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COSTELLO RECEIVES AALA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



Patrick K. Costello, Partner, at Costello, Carlson, Butzon & Schmit, LLP received the Distinguished Service Award from the American Agricultural Law Association (AALA) on November 9th during the association's annual conference in Washington, D.C.

“Pat has been a long-time member of AALA, serving in a variety of ways, including his service as President of AALA. Pat has attended 39 AALA annual meetings! Pat’s legal career has been dedicated to the agricultural community and legal profession; his leadership in the AALA has been critical to its success and longevity. We are proud to recognize Pat for his service, leadership, and dedication to AALA,” said Amber Miller, AALA president.

The Distinguished Service Award is given annually to an AALA member for contributions to the organization and to agricultural law. The award recipient, chosen by the three most recent Distinguished Service Award winners, is selected based upon consistent demonstration of dedication to furthering the development of agricultural law, strengthening the legal profession, increasing the size and influence of AALA, and fulfilling the law-related information needs of lawyers and citizens alike.

Patrick Costello is a nationally recognized authority on taxation, estate planning, business planning, and agricultural law. He is a member of the Minnesota, Iowa, and Nebraska Bar. Costello is the Past President of the American Agricultural Law Association and received the AALA Excellence in Agricultural Law Award for Private Practice in 2012. He is a Fellow in the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and a Director of the Minnesota State Bar Foundation.

Mr. Costello has served on the Board of Governors of the Minnesota State Bar Association and chaired its



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Sections on Agricultural Law and Outstate Practice. He is author of numerous continuing legal education articles on agricultural law and taxation. In the American Bar Association, he served as co-chair of the Animal Law Committee of the Section of Tort, Trial and Insurance Practice and is a member of the Real Property, Trust and Estate Section. Since 1977, he has practiced law in his home town of Lakefield, Minnesota as a member of the 12th oldest law firm in the State of Minnesota.

Established in 1980, the American Agricultural Law Association is a national professional association serving as the premier association for agricultural law and policy professionals. Its mission is informing and engaging the law and policy professionals who serve all facets of the agricultural and food communities. For more information, visit aglaw-assn.org.