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The 19th Annual

# Agricultural and Rural Law Institute

**SPECIAL  
LOCATION!**

**Wednesday, April 7, 2010**

**Verizon Wireless Center**  
One Civic Center Plaza  
Mankato, Minnesota

- All new law – state and federal update
- Farm-related bankruptcy issues
- UCC developments
- Farmer-lender mediation issues
- Important issues in alternative dispute resolution (ADR)

## Guest Speakers

### **Dallas Tonsager**

U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Under Secretary

*Rural Development Initiatives*

### **Congressman Tim Walz**

Minnesota's First Congressional District

*Farm Bill and Policy Issues*

### **Elizabeth Springsteen**

National Agricultural Law Center  
University of Arkansas School of Law

*Animal Agriculture:  
Confinement and Identification*

# Schedule

8:15 – 9:00 a.m. CHECK-IN & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:30 – 8:55 a.m.

## Section Annual Meeting

All members or prospective members of the Agricultural Law Section are invited to attend the annual meeting.

8:55 – 9:00 a.m.

## Welcome & Introduction

– Gary L. Hansen, Course Chairperson

9:00 – 9:45 a.m.

## Case Law Update: A Primer of Recent Appellate Cases

Stay up-to-date and on the cutting edge without hours of research. The annual case law update gives you the most important recent developments, in Minnesota, Bankruptcy and Federal Case Law.

– Michael S. Dove

9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

## Rural Development – The Administration’s Rural Development Initiatives and Roles for Local Practitioners

– USDA Under Secretary Dallas Tonsager

10:45 – 11:00 a.m. BREAK

11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

## Animal Agriculture: Confinement and Identification

What is an animal confinement law, why do we need them and who wants them? Animal confinement initiatives in Florida, Arizona, California and Ohio, an overview of legislation from Oregon, Colorado, Maine and Michigan. What is animal identification, how is it implemented at both the state and federal levels? What are potential legal implications of the programs? Discussion will include Wisconsin, Michigan and Indiana statutes as well as federal law.

– Elizabeth Springsteen

11:45 – 12:00 p.m. QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

12:00 – 12:30 p.m. LUNCH (provided)

12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

## Agricultural Policy Issues

– Congressman Tim Walz  
Minnesota’s First Congressional District

1:00 – 1:30 p.m.

## State Legislative Update

– Bruce M. Kleven

1:30 – 2:00 p.m.

## Federal Legislative Update

– Jeffrey A. Streiffer

2:00 – 2:15 p.m. BREAK

2:15 – 2:45 p.m.

## Farm-Related Bankruptcy Issues

An overview of the mechanics of farm bankruptcy (Chapter 12); a Minnesota perspective with state law information specific to Minnesota farm bankruptcies; a case law update; and an opportunity for questions and answers.

– Kurt M. Anderson & Brian L. Boysen

2:45 – 3:15 p.m.

## Recent Article 9 Developments and the Interplay of Statutory Liens in Failing Agricultural Operations

What happens with failed operations in Minnesota and Iowa with regard to statutory lien issues, who gets what when spread-out operations fail – who has priority? Plus an overview of intersection issues with bankruptcy and mediation.

– Jeffrey A. Peterson

3:15 – 3:45 pm

## Farmer-Lender Mediation

What is agricultural mediation – keys to making mediation work, goals for mediation; frequently mediated issues and current statistical information about the farmer lender mediation program.

– Mary Nell Preisler

3:45 – 4:15 p.m.

## Alternative Dispute Resolution

Alternative ADR forms under Rule 114.02; a comparison of Civil Law mediation to Farmer-Lender mediation; the different styles or forms of mediation; and creativity for success in dispute resolution within and outside the Farmer-Lender context.

– Daniel A. Gislason

4:15 – 4:30 p.m. QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

**SPECIAL  
ADDRESS**

# Faculty & Planners

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# Guest Speakers

## Dallas Tonsager

Dallas Tonsager, Under Secretary Rural Development U.S. Department of Agriculture. Prior to joining USDA, Under Secretary Tonsager served on the board of directors for the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation and the Farm Credit Administration (FCA), which is responsible for regulating and examining the Farm Credit System. In 1993, then-President Bill Clinton selected Tonsager to serve as USDA South Dakota's state director for Rural Development. Tonsager oversaw a diversified portfolio of housing, business and infrastructure loans in South Dakota totaling more than \$100 million. In 1999, he was recognized as one of two outstanding state directors. His term concluded in February 2001. Under Secretary Tonsager took Office in May of 2009; he grew up on a dairy farm near Oldham, S.D.

## U.S. Congressman Tim Walz

U.S. Congressman Tim Walz is currently serving his second term representing Minnesota's First Congressional District. He serves on three committees in the House: Agriculture, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Veterans Affairs. He also is one of nine House Members to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on China. Tim spent 24 years in the National Guards; he was born in West Point, Nebraska and spent his summers with extended family working on their farms.

## Elizabeth Springsteen

Elizabeth Springsteen is a Staff Attorney with the National Agricultural Law Center with the University of Arkansas School of Law. A *cum laude* graduate of the University of Toledo Law School, she was raised on a small family farm in Ida, Michigan.

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