

California Agriculture Museum and Heidrick Ag History

Just north of Sacramento, the Heidrick Ag History Center serves as a backdrop for the programs in Woodland, California. Participants may tour the museum and admire the rare examples of tractors, harvesters, trucks, autos, horse-drawn implements and other artifacts that tell the California agricultural story.

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Woodland, CA 95776
www.aghistory.org

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Holiday Inn Express

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The American Agricultural Law Association in partnership with the Agribusiness Committee and Food Law Committee of the State Bar are pleased to announce an all-day conference in Sacramento on emerging topics of interest to agricultural lawyers.

Registration:

\$245 postmarked by May 29th

\$295 postmarked May 30th or later

Students - \$75 registration

Lunch included in registration fee

Keynote lunch speaker – separate
admission & fee for non-
attendees (more details later)

Food Appreciation Dinner—\$75

We have an experience designed to appeal to all your senses. Start the evening with a olive oil tasting and experience where we will learn about these delicacies from experts and recognize the subtle variances. We will then progress to a “Farm to Fork” dinner to appreciate the Central Valley of California’s finest offerings paired with wine and beer. Traditional and vegetarian choices will be provided.

American Agricultural Law Association

Regional Conference

EMERGING TOPICS IN AGRICULTURAL LAW

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

7.0 units of general CLE offered by Kroloff, Belcher,
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EMERGING TOPICS IN AGRICULTURAL LAW

Session 1: Trends in Legislation and Constitutional Challenges

Advocates have legislated new standards to improve the poultry living conditions for poultry, prevent fattening of goose liver destined for foie gras and animal welfare rules for livestock. The history of Proposition 2 presents lessons for the consideration of laws impacting agriculture regarding animal welfare, genetic engineering, organic labelling, and food production. While there have been 7 years to prepare since passage of the voter initiative, there is remarkable uncertainty as to what the legislation requires. On the other end of farming, animal waste can be transformed into biogas energy.

Session 2: Client Protection Strategies in a High Tech Landscape: IP, Big Data & Issues Surrounding Tech in Ag

Technology and the Internet, along with precision agriculture, are radically changing the legal landscape in the practice of ag law. Precision agriculture raises numerous specific, new legal issues regarding privacy, data ownership, allocation of risks and liabilities, trade secret protection, and other issues, some particular to agriculture. Many of these issues remain largely unsettled. This program provides tools for addressing some of these emerging 21st Century agriculture law issues.

Session 3: Current Issues in Ag Land Use

Estate taxes and high development value of land can make it difficult for heirs to keep agricultural land intact. Heirs may be compelled to subdivide or sell to pay estate taxes. Learn about conservation easements and the use of land trusts to help preserve the heritage and continuity of the family farm.

Session 3 (continued):

And, from wineries hosting weddings and concerts, to pumpkin patch hayrides and farmhouse Bed & Breakfasts, and zoned for agricultural purposes is being used for a multitude of accessory or secondary uses, often to the dismay of neighbors. Learn about zoning ordinances, agritourism, and accessory uses of ag land.

Session 4: Food Quality, Food Authenticity, Food Fraud: Current Issues and Liability Exposure

Supply chain integrity is a new buzzword with multiple food recalls, "Food Court" litigation cases, and the new FDA Food Safety & Modernization Act regulations in the news. This presentation will define terms, and will examine new obligations and new liability exposure from competitors, consumer litigation, and government attorneys. These new challenges present new opportunities for product differentiation and increased margins.

Session 5: Water, Water Everywhere, But Nothing to Eat?

Given increasing drought and demands for water for other purposes, these preferences become both more important and more controversial. Most prominently, California has suffered from a prolonged drought that increased the amount of groundwater used. New groundwater legislation and the Governor's water use restrictions imposed on non-agricultural uses of water, prompt questions about agricultural use preferences. This presentation discusses agricultural water use preferences, focusing on groundwater, and applies these to the California legislation.

Session 6: Hot Topics in Professional Responsibility Every Ag Lawyer Should Know

Reap another benefit of this great seminar on agricultural law with an hour of MCLE credits in ethics presented by the California State Bar's Acting Executive Director. Mr. Hawley began his legal career as a disciplinary prosecutor for the Bar and now oversees the State Bar's Professional Competence Unit which administers the Ethics Hotline, the Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct and the State Bar's professional responsibility publications.



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