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2022 Agricultural & Environmental Law Conference Agenda
Friday, October 28th 8:20 AM - 3PM
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Annapolis, Maryland

7:30AM-8:20AM - Registration and Breakfast

8:20 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. - Welcome Remarks by Dr. Moses Kairo, Dean & Professor, School of Agricultural and Natural Sciences at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES)

8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. - A Look at Maryland's New Partition of Property Act: How It Restores Hope for Heirs Property Owners

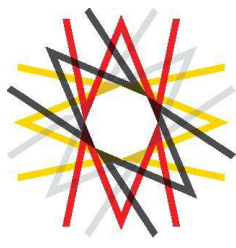
Presenters:

Maryland State Senator Malcolm Augustine

Shakisha Morgan, Esq., Principal Attorney of The Morgan Firm, LLC, and Founder of The Legacy Counselor

Panel description:

This panel will provide information about Maryland's new Partition of Property Act, which goes into effect October 1, 2022. The legislation helps Maryland families who are faced with tangled title issues preserve their families' wealth and legacies in the form of real property that can be passed to the next generation. The law impacts both urban and rural families and helps owners of heirs' property better protect and manage the land they own in Maryland.



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9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - Challenges of Hemp Over the Past 7 Years and Into the Future

Presenters:

Dr. Nicole Fiorellino, Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist, University of Maryland

Dr. Tyler Mark, Associate Professor, University of Kentucky

Panel description:

The 2014 Farm Bill legalized hemp production in the United States for the first time since 1957. The 2018 Farm Bill expanded production across the country. Since legalized production has resumed in the U.S., what have we learned and what still needs to be done to help hemp production. This panel will feature two experts. This work is supported by the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) program from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture. Any opinions, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed in this publication are those of the author(s) and should not be construed to represent any official USDA or U.S. Government determination or policy.

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. -Break & Networking

10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Environmental Justice in Maryland: How Recent Changes to State Law Impact Equity

Presenters:

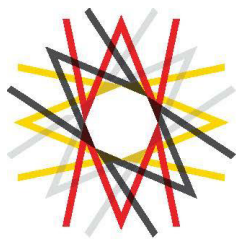
Prof. Seema Kakade, Director, Maryland Carey Law Environmental Law Clinic

Carey Law Environmental Law Clinic Students (invited)

Devon Dodson, Assistant Director, Maryland Department of the Environment

Panel description:

This panel will focus on the new Environmental Justice Screening Tool (EJ Tool) and how the use of the Tool and the resulting Environmental Justice Score will impact how the Maryland Department of the Environment makes permitting decisions. Panelists from the Maryland Carey Law Environmental Law Clinic will also share their insights into how the EJ Tool will change the legal landscape in Maryland.



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11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - 2022 Ag and Environmental Review and What to Look Out For in 2023

Presenters:

Paul Goeringer, Senior Faculty Specialist and Extension Specialist, University of Maryland

Panel Description:

2022 has seen a number of legal developments that will impact agriculture moving forward. What have those developments been and what should folks be aware of in 2023? This session will cover recent class action developments with poultry and pesticides. At the same time will cover specific developments Mid-Atlantic producers should be aware of.

11:45a.m - 11:55 am - Pre-Lunch Address by Dean Renée Hutchins, Maryland Carey Law

11:55 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. -Lunch

12:45 p.m. - 1:50 p.m. - Keynote Panel: The 2023 Farm Bill

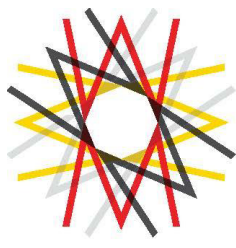
Presenters:

Dr. Stephanie Mericer, Agricultural Policy Consultant and Principal, Agricultural Perspectives & **Dr. Roger Cryan**, Chief Economist at the American Farm Bureau Federation

Panel description:

The Farm Bill is a package of legislation most commonly updated by Congress every five years. As the 2018 Farm Bill expires in 2023, Congress has begun negotiating the next Bill. ALEI is bringing together a panel of agricultural policy experts to answer questions and discuss the social and economic implications of the proposed changes and updates to the next Farm Bill. The panel discussion will revolve around the following themes that policymakers will likely consider in drafting the upcoming farm bill: Farm Production and Conservation; Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs; Rural Development; and Food and Nutrition Security.

1:50 p.m. - 2:05 p.m. - Break & Networking



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2:05 p.m. to 2:50 p.m. – Handling Food Waste: Organic Waste Reduction, Diversion, & Rescue Efforts in Maryland

Presenters:

Shannon McDonald / Tim Kerr, Land and Materials Administration, Maryland Department of the Environment

Ava Richardson, *Sustainability Director*, City of Baltimore Department of Planning, Office of Sustainability

Panel description:

During the 2021 legislative session, the Maryland General Assembly passed House Bill 264, Organics Recycling and Waste Division – Food Residuals, which requires certain large food waste generators to separate food waste and divert them to certified composting facilities within a 30-mile radius. This panel will discuss details of Maryland’s Food Waste Law and planned implementation. This panel will also discuss impacts on existing efforts by local governments to promote food waste reductions and administer community programs. The discussion will touch on ways agricultural producers may participate and benefit from food recovery and waste diversion systems.

Closing Remarks - 2:50 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. by Dr. Jinhee Kim, Professor and Assistant Director, University of Maryland Extension