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EDUCATION

LL.M. in Agricultural Law

University of Arkansas School of Law, Fayetteville, AR

Juris Doctor, *Cum Laude*

University of Arkansas School of Law, Fayetteville, AR

- *Journal of Food Law and Policy*, Articles Editor

B.S. in Agricultural Business, *Magna Cum Laude*

Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food & Life Sciences

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR

EXPERIENCE

National Agricultural Law Center

Staff Attorney

Fayetteville, AR

08/07- Present

- Coordinate National Agricultural Law Center's relationship with Cooperative Extension Service on a national level, including the eXtension Agricultural Law Community of Practice.
- Manage the National Agricultural Law Center's grant writing efforts and partnerships, including budget development. Successful grants awarded from: Southern Risk Management Education Center, North Central Risk Management Center, USDA RME, USDA Office of Tribal Affairs, eXtension, Specialty Crops Block Grant - Arkansas Department of Agriculture and USDA Agricultural Marketing Service.
- Experienced in working closely with lawmakers around the country, including providing legal research and information, conducting comparative analysis and drafting model legislation.
- Frequent guest speaker on legal topics around the country, including topics such as agritourism, risk management, landowner liability, direct marketing, food safety, farmers' markets, business organizations, labor, environmental issues, water, alternative energy and women's issues.
- Supervise Graduate Assistants including development of assignments; directly supervising legal research and writing of Graduate Assistants; track timesheets; plan and carry out simultaneous research projects.
- Answer inquiries from producers, extension professionals, research professionals, policy makers, interest groups, legislators and consumers on a variety of legal topics, providing resources and following up to ensure their needs are met.
- Oversaw Biofuels and Climate Change Laws Project in partnership with USDA's Office of Chief Economist, Office of Energy Policy and New Uses, including the coordination of legal research team, development of content and management of information.

Ozarks Farm & Neighbor – Arkansas

Contributing Columnist

Prairie Grove, AR

09/07 - Present

- Author of Ag Law column which appears in each edition of the Arkansas edition of the publication mailed to more than 10,000 livestock-tax payers in 16 counties across northwest Arkansas.

Honorable Xollie Duncan

Arkansas Circuit Court Judge, Nineteenth Judicial Circuit West, Division 5

Judicial Extern

Bentonville, AR

Spring 2007

- Conduct legal research; provide case summaries and recommendations on pending litigation.
- Observe courtroom practices in civil and criminal proceedings.

Janie Simms Hipp, J.D., LL.M. (Agricultural Law)

Associate Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness, University of Arkansas

Legal Clerk, Teaching Assistant

Fayetteville, AR

5/04-12/06

- Conducted legal and legislative research relating to food safety laws and agencies for the development of food safety regulation publications.
- Teaching Assistant for AGEC 3503 *Agricultural Law I* and AGEC 3523 *Environmental Law*.

- Completed research, writing and training for the development of fact sheets and educational seminars covering 2004 Ballot Issues for Arkansas through the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service.

Senator Mark Pryor

Legislative Intern

Washington, D.C.

Summer 2005

- Conducted special research project relating to Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission
- Attended committee hearings and prepared issue briefs on a variety of topics, including CAFTA and stem cell research
- Assisted Legislative Correspondents by conducting research and drafting responses for constituent concerns

Dr. Jennie Popp

Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness, University of Arkansas

Research Assistant

Fayetteville, AR

5/03-5/04

- Performed research and assisted in obtaining funding for the first Arkansas Women in Agriculture Conference; assisted in moderating sessions during Arkansas Women in Agriculture Conference.
- Developed chapters on grain marketing for “How Risky Are You?,” a risk management guide funded in part by the Risk Management Agency of the USDA
- Compiled and maintained database information concerning agricultural economics issues related to small and minority farmers, including women farmers in Microsoft Excel and Access

