



*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 - 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 - UNDER PRESSURE: MENTAL HEALTH AND ETHICS IN AG LAW  
SPEAKER: Shannon Ferrell
- 1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. ● SESSION - FARM NEWS FROM THE HILL  
SPEAKER: Dr. Justin Benavidez
- 2:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. ● PUTT PUTT GOLF ROUND  
5-hole Putt-Putt Golf course reserved for AALA at the Kierland Resort. Network with peers over drinks and friendly competition in a relaxed, scenic setting.
- 4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. ● STUDENTS & FIRST-TIMERS SOCIAL: HOW TO GET THE MOST FROM THE SYMPOSIUM
- 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. ● SYMPOSIUM WELCOME RECEPTION



# 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  
MODERATOR: Travis Cushman  
SPEAKERS: ● Michael Kimberly, Winston & Strawn ● Damien Schiff, Pacific Legal Foundation, Sacramento, CA
- 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. ● SESSION 7A - 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 7B - AG FINANCE UPDATE  
SPEAKER: Jeff Peterson, Winthrop & Weinstine, P.A., St. Cloud, MN
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. ● SESSION 8 - PAUL E. BRIERLEY, DIRECTOR OF THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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# THURSDAY, NOV. 06

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

**P** **SESSION 9A - IMPLEMENTING THE MAHA AGENDA**  
SPEAKER: Matt Herrick, Timothy Bishop, Royal Gardner

**PP** **SESSION 9B - WIND/SOLAR FARM DEVELOPMENT EASEMENT/  
LEASE AGREEMENTS, SITING, AND ECONOMIC  
IMPACTS UPDATE**  
SPEAKERS: • Kathleen Law • Dr. Shannon Ferrell • Paul Goeringer

**FL** **SESSION 9C - ANTITRUST COMPLIANCE BASICS FOR FOOD &  
AGRIBUSINESS BUSINESSES AND ASSOCIATIONS**  
SPEAKER: TBA

**IC** **SESSION 9D - 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.  
CONCURRENT  
BREAKOUT  
SESSIONS

**P** **SESSION 10A - HOW DOES ARIZONA EXIST? A HISTORIC AND  
HOLISTIC APPROACH TO WATER SECURITY**  
SPEAKERS: • Chelsea McGuire • Victoria Okula Samwick

**PP** **SESSION 10B - FARMING THROUGH THE FINANCIAL STORM:  
WHAT DIVING INTO BANKRUPTCY FILING DATA HAS FOR  
AGRICULTURAL ATTORNEYS**  
SPEAKERS: • Paul Goeringer • Adam Rabinowitz • Will Secor  
• Nancy Whaley

**FL** **SESSION 10C - 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

**IC** **SESSION 10D - WHEN HEADLINES HIT: THE INTERSECTION OF  
CRISIS COMMUNICATIONS AND AGRICULTURE LAW**  
MODERATOR: Angie Krieger  
SPEAKERS: • Hannah Thompson Weeman • Jacque Matsen  
• Chelsea Good

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

● **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**  
SPONSORED BY: Brick Gentry



## THURSDAY, NOV. 06

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

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**SESSION 11A - CONSEQUENCES TO AGRICULTURAL  
LENDERS OF DEVELOPING WESTERN GROUNDWATER  
MANAGEMENT**  
 SPEAKER: Gage Hart Zobell, Dorsey & Whitney, LLP
- PP
**SESSION 11B - THE RURAL LAWYER: HOW TO INCENTIVIZE  
RURAL LAW PRACTICE AND HELP SMALL COMMUNITIES  
THRIVE**  
 SPEAKERS: • Hannah Haksgaard • Anthony Schutz
- FL
**SESSION 11C - ANIMAL/PET FOOD REGULATIONS  
& “MAHA”**  
 SPEAKERS: • Kyla Kaplan • Kitt Tovar Jensen
- IC
**SESSION 11D - WATER AND ZONING NEEDS FOR FUTURE  
DEVELOPMENT ALONGSIDE AGRICULTURE**  
 SPEAKER: Hannes Zetzsche

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

- **AALA RECEPTION**  
 LOCATION: SCOTTSDALE HANGAR ONE  
 Join us for an evening at Scottsdale Hangar One, a premier private jet hangar known for its world-class design and distinctive setting. Savor a stunning grazing charcuterie board of fresh, locally-sourced ingredients and enjoy a full bar with modern cocktails in this one-of-a-kind aviation-inspired venue.

## 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 12A - LAND USE AND RESOURCE LAW UPDATE**  
 SPEAKER: Jesse Richardson

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

- **SESSION 12B - TAX LAW UPDATE**  
 SPEAKER: Kristine Tidgren



# FRIDAY, NOV. 07

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

**E**

**SESSION 13 - 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.  
CONCURRENT  
BREAKOUT  
SESSIONS

**P**

**SESSION 14A - LANDS IN TRANSITION: LAND USE, ZONING,  
AND THE NEXT GENERATION**

SPEAKERS: • Josh Bailey • Matthew Ormiston

**PP**

**SESSION 14B - LITIGATION POSSIBLE: THE (SOMETIMES)  
FINAL RECKONING**

SPEAKER: Scott Brown

**FL**

**SESSION 14C - 25 YEARS IN: IS ORGANIC READY TO  
GROW UP?**

SPEAKER: Marni Karlin

**IC**

**SESSION 14D - AGRI STATS, INFORMATION SHARING, AND  
ALGORITHMIC PRICING: APPLICATIONS TO AGRICULTURE –  
UPDATE**

SPEAKER: Mark Tobey

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
CONCURRENT  
BREAKOUT  
SESSIONS

**P**

**SESSION 15A - RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES: EMERG-  
ING POLICY ONSITING AND PERMITTING**

SPEAKER: Robert Andrew Branan

**PP**

**SESSION 15B - BUILDING A STRONG HERBICIDE  
DRIFT CASE**

SPEAKERS: • Don Downing • Jack Downing

**FL**

**SESSION 15C - EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY  
(EPR) FOR FOOD PACKAGING: "I HAVE TO DO WHAT?"**

SPEAKERS: • Olivier Jamin • John Dillard • Kyla Kaplan

**IC**

**SESSION 15D - 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.  
CONCURRENT  
BREAKOUT  
SESSIONS

**P** SESSION 14A - FOOD AND AG TRADE POLICY UPDATE  
SPEAKERS: • Peter Tabor • BJ Shannon

**PP** 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

**IC** 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

AAALA 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: AAALA may reduce the symposium registration fees for a limited number of its members who require financial assistance. To request a reduced registration fee, AAALA members who hold a current, paid membership must contact the symposium planning chair at [info@aglaw-assn.org](mailto: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 <sup>1</sup>
Standard	Member	\$555	\$650
	Nonmember	\$750	\$880
Government, Academic <sup>2</sup> , Nonprofit, New Career <sup>3</sup>	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 <sup>4</sup>		\$275	\$320
Bonus CLE Content: Wednesday Afternoon			
Standard (Member or Nonmember)		\$135	\$155
Government, Academic <sup>2</sup> , Nonprofit, New Career <sup>3</sup> (Member or Nonmember)		\$110	\$130
Student (Member or Nonmember)		\$55	\$60

<sup>1</sup> Takes effect October 21, 2025

<sup>2</sup> Public or private

<sup>3</sup> Less than 5 years of professional experience

<sup>4</sup> 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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