



## Agri-Business

Because of the scale and diversity of agriculture in Michigan, many different and complicated legal issues arise day-to-day. Farmers and agribusiness people need help from attorneys that understand the business of Michigan agriculture as well as the laws that apply to the industry. Foster Swift has been privileged to serve the Michigan agriculture community for years, and we bring our experience and industry commitment to our representation.

### Meet the Foster Swift Agricultural Law Team

**Experience.** Foster Swift attorneys serve as counsel for all sizes and types of farm and agricultural organizations including the largest general farm association and the principal commodity marketing cooperatives in Michigan. We understand the special considerations that are needed when dealing with family business issues. Plus, as a full-service law firm with nearly 100 attorneys, we have immediate access to subject matter experts on virtually any area of business law or litigation.

**Stability.** The majority of our farm clients have been with us for decades as we stay abreast of the changing needs of their operation and assist them in proactively addressing their legal challenges. Our clients and friends receive our Agricultural Law Update, an agriculture-specific newsletter we frequently publish containing information about changes in the law, important judicial decisions, and events that are of interest to farmers and agribusiness people. Please [click here](#) if you would like to receive the Agricultural Law Update.

**Commitment.** Many of our attorneys and staff grew up in the agricultural industry and are personally invested in the advancement of agriculture. We enjoy giving back to the agriculture community we serve. Foster Swift is a proud sponsor of the Michigan FFA Foundation, a repeat buyer at the Ingham County Fair auction and Michigan Livestock Expo Sale-agation, and a sponsor of many conferences and events related to agriculture in our state. In summer 2012, our attorneys helped create the new Agricultural Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan and our attorneys have held leadership roles in that organization since its formation.

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### ATTORNEYS

#### Shareholder

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## **LEGAL SERVICES**

Many of Michigan's most established farmers and ag-related organizations retain Foster Swift attorneys to assist with:

### **Business and Organization Planning**

- Buy-sell agreements
- Entity selection and formation
- Federal and state farm rebate programs
- Federal and state marketing
- Intellectual Property
- Lease agreements
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Management succession

### **Construction**

- Contracts
- Liens
- Bonds
- Claims & Arbitration

### **Energy**

- Methane Digesters
- Solar Energy
- Wind Turbines/Farms

### **Environmental Matters**

- Manure management
- EGLE compliance
- Water runoff
- Wetlands regulations

### **Equine Law**

- [Learn more about Foster Swift's equine law services here.](#)

### **Estate Planning**

- Estate tax planning
  - Gift transactions
  - Preserving the family farm
  - Succession planning
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**Insurance**

- Coverage disputes
- Liability defense

**International Business & Trade**

- Acquisitions
- Distributor agreements
- Exporting
- Importing
- Joint ventures
- Licensing agreements

**Labor and Employment**

- Deferred compensation
- Employment policy handbooks
- Employee stock ownership plans (ESOPs)
- Immigration
- OSHA and MIOSHA
- Profit sharing/pension planning

**Litigation & Regulatory**

- Contract & business disputes
- FDA, EPA and EGLE violations
- Liability defense
- Mediation services
- Right to Farm

**Real Estate and Construction Matters**

- Farm land preservation
- Land purchases
- Master plans, site, construction and expansion issues
- Oil and gas leases
- Zoning and land use

**Tax**

- Federal and state tax planning
  - P.A. 116
  - Property tax appeals
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## **Transportation Law**

- Learn more about Foster Swift's transportation law services [here](#).

## **REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS**

- Agricultural cooperatives
- Agricultural machinery dealers
- Beef, dairy, hog, poultry & cash crop farms
- Chemical & fertilizer manufacturers & suppliers
- Family farms
- Fruit & vegetable producers
- Grain elevators
- Insurance companies
- Michigan agricultural trade associations
- Specialty farms & product manufacturers

## **REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE**

- Represented a livestock insurer in securing dismissal of a coverage lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.
- Defended horse owners in a lawsuit brought by their injured horse trainer by securing dismissal through a motion for summary judgment.
- Defended equestrian lesson training facility in a lawsuit brought by injured visitor by securing dismissal through a motion for summary judgment
- Successfully represented horse owners in business, contract and defamation dispute, including a nine-day trial

