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McAfee Receives AALA Excellence in Agricultural Law in Private Practice Award

Eldon McAfee of Brick Gentry PC received Excellence in Agricultural Law in Private Practice Award from the American Agricultural Law Association on Oct. 26 during the association's annual conference in Portland, Oregon.

The AALA's Excellence in Agricultural Law Awards recognize AALA members for outstanding contributions to the legal profession and the agricultural community. These awards may acknowledge members from professional sectors, including private practice, academia, government and non-governmental organizations.

"Eldon has long been a leader in representing the interests of agricultural producers, both in Des Moines and beyond," AALA President Jennifer Zwagerman of Drake University Law School. "It is a deserving honor for someone who is so passionate about his work and the industry."

McAfee is a member of the AALA and served on the AALA Board of Directors from 2005 to 2008. He also is a member of the Polk County Bar Association, the Iowa State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. He serves as board member of the Drake Neighborhood Association and has served on the board of the Neighborhood Development Corp.

McAfee's honors include Drake Law's 150 in 150, Des Moines Neighbors' 2018 Volunteer of the Year, Outstanding Alumni of the Drake University Agricultural Law Center, and Honorary Master Pork Producer by the Iowa Pork Producers Association. Prior to joining Brick Gentry PC, he was an attorney with Beving, Swanson & Forrest P.C. in Des Moines, Iowa, for 24 years.

Raised on a farm near Atlantic, Iowa, McAfee graduated from Iowa State University in farm operations in 1977. After dairying for 10 years in Iowa, he attended Drake University Law School in the agricultural law program, graduating in 1991. McAfee's law practice has focused on agricultural law, and he is now recognized as one of Iowa's preeminent attorneys, authors and presenters in agricultural law.

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.

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