AS A NATIONAL SECURITY ASSET: AFIDA, STATE LAWS, AND COMPLIANCE

SPEAKERS: • Marisa Bocci, Arnold & Porter
• Kari Larson, Arnold & Porter • Jennifer Zwagerman, Agricultural Law Center at Drake Law School

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SEEDS OF SOVEREIGNTY: PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION AND INDIGENOUS AGRICULTURE

SPEAKERS: • Jessica Roberts, Davis, Wright Tremaine LLP
• Jesse Lyon, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP • Rebecca Tsosie, University of Arizona • Michelle Bos, Michelle Bos Legal LLC

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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.
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USDA DEVELOPMENTS NOT IN THE HEADLINES

SPEAKERS: • Rachel Armstrong, Farm Commons • Scott Carlson, Farmers' Legal Action Group, Inc. • Lauren Wustenberg, Fork Legal Design, PLLC • Facilitator: Stephen Carpenter, Farmers' Legal Action Group, Inc.

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1031 Exchanges in Practice: Legal Framework, Rural Applications, and Evolving Compliance Considerations

SPEAKERS: • Max Hansen, Accruit • Greg Lehrmann, Excel 1031 Exchange



SATURDAY, NOV. 07

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 • Brad Deacon, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development • Mary Grywatch, 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 • Amy White, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

IC "PRODUCT OF THE USA": THE COLLISION OF FEDERAL PREEMPTION, STATE CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND THE NEW COOL RULE IN *TAYLOR V. JBS FOODS USA*
SPEAKERS: • 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
• Gus Skinner, Nutrien Ag Solutions



SATURDAY, NOV. 07

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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