## **PUBLICATIONS & ALERTS**

State of Michigan Issues New Guidance on "Rolling Stock" Exemption for Interstate Motor Carriers, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, April 8, 2024

Dept. of Treasury Changes Course Regarding Biogas Property: Upgrading Equipment Included Again, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, March 20, 2024

How to Talk to Your Family About Succession Planning, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, December 19, 2023

Senate Passes Extension of 2018 Farm Bill, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News E-blast*, November 16, 2023

Michigan EGLE Issues CAFO Consent Order, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, October 3, 2023

Michigan Appeals Court Rules Invalid New Environmental Regulations, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, September 5, 2023



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2023 Legal and Regulatory Developments for Agribusinesses, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, August 30, 2023

How to Handle Bankruptcy Amid Record Levels of Debt in the Farm Industry, *Foster Swift Finance Real Estate & Bankruptcy Law News*, November 17, 2022

Final Rule Issued on H-2A Visa Regulations, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, November 9, 2022

How the Inflation Reduction Act Impacts Farmers, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, August 23, 2022

Rising Temperatures Could Trigger Farm OSHA Inspections, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News E-Blast*, June 15, 2022

Litigation 101 - What Happens in a Lawsuit?, *Foster Swift Business & Tax Law News*, June 3, 2022

Agricultural Groups Seek Extension to Commenting Period Regarding Proposed SEC Rule, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, May 9, 2022

Your Initial Estate Planning Meeting: What to Keep in Mind, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, November 10, 2021

Bio-Digesters: A New solution for a New Era, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, September 17, 2021

Budget Reconciliation – A Congressional Time Machine?, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, September 16, 2021

Michigan Agricultural Law Updates, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, May 13, 2021

Dead Pigs Win in the Michigan Court of Appeals, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, May 11, 2021

How Do Recent Michigan Supreme Court and MDHHS Orders Regarding COVID-19 Impact Employers?, *Foster Swift Legal Update E-blast*, October 6, 2020

Judge Upholds MDHHS Order Requiring COVID-19 Testing of Migrant Workers, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, September 28, 2020

Applying for a Michigan Small Business Grant, *Foster Swift Legal Update E-blast*, July 15, 2020

Pollutant Discharges to Groundwater May Fall Within the Clean Water Act, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, June 10, 2020

Top Ten Things to Do When You Are Involved in a Motor Vehicle Accident, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, June 9, 2020

What the New Michigan No-Fault Laws Mean for Employees Injured in Accidents while Occupying an Employer-Owned Vehicle, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, June 3, 2020

An Update to PPP Certification, *Foster Swift Legal Update E-blast*, May 13, 2020

A Guide to the Paycheck Protection Program: Eligibility, Application, and Loan Forgiveness Modeling, *Foster Swift Legal Update E-blast*, April 21, 2020

Economic Support for Agricultural Producers Under the CARES Act, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News E-blast*, April 3, 2020

Liability Releases for Agritourism Activities – Don't Fall Prey to Myths, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, March 31, 2020

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Animal Law for Insurance Lawyers, *American Bar Association: Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Law Journal*, February 4, 2020

Important Agricultural Property Tax Exemptions and Incentives You Should be Taking Advantage of in 2020, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, January 23, 2020

The Small Business Reorganization Act—Coming to a Bankruptcy Court Near You in February 2020, *Foster Swift Finance Real Estate & Bankruptcy Law News*, November 4, 2019

Tax Planning for Farm Losses, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, November 1, 2019

Employee or Independent Contractor?, *Foster Swift Employment Labor & Benefits Law News*, August 26, 2019

Don't Overlook Legal Counsel When Addressing Agribusiness Financial Challenges, July 31, 2019

Best Practices Agricultural Businesses Should Follow When Creating or Revising an Employee Handbook, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, July 26, 2019

2019 Updates to GAAMP, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, July 25, 2019

Sending Williamson County Out to Pasture: State Court Exhaustion No Longer Required for Federal Takings Claims, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, July 24, 2019

Understanding and Avoiding Post-Death Disputes, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, January 30, 2019

Three Myths about Farm Succession Planning, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, January 28, 2019

When the Hoof Meets the Road, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, January 23, 2019

