



Registration Packet

46th ANNUAL AALA
EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIUM
NOVEMBER 5 – 7, 2025

WELCOME! TO THE

46th Annual AALA Educational Symposium

EDUCATIONAL TRACKS

- P **POLICY TRACK**
- IC **IN-HOUSE/CORPORATE COUNSEL TRACK**
- PP **PRIVATE PRACTITIONER TRACK**
- E **ETHICS TRACK**
- FL **FOOD LAW TRACK**

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 05

- 8:00 a.m. ● REGISTRATION
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. ● STATE AGENCY ATTORNEYS MEETING (invitation only)
- 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. ● SESSION 1 - THREE STATES, ONE RESOURCE: WATER LAW CHALLENGES IN AGRICULTURE
SPEAKERS: Jim Bradbury, Brianna Schroeder
- 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. ● WORKING LUNCH (provided)
"GRAB AND GO" TO THE NEXT SESSION
- 12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. ● E SESSION 2 - UNDER PRESSURE: MENTAL HEALTH AND ETHICS IN AG LAW
SPEAKERS: Shannon Ferrell
- 1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. ● SESSION 3 - FARM NEWS FROM THE HILL
SPEAKERS: Dr. Justin Benavidez
- 2:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. ● PUTT PUTT GOLF ROUND
- 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. ● SYMPOSIUM WELCOME RECEPTION
- 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. ● STUDENTS & FIRST-TIMERS SOCIAL: HOW TO GET THE MOST FROM THE SYMPOSIUM
- 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. ● EVENING ACTIVITY TBA



THURSDAY, 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.	● SESSION 4A - FOOD LAW UPDATE SPEAKER: Susan Schneider, University of Arkansas School of Law, Fayetteville, AR
8:45 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.	● SESSION 4B - AG LAW POLICY UPDATE SPEAKER: David Grahn, Arlington, VA
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	● STUDENT TRIVIA COMPETITION
9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	● SESSION 5 - AGRIBUSINESS AND LABOR LAW SPEAKERS: • Brandon Davis, Phelps Dunar LLP, New Orleans, LA • Misty Wilson Borkowski, Hall Booth Smith. P.C., Little Rock, AR • Jamie Fussell, Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association, Maitland, FL
10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	● NETWORKING BREAK
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	● SESSION 6 - CONSTITUTIONAL & APPELLATE LAW UPDATE SPEAKERS: • Michael Kimberly, Winston & Strawn • Damien Schiff, Pacific Legal Foundation, Sacramento, CA
11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	● SESSION 6A - ENVIRONMENTAL LAW UPDATE SPEAKER: Anthony Schutz
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	● LUNCH (on your own) & STUDENT LUNCHEON
1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	● SESSION 7A - AG FINANCE UPDATE SPEAKER: Jeff Peterson, Winthrop & Weinstine, P.A., St. Cloud, MN
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	● SESSION 7B - PAUL E. BRIERLEY, DIRECTOR OF THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



THURSDAY, NOV. 06

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
CONCURRENT
BREAKOUT
SESSIONS

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SESSION 8A - IMPLEMENTING THE MAHA AGENDA

SPEAKER: Matt Herrick, Timothy Bishop, Royal Gardner

PP

SESSION 8B - WIND/SOLAR FARM DEVELOPMENT EASEMENT/ LEASE AGREEMENTS, SITING, AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS UPDATE

SPEAKERS: • Kathleen Law • Dr. Shannon Ferrell • Paul Goeringer

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SESSION 8C - ANTITRUST COMPLIANCE BASICS FOR FOOD & AGRIBUSINESS BUSINESSES AND ASSOCIATIONS

SPEAKER: TBA

IC

SESSION 8D - PREPARING FOR DOL, WAGE & HOUR, H-2A, I-9, ANDE-VERIFY AUDITS

SPEAKER: Julie Pace

3:30 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

NETWORKING BREAK

3:40 p.m - 4:40 p.m.
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SESSION 9A - HOW DOES ARIZONA EXIST? A HISTORIC AND HOLISTIC APPROACH TO WATER SECURITY

SPEAKERS: • Chelsea McGuire • Victoria Okula Samwick

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SESSION 9B - FARMING THROUGH THE FINANCIAL STORM: WHAT DIVING INTO BANKRUPTCY FILING DATA HAS FOR AGRICULTURAL ATTORNEYS

SPEAKERS: • Paul Goeringer • Adam Rabinowitz

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SESSION 9C - COMBINE PFAS IN AGRICULTURE--IMPLICATIONS IN TEXAS AND BEYOND AND PFAS IN BIOSOLIDS -- TECHNOLOGY AND LEGAL LIABILITY

SPEAKERS: • Jason Hill • Tiffany Dowell Lashmet • Thomas Parker

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SESSION 9D - WHEN HEADLINES HIT: THE INTERSECTION OF CRISIS COMMUNICATIONS AND AGRICULTURE LAW

SPEAKERS: • Angie Krieger • Jacque Matsen • Hannah Thompson Weem

4:40 p.m. - 5:10 p.m.

