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### **Kromka Receives AALA Award for Scholarship**

Nicholas Kromka received a writing award from the American Agricultural Law Association on Oct. 26 during the association's annual conference in Portland, Oregon.

“The AALA recognizes both a student and professional member for excellence in scholarly writing, relevance to agriculture, and the impact of the topic on agricultural law,” said Jennifer Zwagerman, AALA president.

Kromka serves as a law clerk in New York. He received the AALA Student Scholarship Award for his article, “GMOs, Genetically Modified Organisms or Genuinely Mixed Opinions: A Reasonable Consumer’s Understanding of the Terms GMO and Non-GMO, and the Struggle to Set a Standard,” which was published in the Seton Hall Law Review in 2017 while Kromka was a second-year law student.

He earned his Juris Doctorate in May 2018 from Seton Hall University School of Law and served as senior editor of the Seton Hall Law Review. Kromka was a student advocate for the Seton Hall University School of Law’s Conflict Management Program. Under the program, he assisted pro se clients in mediations in the Southern District of New York and a settlement conference in the District of New Jersey. Kromka graduated summa cum laude with his bachelor’s degree in 2014 from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

“Nicholas’ article is a well-researched and interesting look at how consumer perceptions of GMOs affect how the terms “GMO” or “non-GMO” should be defined for purposes of deceptive food-labeling claims,” Zwagerman said.

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](http://aglaw-assn.org).