New Guidance on Hours-of-Service for Agricultural Commodity Drivers, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, October 23, 2018

Drone Registration Requirement: Here's What You Need to Know, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, October 22, 2018

How Meetings can Make you Money, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, July 19, 2018

What are the Rules of the Road for Farm Vehicles?, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, July 7, 2018

New Federal Tax Bill Includes Helpful Provisions for Farmers, Especially Those Marketing Through Cooperatives, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, February 14, 2018

Farm Drones – Steer Clear From Michigan's 230 Airports, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, January 24, 2018

When Trucks Spill Their Load, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law Newsletter*, October 26, 2017

Spring Weight Restrictions are in Effect, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, February 14, 2017

Farm Data FAQs, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, January 30, 2017

Including IT in your Agribusiness Strategic Planning Efforts, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, January 30, 2017

The Agricultural Exemption from Federal Wage and Hour Laws, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, January 30, 2017

Year-End Tax Strategies for Farmers, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, December 21, 2016



Should Your Farm Use the Section 179 Deduction this Year?, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, November 18, 2016

U.S. Congress Passes Legislation Establishing National GMO Food Labeling Standards, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, July 28, 2016

Addressing Labor Shortages With Temporary Agricultural Workers, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, February 29, 2016

Is Your Team Ready for the People Side of Business Succession?, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, January 29, 2016

Recent Developments in Drone Law, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, January 29, 2016

Planning Around Section 179, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, November 30, 2015

Foster Swift Sponsors Numerous Agricultural Events for Youth this Summer, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, September 29, 2015

Making it in Michigan 2015 Conference and Trade Show, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, September 29, 2015

Contract Considerations for Farm Data, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, July 17, 2015

Reminder—Enrollment in Dairy Margin Protection Program, Agriculture Risk Coverage, and Price Loss Coverage, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, July 17, 2015

Can You Label your Food Product as "Healthy", *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, April 30, 2015

New Sustainable Food Systems Certification at Grand Valley State University, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, April 30, 2015

Turning Bytes of Data into a Farming Boon, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, March 27, 2015

A Guide to Land-Lease Agreements for Farmers and Landowners, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, January 27, 2015

Executive Women in Agriculture Conference Provided Abundance of Information, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, January 27, 2015

Julie Fershtman on Mentoring, *The Mentor*, January 27, 2015

Trainer/Client Relationships & The Law, *Arab Horse Couture Magazine*, December 2014/January 2015

Trainer/Client Relationships and the Law, *Riding Instructor Magazine*

Debt Forgiveness Opportunities for Farmers Facing Disabilities, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law Update*, December 11, 2014

Understanding Asset Dispositions Under the Tangible Property Regulations, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law Update*, December 11, 2014

Steer Clear of Employment Law Issues During Harvest Season, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law Update*, October 15, 2014

Court of Appeals Holds Owner Can be Held Liable for Negligence Because of Defective Front-End Loader, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law Update*, August 21, 2014



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Incoming: Recent News on FAA Drone Approval May Benefit Agricultural Operations, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law Update*, August 21, 2014

New Agricultural Mapping Tool, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law Update*, August 21, 2014

Congratulations to Continental Dairy Facilities, LLC, the "2014 Michigan Agriculture Exporter Of The Year", *Foster Swift Agricultural Law Update*, July 18, 2014

Sign-Up for USDA CRP Financial Incentives for Honey Bee Habitat Creation, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law Update*, July 18, 2014

Family in Business Together...Conflict Happens, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law Update*, June 17, 2014

House Bills Proposed to Amend Solid Waste Act and Promote Beneficial Use of Materials, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law Update*, April 22, 2014

New Wine Business and Entrepreneurship Certificate Available at VESTA Online, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law Update*, April 22, 2014

Spring Brings Weight Restrictions on Michigan Roads, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law Update*, March 14, 2014

Is Your Independent Contractor Really an Employee?, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law Update*, January 16, 2014

Michigan's Equine Activity Liability Act: Are We Galloping in the Right Direction?, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law Update*, January 16, 2014

Smooth Sailing While on Michigan Highways, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law Update*, December 17, 2013

Who Owns the Data?, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law Update*, November 26, 2013