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ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SPONSORED BY: Brick Gentry



THURSDAY, NOV. 06

5:10 p.m. - 6:10 p.m.
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SESSIONS

P **SESSION 10A - CONSEQUENCES TO AGRICULTURAL LENDERS OF DEVELOPING WESTERN GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT**
SPEAKER: Eugene Massa Jr.

PP **SESSION 10B - THE RURAL LAWYER: HOW TO INCENTIVIZE RURAL LAW PRACTICE AND HELP SMALL COMMUNITIES THRIVE**
SPEAKERS: • Hannah Haksgaard • Anthony Schutz

FL **SESSION 10C - ANIMAL/PET FOOD REGULATIONS & "MAHA"**
SPEAKERS: • Kyla Kaplan • Kitt Tovar Jensen

IC **SESSION 10D - WATER AND ZONING NEEDS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT ALONGSIDE AGRICULTURE**
SPEAKER: Hannes Zetzsche

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

● **AALA RECEPTION**
LOCATION: TBA

FRIDAY, NOV. 07

7:15 a.m.

● **REGISTRATION**

7:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.

● **BREAKFAST (provided)**

7:45 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.

● **SESSION 11A - LAND USE AND RESOURCE LAW**
SPEAKER: Jesse Richardson

8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

● **SESSION 11B - TAX LAW UPDATE**
SPEAKER: Kristine Tidgren



FRIDAY, NOV. 07

8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

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**SESSION 11C - THE BEST REASON OF WISE MEN:
THE PRACTICE OF LAW ACCORDING TO LINCOLN**
SPEAKER: Jim Bradbury

9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

NETWORKING BREAK

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
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**SESSION 12A - LANDS IN TRANSITION: LAND USE, ZONING,
AND THE NEXT GENERATION**
SPEAKERS: • Josh Bailey • Matthew Ormiston

PP

**SESSION 12B - LITIGATION POSSIBLE: THE (SOMETIMES)
FINAL RECKONING**
SPEAKER: Scott Brown

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**SESSION 12C - 25 YEARS IN: IS ORGANIC READY TO
GROW UP?**
SPEAKER: Marni Karlin

IC

**SESSION 12D - AGRI STATS, INFORMATION SHARING, AND
ALGORITHMIC PRICING: APPLICATIONS TO AGRICULTURE –
UPDATE**
SPEAKER: Mark Tobey

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
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**SESSION 13A - RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES: EMERG-
ING POLICY ONSITING AND PERMITTING**
SPEAKER: Robert Andrew Branan

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**SESSION 13B - BUILDING A STRONG HERBICIDE
DRIFT CASE**
SPEAKERS: • Don Downing • Jack Downing

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**SESSION 13C - EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY
(EPR) FOR FOOD PACKAGING: "I HAVE TO DO WHAT?"**
SPEAKERS: • Olivier Jamin • John Dillard • Kyla Kaplan

IC

**SESSION 13D - ALMONDS, BLUEBERRIES, & CHARDONNAY:
THE ABCS OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND PERMANENT
CROPS**
SPEAKERS: • Marisa Bocci • Kari Larson

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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AWARDS LUNCHEON + PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS



FRIDAY, NOV. 07

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

● KEYNOTE ADDRESS
SPEAKER: Dean Stacy Leeds

2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

● NETWORKING BREAK

2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
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SESSION 14A - FOOD AND AG TRADE POLICY UPDATE
SPEAKERS: • Peter Tabor • Bobbi Jo Shannon

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SESSION 14B - ANIMAL DISEASE TRACEABILITY - FEDERAL
AND STATE REQUIREMENTS, HISTORY, 2024 ELECTRONIC
IDENTIFICATION RULE, & FUTURE POTENTIAL
SPEAKERS: • Chelsea K Good • Austin Vincent • Tiffany
Dowell Lashmet

FL

SESSION 14C - FRACTURING OF FOOD REGULATION: THE
SURGE IN STATE FOOD REGULATORY SCHEMES
SPEAKERS: • Natalie Rainer • Alli Condra

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SESSION 14D - CAN I FIX THIS? NO YOU CAN'T!: THE RIGHT
TO REPAIR IN THE FACE OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
RIGHTS
SPEAKER: • Brooke Schumm III • Corinne Marie Pouliquen, Esq.

