

## AAALA Presidential Address

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As president of the American Agricultural Law Association (AALA) and chair of the 2016 AALA Annual Educational Symposium in Oklahoma City, I hope you found the Spring Edition of the *Drake Journal of Agricultural Law* to be informative and useful in your practice of law. The two featured articles were provided by presenters from the 2016 AALA Symposium, John C. Monica, Jr. and Thomas P. Redick.

It is an annual tradition for the Spring Edition of the *Drake Journal of Agricultural Law* to feature presentations from the previous AALA Symposium. On behalf of all AALA members, I want to thank the Drake University Law School, Professor Neil Hamilton, and the *Journal* Editorial Board and Editorial Staff for their support of AALA and commitment to education on agricultural law beyond the walls of the law school.

The AALA is the premier association for agricultural law and policy professionals. Our members hail from all over the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom. AALA members are practicing attorneys, lawyers and policy professionals in both government agencies and non-governmental organizations, and some of the best legal faculty found in any academic setting. Our annual symposium provides an opportunity to network with other attorneys who value agricultural and food law practice. Most importantly, we annually provide twelve to fourteen hours of cutting-edge CLE credit on current and significant agricultural and food law issues, often taught by the very individuals who argued the case or created the policy.

I urge you to visit [www.aglaw-assn.org](http://www.aglaw-assn.org) to learn more about AALA and our annual symposium. The 2017 conference will be held October 26–28 in Louisville, Kentucky. Our 2018 conference will be in Portland, Oregon. If you are already a member, I want to thank you for your support and hope that through the implementation of our new strategic plan, we are delivering the services you need and expect. If you are not a member, please accept this invitation to join. I look forward to seeing you at a future AALA Symposium. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me at [jschneider@infb.org](mailto:jschneider@infb.org) or our executive director, Maureen Kelly Moseman, at [mmoseman@aglaw-assn.org](mailto:mmoseman@aglaw-assn.org) if you would like more information about the AALA.

Sincerely,

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