The Benefits of a Farm Endorsement, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law Update*, August 2013

A Motion for Directed Verdict, *Michigan Bar Journal*, July 2013

Attention Livestock Dealers: Understand the New Dealer Law, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law Update*, June 2013

New Agricultural Guestworker Act Proposed in House, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law Update*, June 2013

How Not to Sell a Horse, *The Equine Chronicle*, June 27, 2013

How to Recover Your Fees in a Legal Dispute, *Desert Mirage Magazine*, June 2013

Can I benefit from the Ag Exemption?, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law Update*, May 2013

FMCSA Expands Hours of Service Exemptions for Farmers, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law Update*, May 2013

New Video Helps Ag Businesses Evaluate Their Export Opportunities, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law Update*, May 2013

Bankruptcy Court Approves Sale of Stamp Farms Assets to Boersen Farms, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law Update*, February 2013

Comment On Proposed FDA Food Safety Rules By May 16, 2013, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law Update*, January 2013

I-9 Compliance - 2013 Updates & Planning Items, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law Update*, January 2013

New Environmental Leaders Legislation, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law Update*, January 2013

Your Ag Business Needs A Succession Plan, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law Update*, January 2013

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Court of Appeals Clarifies Agricultural Exemption To The Use Tax, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law Update*, August 2012

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Estate Planning for the Family Farm, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law Update*, September 2011

Livestock Insurance Policy Notice Requirements, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law Update*, September 2011

Success or Failure? Succession Planning for the Family Farm, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law Update*, July 2011

Referendum on Michigan Wheat Program June 20, 2011 through July 1, 2011, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law Update*, June 2011

The Basics of H-2A Visas For Temporary Agricultural Workers, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law Update*, May 2011

Proposed Changes to Michigan's Business Tax, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law Update*, April 2011

## **NEWS**

New Video Series Discusses Legal Issues for the Michigan Farmer, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, October 6, 2022

Fershtman Elected Vice-President of the Michigan State Bar Foundation, *Michigan State Bar Foundation*, September 15, 2022

Insurance Awareness Day: Foster Swift Highlights Importance of Reviewing Your Coverages, *Yahoo! News*, June 28, 2022

Tjapkes Joins Grand Rapids Office of Foster Swift, January 26, 2021

Foster Swift Elects Six Shareholders in 2021, January 13, 2021

Resource Published to Help Organizations Link to Trending Legal Issues, *Foster Swift Business & Tax Law News*, November 17, 2020

SBA Will Issue Questionnaires to Borrowers of \$2 Million or More in PPP Loans, *Foster Swift Legal Update E-blast*, October 30, 2020

Recent Questions Regarding PPP Forgiveness Applications, September 23, 2020

Gismondi Shares What New Michigan No-Fault Laws Mean For Employees, *Michigan Business Network*, June 9, 2020

Fershtman Published in ABA-TIPS Law Journal, February 12, 2020

Collins and Smith Named to SBM Ag Law Council, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, October 4, 2019

Honor CU Welcomes Three New Associate Board Directors, *Honor Credit Union*, July 1, 2019

Collins, DeLuca Named to ICBA's Top 5 under 35 Attorneys, *Lansing Regional Chamber*, March 22, 2019

Nationally Recognized Agricultural and Equine Law Authority to Speak in Six States, January 21, 2019

Fershtman Earns Highest Honor from State Bar of Michigan, *Lansing Regional Chamber*, September 25, 2018

Foster Swift Ag Law Attorney Receives Honorary Membership in the MAAE, November 14, 2017

Fershtman to Receive Animal Law Award, *American Bar Association*, August 1, 2017



Julie Fershtman Selected for Two Additional Michigan Super Lawyers Honors, September 8, 2015  
Foster Swift Attorney Julie Fershtman Selected for Michigan's State Bar 21st Century Task Force, July 17, 2015  
Moore Receives Golden Gavel Award, May 20, 2015  
Foster Swift Elects Laura Genovich and Liza Moore shareholders, January 19, 2015  
Foster Swift Attorneys Re-Elected at State Bar of Michigan Agricultural Law Section's Second Annual Meeting, October 14, 2014  
\$5.15 Million Verdict for Farm Equipment Dealer Upheld, September 25, 2014  
Foster Swift Wins \$5.15 Million Verdict for Farm Equipment Dealer, June 25, 2013  
Attorney Moore Elected First Chairperson of the State Bar of Michigan's New Agricultural Law Section, February 27, 2013  
Laura J. (Garlinghouse) Genovich appointed as Chapter 12 Trustee, October 8, 2012  
Julie I. Fershtman Speaks at National Insurance Conference, April 5, 2011

