

LL.M. Program in Agricultural & Food Law

University of Arkansas School of Law
2022 Fall Curriculum

An Introduction to the Law of Food & Agriculture

Neil Hamilton

1 credit condensed course

LAWW 7511

August 17-19, 2022

This special condensed course taught by visiting professor Neil Hamilton kicks off our semester. Recognized internationally for his insightful analysis of food and farms, Professor Hamilton is an Emeritus Professor of Law at Drake University Law School and is the author of the recently published book, *THE LAND REMAINS: A MIDWESTERN PERSPECTIVE ON OUR PAST AND FUTURE*. This course provides an overview of the complex legal and policy issues presented by agricultural production, including a discussion of structural changes in agriculture, sustainability, and trends in consumer interest.



Food Law & Policy

Susan Schneider

2 credit full-semester course (**required for LL.M.**)

LAWW 7862

Tuesday, 10:00 – 11:40 a.m. Central Time

August 23 - November 29, 2022

This course, taught by Program Director Professor Susan Schneider, provides an introduction to the network of laws that govern our food system and a discussion of how those laws impact that system - for good or ill. An overview of regulation by both the Food & Drug

Administration and the USDA is provided. Law and policy considerations are discussed in light of current issues. Professor Schneider is the W.H. Enfield Professor of Law and has decades of experience teaching and practicing agricultural and food law. She is also proud to be one of our alumni.

Food, Farming & Sustainability: Survey of Agricultural Law

Susan Schneider and Kelly Nuckolls

2 credit full-semester course

LAWW 7412

Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 11:40 a.m. Central Time

August 26 - December 2, 2022

This course provides a survey of the complex legal topics that make up the body of agricultural law: how and why is agriculture treated differently than other industries? The course covers many of the traditional areas of agricultural law with a focus on current issues of significance. It is taught by



Professor Susan Schneider and Visiting Assistant Professor Kelly Nuckolls. Professor Nuckolls joined our faculty full-time in 2021 and directs our Food & Agricultural Law Impact Project. She is an LL.M. alumna with agricultural policy expertise through her prior work in Washington, D.C. with the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition.

Agriculture & the Environment

Christopher Kelley

2 credit full-semester course (**required for LL.M.**)

LAWW 7962

Thursday, 10:30 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. Central Time

August 25 - December 1, 2022



One of Professor Christopher Kelley's signature LL.M. courses, Agriculture and the Environment examines the impact that agricultural production has on the environment.

This policy-oriented course examines the tensions between the need to produce food and fiber efficiently and the concern for sustainability and the protection of our natural resources. A global perspective is included. Professor Kelley is a tenured Arkansas professor teaching LL.M. and J.D. classes and is also a nonresident professor at the Kyiv Taras Shevchenko National University Law Faculty in Kyiv, Ukraine. He combines decades of agricultural law expertise with innovative teaching strategies and international law perspectives. He is also an alumnus of the LL.M. Program.



The Right to Food

Uche Ewelukwa Ofodile

2 credit full-semester course

LAWW 714V

Primarily asynchronous, with 3-4 meetings

Wednesday, 10:00 – 11:40 a.m. Central Time

August 24 - November 30, 2022

Taught by Arkansas Professor Uche Ewelukwa

Ofodile, E.J. Ball Professor of Law, this course provides an overview of the historical development of the right to food; evaluates the rights, obligations and responsibilities of rights-holders and duty-bearers of the right to food; and examines the legal and non-legal mechanisms that are increasingly used to adjudicate the right to food. This course has been developed as a Global Campus approved distance class. It will be primarily online, with three or four synchronous meetings throughout the semester, held on Wednesday mornings. Professor Ewelukwa is a distinguished scholar, serving as a Senior Fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School's Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business and Government and Scholar-in-Residence at NYU Law's Center for Human Rights and Global Justice. She is a lifetime member of the U.S. Council on Foreign Relations.

Business, Human Rights and Corporate Social Responsibility in the Food/Ag Sector

Uche Ewelukwa Ofodile

1 credit half-semester course

LAWW 794V

Wednesday, 2:00 – 3:40 p.m. Central Time

October 5 - November 30, 2022 (second half of the semester)

Professor Ewelukwa Ofodile explores the business-human rights nexus within the food and agricultural sector using relevant case studies and guest lecturers from industry, academia, and NGOs. This course introduces students to the linkages between business and human rights from a variety of legal, regulatory, and policy perspectives. Unlike Right to Food, this is a fully synchronous course that meets each week, although most weeks it will be taught remotely.

Effective Legal Writing

Professor Christopher Kelley

1 credit full-semester, Pass/Fail course

LAWW 7231

Thursday, 9:00 -9:50 a.m. Central Time

Full Semester, August 25 - December 1, 2022

Not your typical LRW class. Professor Kelley explores effective legal writing strategies, exposes problems with legalese and helps students to improve their writing skills. Using a format that he has used to offer instruction to hundreds of lawyers and law students worldwide, students discuss examples in class and explore bad habits to avoid. The course also includes electronic research training, an introduction to the electronic research services available through the University of Arkansas library system, and advice on publication strategies. This course is designed to assist students in completing their LL.M. advanced legal writing requirement and to improve their writing overall. It does not involve writing exercises and is offered for ungraded credit.



