



The National Agricultural Law Center

13th Annual Mid-South Agricultural and Environmental Law Conference 2026 Agenda

June 5, 2026 | Memphis, Tennessee | Agenda is in Central Time (CT)

Friday, June 5:

7:00 – 8:25: Registration and Breakfast

8:30 – 9:30: Ag Labor, ICE, & Related Issues: What You Need to Know

- Brandon Davis, Partner, Phelps Dunbar LLP

9:30 – 10:30: Navigating Farm Debt & Land Transactions in a Down Farm Economy

- Daniel T. Robinson, Shareholder, Evans Petree PC

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

10:45 – 11:45: Perspectives from the USDA Deputy Secretary: Ag Policy, Implementation, and Reorganization

- Judge Stephen Vaden, USDA Deputy Secretary

11:45 – 1:00 p.m.: Lunch

1:00 – 2:00: Update from the Potomac: Farm Bill(?), Ag Trade, MAHA, & More

- Hunt Shipman, Principal and Director, Cornerstone Government Affairs
- Dr. Seth Meyer, Director, Food & Agricultural Policy Institute, University of Missouri

2:00 – 3:00: Artificial Intelligence & Legal Ethics

- Garrett Couts, Partner, Brady & Hamilton LLP

3:00 – 3:15 p.m.: Break

3:15 – 4:15: Environmental Law: Regulatory & Litigation Ag Industry Update

- Brigit Rollins, Staff Attorney (Environmental Law), National Agricultural Law Center