



The National Agricultural Law Center

Mid-South Agricultural and Environmental Law Conference 2025 Agenda

Thursday, June 5 — Friday, June 6 | Memphis, Tennessee | Agenda is in Central Time (CT)

Thursday, June 5:

6:30-8:30 p.m.: *Welcome Reception/Networking Dinner at The Rendezvous*

- Located at 52 S. Second Street, Memphis, TN (across from The Peabody)
- Join us for the annual Beer & BBQ networking dinner at one of downtown Memphis' most famous restaurants (cost included in registration)

Friday, June 6:

7:00-8:25 a.m.: *Registration and Breakfast*

8:30-9:30 a.m.: *Solar Leases & Development in the Mid-South: Pointers and Pitfalls*

- Seth Hampton, Member, Rose Law Firm
- Will Veve, Land Acquisition and Development, DESRI

9:30-10:30 a.m.: *Shifting Sands: Agency Authority, Ag, & Food in a Post-Chevron World*

- Grant Ballard, Partner, Ark Ag Law, PLLC
- John Dillard, Principal, USDA Practice Head, Olsson Frank Weeda

10:30-10:45 a.m.: *Break*

10:45-11:45 a.m.: *Update from the Potomac: Farm Bill, Ag Trade, EPA, & Related Federal Issues*

- Fitzhugh Elder IV, Republican Staff Director, U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
- Clark Ogilvie, Special Counsel for the Democratic staff, U.S. House Committee on Agriculture

11:45a.m.-1:00 p.m.: *Lunch*

1:00-2:00 p.m.: *Legal Ethics for Ag Industry Professionals: CFIUS, Foreign Ownership, & National Security*

- Asa Hutchinson, 46th Governor of Arkansas; Former Under Secretary, United States Department of Homeland Security; Founder, Asa Hutchinson Law Group

2:00-3:00 p.m.: *Dealing with Debt: Practical Considerations in Preparing for and Navigating Ag Bankruptcy*

- Renee S. Williams, Chapter 12 Trustee, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas
- Russell D. Morgan, CAC, Morgan Agricultural Consulting Svcs (MACS)

3:00-3:15 p.m.: *Break*

3:15-4:15 p.m.: *Groundwater Law & Agriculture in the Mid-South: Taking Stock of the Road Ahead*

- Edward Swaim, Executive Director, Bayou Meto Water Management District