## **EVENTS**

When Your Insureds Host Events On or Off Their Property - Specialized Risk Management, *IRMI AgriCon Central Conference*, September 11, 2024  
Liabilities When Horses or Livestock are Injured in the Care of Your Insureds, *IRMI AgriCon Central Conference*, September 10, 2024  
Equine Activity Liability Acts/Farm Animal Activity Liability Acts and Risk Management, Including Enforceability of Waivers, *National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies' (NAMIC) 2024 Agricultural Risk Inspection School*, June 13, 2024  
Equine Liability Waivers: How They Work and Whether Yours Needs an Overhaul, *PATH International Regional Conference*, May 4, 2024  
Equine Lease Disputes and How to Avoid Them, *38th National Conference on Equine Law*, May 2, 2024  
Hosting Events Off-Premises: Risk Management and Coverage Issues, *IRMI Emmett J. Vaughan Agribusiness Conference*, March 13, 2024  
Liabilities When Horses or Livestock are in the Care of Insureds, *IRMI Emmett J. Vaughan Agribusiness Conference*, March 12, 2024  
Estate Planning Essentials for Agriculture, *2024 Take Root Farm Succession & Estate Planning Conference: Presented by Michigan Farm Bureau*, February 27, 2024  
Large Farms and Multiple Operations—How do we structure our growing business?, *2024 Take Root Farm Succession & Estate Planning Conference: Presented by Michigan Farm Bureau*, February 27, 2024  
Enforceability of Liability Waivers/Releases in Sporting, Recreational, Farm, and "Agri-tainment" Activities, *Agricultural Claims Association*, February 21, 2024  
Livestock Mortality Insurance and Coverage Issues, *Agricultural Claims Association*, February 20, 2024  
Hot Legal Topics in Ag for 2023, *AgroExpo 2023*, August 15, 2023



Advising Equine Clients on Risk Management, *37th Annual National Conference on Equine Law*, May 4, 2023

What are the Legal Rights of a Co-op Member?, *Michigan Farm Bureau*, February 22, 2023

Case Studies: Lessons We can Learn from Three Boarding Stable Lawsuits, *2023 International Risk Management Institute (IRMI) Agribusiness Conference*, February 7, 2023

When Personal and Commercial Equine Operations Intersect: Keeping UWs and Agents a Step Ahead, *2023 International Risk Management Institute (IRMI) Agribusiness Conference ("AgriCon")*, February 7, 2023

How the Inflation Reduction Act Impacts Farmers, *Iowa State University*, October 13, 2022

Covering your Bases: Coverage Concerns for Unique Assets, *Insurance Alliance of Michigan (IAM) Claims Conference*, September 19, 2022

Equine Liability Laws and Addressing Risk Management, *American Horse Council*, August 22, 2022

Litigation Series: What To Know If You Are Planning To Sue, *Foster Swift Second Wednesday Morning Break*, July 13, 2022

Equine Liability Laws, *American Horse Council*, June 6, 2022

An Update on Equine Activity Liability Acts, *36th Annual National Conference on Equine Law*, May 4, 2022

Case Studies: Lessons We Can Learn From Three Contentious Equine Mortality Lawsuits, "Agri Con," *IRMI Emmett J. Vaughan Agribusiness Conference*, March 8, 2022

Equine Activity Liability Act/Farm Animal Activity Liability Act Update, "Agri Con," *IRMI Emmett J. Vaughan Agribusiness Conference*, March 8, 2022

Estate Planning Essentials for Agriculture, *Farm Bureau*, February 18, 2022

Large Farms and Multiple Operations—How do we structure our growing business?, *Farm Bureau*, February 18, 2022

Liability and Prevention, *New York State Bar Association Equine Law Symposium*, February 9, 2022