Legal Issues: Indigenous Food & Agriculture

Erin Parker

1 credit half semester course

LAWW 762V

Friday, 1:00 - 2:40 p.m. Central Time

Half Semester / Seven sessions: August 26 - October 7, 2022

This course examines the complex interaction of tribal law, treaties, and federal agricultural and food laws, including property law applicable to tribal lands. Professor Parker serves as the Executive Director of the Indigenous Food & Agriculture Initiative and organizes this course to include visits from Native American leaders and others with specialized expertise in this rapidly changing area of law and policy. She has a distinguished career spanning indigenous, agricultural, food law, and nutrition law and policy and is an alumna of the LL.M. Program.

Farmed Animal Welfare

Lauren Manning

2 credit full semester course

LAWW 726V

Tuesday, 1:00 -2:40 p.m. Central Time

August 23 - November 29, 2022

This course, taught by Adjunct Professor and LL.M. alumna Lauren Manning, presents an examination of the legal and policy issues involved in determining welfare standards for animals raised for food. In addition to exploring the lack of federal animal welfare standards and introducing humane slaughter laws, state law standards and “ag gag” laws are also discussed. Private certifications are addressed as well. Policy discussions welcome all views. Professor Manning is a farmer, an ag journalist, and serves as Senior Associate with Croatan Institute.



Agricultural Water Law

Lauren Bernadett

2 credit full semester course

LAWW 713V

Primarily asynchronous, with 3-4 meetings

Thursday, 2:00 - 3:40 p.m. Central Time

August 25 - December 1, 2022



This course, taught remotely by California water law attorney and Adjunct Professor Lauren Bernadett, provides a study of the basic legal principles applicable to water rights through a consideration of water rights for agricultural use. This course has been developed as a Global Campus approved distance class. It will be primarily online, with three or four synchronous meetings on Thursday afternoons. Professor Bernadett is an LL.M. alumna with a rich practice background who currently serves as an Associate Attorney with Harrison, Temblador, Hungerford & Guernsey LLP in Sacramento, California.

Agricultural Policy and the Federal Budget

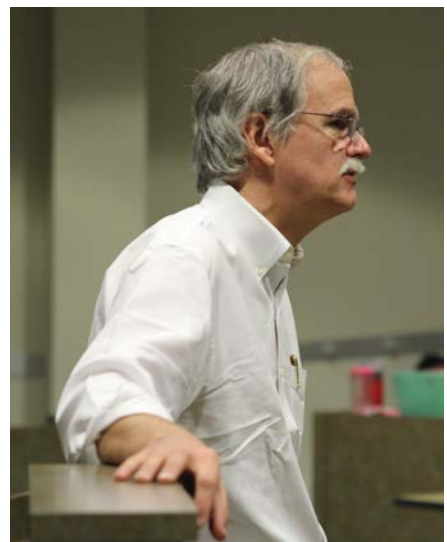
David Grahn

1 credit condensed course

LAWW 7321

Three-day class October 24-26, 2022

This unique course provides the back-story to policy development in Congress. Developed and taught by none other than Adjunct Professor David Grahn and based on his decades of experience in D.C., this fast-paced course introduces the impact of the Office of Management and Budget and the cost scoring system on federal agricultural policy making. Current farm policy issues are discussed within the context of budgetary constraints and pressures. Professor Grahn currently serves as Principal Deputy General Counsel in the USDA Office of General Counsel. He will teach this course remotely.



Independently Conducted Courses with Faculty Support

Advanced Legal Research & Writing

Lauren Manning

1 credit full semester course (required for LL.M.)

LAWW 770V

This required course includes research in a specialized area of agricultural or food law and the development of a paper that demonstrates rigorous legal analysis and quality legal writing. A variety of different article formats are available, from practice-oriented to scholarly. Professor Manning monitors student progress and provides assistance as needed, including the opportunity to workshop works-in-progress. There are no required class sessions, but several optional synchronous sessions will be conducted and recorded. While there is no prerequisite for this course, LL.M. candidates typically take it during their second full semester or after several semesters of part-time work.

Independent Research in Agricultural & Food Law

Susan Schneider

1-2 credit full semester course

LAWW 771V

This course provides an opportunity for independent research in agricultural and food law conducted under the supervision of a faculty member. This can involve the drafting of a research article or undertaking a project outside of the scope of the classes offered. Professor Schneider approves the initial proposal and works with the student to assign a faculty advisor.

Practicum in Advocacy (candidates must generally have completed at least one semester to participate)

Susan Schneider and Kelly Nuckolls

1-4 credit full semester course

LAWW 764V

This course provides experiential learning opportunities involving practice, regulatory, or policy work in agricultural or food law under the supervision of an experienced professional and an LL.M. faculty member. The practicum includes the opportunity to apply to work with the USDA under its new internship program.

Important dates for Fall Semester 2022

Classes begin: August 17 (Condensed course); August 23 (regular semester courses begin)
Holidays: September 5 (Labor Day); October 17-18 (Fall Break); November 23-25 (Thanksgiving)
Final day of class: December 2
Final exam period: December 5-16