PRESENTATIONS

- *Legal Issues for Farmers' Markets*, Growing for Market Webinar, The Purdue School for Beginning Market Gardeners, Purdue University, February 2011
- *Agritourism & Landowner Liability*, Indiana Horticulture Congress, Agritourism Workshop, Indianapolis, Indiana, January 2011
- *Agritourism: Liability Concerns for Operators*, Mississippi Agritourism Conference, Mississippi Agritourism Association, Natchez, Mississippi, January 2011
- *Legal and Policy Issues for Landowners in Mississippi*, Mississippi Farm Bureau Annual Convention, Jackson, Mississippi, December 2010
- *EPA's "New" Numeric Nutrient Water Quality Standards*, Arkansas Law and Policy Conference, Ferndale, Arkansas, November 2010
- *GIPSA's Proposed Rule Changes*, Workshop Series and Webinar, National Agricultural Law Center, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma, September and October 2010
- *Legal Issues in Food Safety*, Producer Workshops in Conway and Fayetteville, Arkansas, July 2010
- *Current Issues and Trends in Agricultural Law*, Benton County Bar Association, Bentonville, Arkansas, July 2010
- *Agritourism and Landowner Liability in Arkansas*, Best of CLE, Arkansas Bar Association, Rogers, Arkansas, June 2010
- *Landowner Liability and Agritourism and An Overview of the National Organic Program*, 4th Annual John Huffaker Agricultural Law Course, Texas Bar Association, Lubbock, Texas, May 2010
- *Legal Issues & Liability Concerns for Farmers' Markets*, Mississippi Farmers' Market Manager Workshop, Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce, Raymond, Mississippi, May 2010
- *Farm-Scale Biodiesel Production: Taxes & Financial Incentives*, Webinar hosted by National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT), April 2010
- *Agricultural Law: Hot Topics*, Mississippi Women in Agriculture Conference, Mississippi State University, Starkville, Mississippi, March 2010
- *Agritourism Legal Update: Tennessee's New Agritourism Liability Law and Labor Considerations for Agritourism Operations*, Tennessee Agritourism: Cultivating Farm Revenue, Nashville, Tennessee, January 2010
- *Landowner Liability in the Context of Agritourism*, Miss-Lou Regional Tourism Conference, Marksville, Louisiana, August 2009
- *Agritourism Legislative Update*, Value Added Agriculture Conference, Moline, Illinois, June 2009
- *Legal Issues & Concerns on the Farm and Business Organizations & Tax Issues*, Annie's Project Arkansas, multiple locations across Arkansas, 2008-2011.

PUBLICATIONS

- H. Pittman, K. Boling, & S. Mirus, *Chapter 4: Regulatory Issues in Domestically Raised and Imported Organic Meats in the U.S.*, Forthcoming.
- R. Rainey, H. Pittman, S. Mirus, K. McGraw & J. Popp, *Organic Certification Process*, University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service, Agriculture and Natural Resources FSA41, February 2011.
- R. Rainey, H. Pittman, S. Mirus, K. McGraw & J. Popp, *Organic Markets and Marketing*, University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service, Agriculture and Natural Resources FSA42, February 2011.
- R. Rainey, S. Seideman, H. Pittman, S. Mirus, E. Rumley & R. Rumley, *Legal and Business Guide for Specialty Crop Producers*, February 2011, available at http://www.nationalaglawcenter.org/assets/articles/center_specialty.pdf.
- H. Pittman, S. Mirus, K. Peters, & R. Reed, *Legal Guide to the National Organic Program*, The National Agricultural Law Center, January 2011, available at <http://nationalaglawcenter.org/research/#organic>.
- M. Bruch & S. Mirus, *Liability and Agritourism: Implications of Tennessee's 2009 Legislation*, The University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, Publication No. PB 1787, December 2009, available at <http://www.utextension.utk.edu/publications/pbfiles/PB1787.pdf>.
- J. Popp, N. Kemper, & S. Mirus, *Direct Marketing Curriculum: Managing Business, Financial and Legal Risks*, University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture, Center for Agricultural and Rural Sustainability and The National Agricultural Law Center, Fall 2009, available at www.ManageYourRisk.net.
- S. Mirus, L. P. Goeringer, & K. Boling, *States' Biofuels Statutory Citations*, The National Agricultural Law Center, July 2009, available at <http://www.nationalaglawcenter.org/assets/biofuels/index.html>.
- S. Mirus, *Biofuels Statutory Citations: United States Federal Laws*, The National Agricultural Law Center, April 2009, available at <http://www.nationalaglawcenter.org/assets/biofuels/federalcitations.pdf>.

PROFESSIONAL AND VOLUNTEER AFFILIATIONS

- Licensed to practice law in Arkansas
- Arkansas Women in Agriculture, Inc., a non-profit organization
2nd Vice President - Board of Directors; Recipient of the *Arkansas Women in Agriculture Inspiration Award*; Conference Planning Committee Member – responsible for planning annual state-wide conference with more than 200 participants.
- Sigma Alpha, Iota Chapter, University of Arkansas - Advisor
Provide guidance and leadership to undergraduate members of Sigma Alpha, a professional agricultural sorority.
- Annie's Project Arkansas - Instructor
Work with female producers across Arkansas to provide legal and risk management information. Annie's Project is a program designed to empower farm women to be better business partners through networks and by managing and organizing critical information
- Legal Aid of Arkansas
Provide pro bono legal services for low-income Arkansans in civil matters.
- Arkansas Bar Association, Agricultural Law Section - Vice Chair
- American Agricultural Law Association

REFERENCES

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