How Equine Professionals Can Avoid Payment Disputes and Handle Them Legally if They Occur, *Equestrian Professional*, January 24, 2022

Tax Issues Associated with Financially Distressed Clients, *MICPA: 2021 Agribusiness Conference*, October 21, 2021

Estate Planning Seminar, *Farm Bureau*, September 18, 2021

Case Studies: Lessons We Can Learn from Two Contentious Agricultural Liability Lawsuits, *International Risk Management Institute (IRMI) Agribusiness Conference - "Agri Con"*, May 17, 2021

Equine Waivers Signed On Behalf Of Minors, *35th Annual National Conference on Equine Law*, April 28, 2021

Adjusting Loose Livestock Claims and Application of Fence Law, *Agricultural Claims Conference*, April 21, 2021

Adjusting Loose Livestock Claims and Application of Fence Law, *Agricultural Claims Conference*, April 20, 2021

Liability Waivers/Releases – and – Avoiding Disputes with Insurers, *United Professional Horsemen's Association*, April 6, 2021

Risk Management: Insights & Tips on Avoiding Liability from a Lawyer, *Cornell Cooperative Extension – Madison County*, March 25, 2021



Risk Management, Compliance and Agribusinesses, *Michigan Agri-Business Association (MABA): Virtual Winter Conference*, January 12, 2021

Chapter 5 & 12 Farm Bankruptcy Reorganization Statutes, *MICPA CPE Mega Conference*, October 22, 2020

Coverage Issues Involving Farm, Domestic, and Wild Animals, *Emmett J. Vaughan Agribusiness Conference-Des Moines, IA*, September 15, 2020

Equine Activity Liability Laws: What Horse Owners, Associations, and Equine Professionals Need to Know, *EquitanaUSA National eQuestrian Celebration*, September 4, 2020

Tax Through an Agribusiness Lens – Part 1, *Michigan Association of CPAs (MICPA)*, June 30, 2020

Coverage Issues Involving Farm, Domestic, and Wild Animals, *Emmett J. Vaughan Agribusiness Conference 2020-Richmond, VA*, June 16, 2020

The PPP Loan Forgiveness Form is Out: Next Steps to Ensure Forgiveness for your PPP Loan, *Foster Swift*, May 21, 2020

Michigan Trade and Tariffs Town Hall, *Global Business Club of Mid-Michigan & Tariffs Hurt the Heartland*, May 13, 2020

Coverage Issues Involving Farm, Domestic, and Wild Animals, *International Risk Management Institute: Agribusiness Conference "Agri Con"*, March 9, 2020

Minor Children and Waivers, *International Risk Management Institute: Agribusiness Conference "Agri Con"*, March 9, 2020

Succession Planning for the Family Farm, *Michigan Pork Producers Association*, February 20, 2020

Equine Activity Liability Acts and the Courts—What You Need to Know, *Emmett J. Vaughan Agribusiness Conference-Des Moines, IA*, September 25, 2019

Livestock Mortality Insurance—Battleground Areas for Legal Disputes and Options To Avoid Disputes, *Emmett J. Vaughan Agribusiness Conference-Des Moines, IA*, September 25, 2019

Fun on the Farm: Managing the Evolving Risks of Agritainment, *Emmett J. Vaughan Agribusiness Conference-Des Moines, IA*, September 24, 2019

Equine Activity Liability Acts and the Courts—What You Need to Know, *Emmett J. Vaughan Agribusiness Conference-Richmond, VA*, June 19, 2019

Fun on the Farm: Managing the Evolving Risks of Agritainment, *Emmett J. Vaughan Agribusiness Conference-Richmond, VA*, June 19, 2019

Livestock Mortality Insurance—Battleground Areas for Legal Disputes and Options To Avoid Disputes, *Emmett J. Vaughan Agribusiness Conference-Richmond, VA*, June 19, 2019

Equine Activity Liability Act Update, *National Conference on Equine Law— Lexington, KY*, May 1, 2019

Legal Issues in Hosting an Equine Clinic on your Farm, *National Conference on Equine Law—Lexington, KY*, May 1, 2019

Livestock Mortality Insurance—Battleground Areas for Legal Disputes and Options To Avoid Disputes, *Emmett J. Vaughan Agribusiness Conference-Sacramento, CA*, April 17, 2019



