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**47th ANNUAL AALA  
EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIUM**  
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The Fairmont | Dallas, TX

# Welcome!

## 47th 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

## 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**

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LOCATION: Southern Methodist University | Dallas, TX

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. ● CAREER PATHWAYS PANEL (FREE TO ATTEND)

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

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. ● LAWYERS & LAWYERS: WHEN AG LAW & CRIMINAL  
LAW INTERSECT  
SPEAKERS: ● Cahil Murchison, Braun & Gresham  
● Kenny Murchison, TSCA ● 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



# 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. ● 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.  
CONCURRENT  
BREAKOUT  
SESSIONS

**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 and Friedrich LLP • Michael Sklash, Dragun Corp.

**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 Agri Finance  
• Stephanie Bradley Fryer, Stephanie Bradley Fryer PLLC  
• Garrett Coutts • Zach Brady, Brady & Hamilton LLP

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

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

**RESPONDING EFFECTIVELY TO SOCIAL COMPLIANCE AUDITS**

SPEAKERS: • Kyla Kaplan, OFW Law  
• Chelsea Good, Good & Associates



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

● NETWORKING BREAK

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

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

SPEAKER: ● Bruce Akerly, Akerly Law

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

SPEAKERS: ● Michael Stark, Faegre ● Tyler Young, Faegre  
● Nora Faris, Bennett Law KC Julia Schatz, ● Bennett Jones LLP

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

SPEAKERS: ● Tore DeBella, Faegre ● Angie Krieger, Landus

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

● SKYLINE RECEPTION  
LOCATION: The Petroleum Club  
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. **CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS**
- P** **THE SAM KANE PACKER INSOLVENCY SAGA, THE PACKERS AND STOCKYARDS ACT TRUST, AND MANAGEMENT OF \$38 MILLION IN CLIENT EXPECTATIONS--MILK AGGITATION**  
SPEAKERS: ● David LeBas, Naman Howell  
● 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, Core Faculty, Indigenous Resilience Center  
● 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. **CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS**
- P** **INTERSECTION OF OBBA AND FARM BILL 2.0**  
SPEAKERS: ● Justin Benavidez, Chief Economist, United States House Committee on Agriculture  
● Sam Rogers, U.S. House Committee on Agriculture
- PP** **1031 EXCHANGES**  
SPEAKERS: ● Karlee Stagner, Accruit ● Max Hansen, Accruit  
● Greg Lehrmann, Excel 1031 Exchange



## SATURDAY, NOV. 07

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
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**FL FMSA 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 • 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.  
CONCURRENT  
BREAKOUT

**P AGRICULTURAL RIGHT TO REPAIR: THE CURRENT FIX**  
SPEAKERS: • Ross Pifer, Dickinson Law  
Gregory Nies, 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, Skinner Law, LLC

# SATURDAY, NOV. 07

FL TBA

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

SPEAKER: • Kelly Wilfert, University of Wisconsin

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

● BOARD LISTENING SESSION

