



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

- **Joel B. Sklar, 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 Alexander 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. Andrew Muhammad, Professor, University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics**

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

- **Garrett Coutts, 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**