Equine Activity Liability Acts and the Courts—What You Need to Know, *Emmett J. Vaughan Agribusiness Conference-Richmond, VA*, April 16, 2019

Fun on the Farm: Managing the Evolving Risks of Agritainment, *Emmett J. Vaughan Agribusiness Conference-Sacramento, CA*, April 16, 2019

Livestock Liability - Loose Livestock, Cow Out & Trespassing Claims, *Agricultural Claims National Conference*, March 19, 2019

Bad Faith in Commercial Agribusiness, *Agricultural Claims National Conference: Kansas City, Missouri*, March 18, 2019

Estate and Succession Planning Essentials for Family Farms: Don't Procrastinate – Control the Future of Your Farm, *Great Lakes Crop Summit*, January 30, 2019

Growth Beyond Tax Reform for Agribusinesses, *MICPA: CPE Mega Conference/Agribusiness Conference*, October 30, 2018

ICLE Niche Practices Seminar, *Institute of Continuing Legal Education (ICLE)*, August 8, 2018

Zoning and land uses: Regulation of small houses, Airbnb rentals, vacation rentals, backyard chickens and drones, *MTA-UP North Summit*, July 31, 2018

Understanding Solar Energy Lease Agreements, *Michigan Farm Bureau and MSUE*, March 14, 2018

Agricultural Law, *Baker College of Owosso Agribusiness Class*, February 5, 2018

Common Characteristics of Effective Waivers/Releases: Dissecting the Elements, *Emmett J. Vaughan Agribusiness Conference-International Risk Management Institute*, May 9, 2017

Enforceability of Liability Releases: Recurring Issues and Drafting Considerations, *National Conference on Equine Law*, May 4, 2016

International Risk Management Institute Agribusiness Conference, *International Risk Management Institute Agribusiness Conference*, April 27, 2016

Dusting Off Co-Op Bylaws & Thinking Ahead, *National Society of Accountants for Cooperatives - National Tax Conference*, August 3, 2015

Private Securities Offerings for Cooperatives, *National Society of Accountants for Cooperatives - Great Lakes Annual Meeting*, June 19, 2015

Agricultural Law, *Baker College of Owosso Agribusiness Class*, June 10, 2015

Equine Activity Liability Acts & Liability Waivers/Releases, *Emmett J. Vaughan Agribusiness Conference*, April 7, 2015

Loose Livestock Claims and Open Range Laws & Livestock/Animal Insurance and Coverage Disputes, *Agricultural Claims Conference*, February 18, 2015

Litigation 101 - It's Not Like TV, *Great Lakes Crop Summit*, January 29, 2015

Road Laws for Farmers, *Great Lakes Crop Summit*, January 28-29, 2015

Contracts and Contracting: Enforcement, *Michigan Agri-Business Association Winter Conference*, January 13, 2015

UAVs (Drones) — What's Legal?, *Michigan Agri-Business Association Winter Conference*, January 13, 2015



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Agricultural Law, *Baker College of Owosso Agribusiness class*, May 28, 2014

Professional Negligence by Trainers in the Equine Industry, *Annual Conference on Equine Law*, May 1, 2014

Fertilizer Liability Issues, *Michigan Agri-Business Association Winter Conference*, January 13, 2014

Legal Responsibilities of Cooperative Boards of Directors, *Small and Emerging Cooperatives Conference*, March 19, 2013

Agricultural Marketing: Fundamental Tools And Strategies For An Ever-Changing Marketplace, *Naomi Blohm, Senior Marketing Advisor, Stewart-Peterson*, March 5, 2013

WEBINAR | Independent Contractor Or Employee? Misclassification Can Be Costly!, February 20, 2013

Foster Swift Attorney Discusses Creditors' Rights In Stamp Farms Case, *Michigan Farm Bureau*, December 21, 2012

Estate and Succession Planning for Family-Owned Agri-Businesses, *Michigan Cattlemen's Association*, January 21, 2012

IBA West Agribusiness Conference, In Sacramento, California on March 23, 2011; In Columbus, Ohio on May 23, 2011; In Denver, Colorado on June 13, 2011

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