3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

● BOARD LISTENING SESSION



GENERAL INFORMATION

AALA will host its 46th Annual Agricultural Law Educational Symposium on November 6-7, 2025, at the [Westin Kierland Resort in Scottsdale, AZ](#).

Pre-conference session (additional registration required) will be offered again the day before the conference kicks off. Please plan to join us on Wednesday, November 5.

REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION FOR ALL ATTENDEES

Regular rates will be available through October 20. Starting October 21, late fees will go into effect. **Note:** Members must be logged into the [Member Site](#) to order Member-priced tickets.

SPECIAL NOTE

PLEASE NOTE: AALA may reduce the symposium registration fees for a limited number of its members who require financial assistance. To request a reduced registration fee, AALA members who hold a current, paid membership must contact the symposium planning chair at info@aglaw-assn.org by August 8 and provide a brief statement and relevant information to support their request. Requests for reduced registration fees will be considered on a case-by-case basis by a group of planning committee members. All information submitted as part of a reduced registration fee request will be held in strict confidence. Members who are approved to receive a reduced registration fee will be contacted by August 22. Nonmembers are ineligible to request reduced registration fees.

2025 Symposium Ticket Prices Thursday & Friday			
		Regular	Late ¹
Standard	Member	\$555	\$650
	Nonmember	\$750	\$880
Government, Academic ² , Nonprofit, New Career ³	Member	\$505	\$590
	Nonmember	\$700 (activates membership)	\$820 (activates membership)
Speaker	Member	\$350	\$410
	Nonmember	\$550	\$650
Student	Member	\$180	\$210
	Nonmember	\$210 (activates membership)	\$250 (activates membership)
Guest ⁴		\$275	\$320
Bonus CLE Content: Wednesday Afternoon			
Standard (Member or Nonmember)		\$135	\$155
Government, Academic ² , Nonprofit, New Career ³ (Member or Nonmember)		\$110	\$130
Student (Member or Nonmember)		\$55	\$60

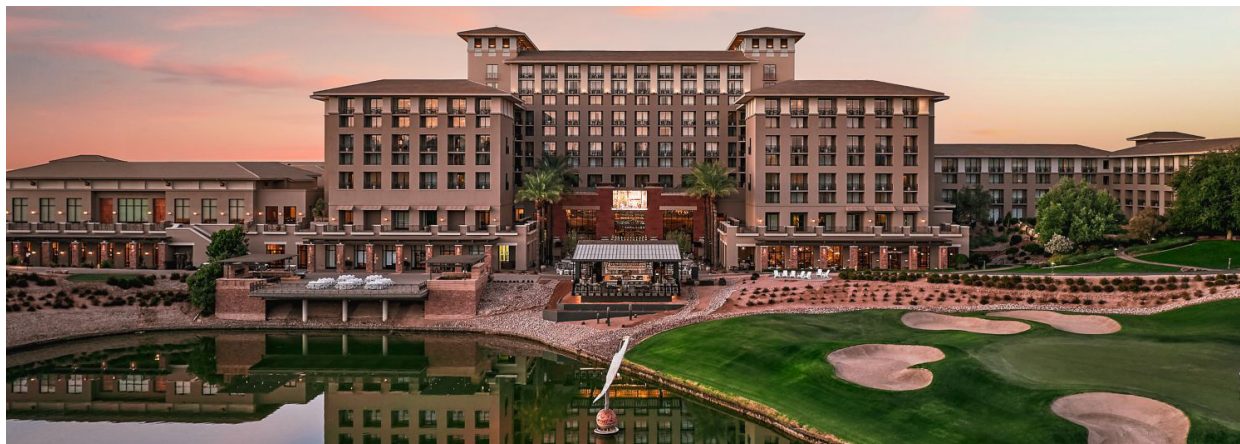
¹ Takes effect October 21, 2025

² Public or private

³ Less than 5 years of professional experience

⁴ Not eligible for CLE

HOTEL INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS



HOTEL RESERVATIONS for the **46th Annual AALA Educational Symposium** at the [Westin Kierland Resort in Scottsdale, AZ](#)

To reserve a room at the special group rate of **\$342 per night** plus 12.57% tax, please call the group reservation department at **480-624-1000** and request the “**2025 AALA Symposium**” **group rate**.

You may also reserve your room online using our [personalized reservation website](#).

We recommend booking early to ensure availability.

SYMPOSIUM CANCELLATION POLICY

The CANCELLATION POLICY for 2025 is as follows:

- Cancel through September 10 for a **full refund less a \$50** administrative fee.
- Cancel September 11 through October 21 (the first day of late registration) for a **50% refund**.
- Cancellation after October 21 is **not refundable**.

NOTE: At any time, registrations may be transferred to another person in the same organization at no additional cost.

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