Agricultural law is the network of special laws that apply to farmers, ranchers, and agribusiness. Recognizing its unique importance, agriculture is often treated differently than other industries. Just as it is extraordinarily productive, agriculture is also highly consumptive, using more natural resources including land and water than any other industry. Developing an agricultural system that balances production needs with environmental sustainability is a serious challenge for the future.

Food law includes the statutes, regulations, and policies that apply to the production, marketing, and sale of the food we eat - the laws that regulate labeling, advertising, and food safety, as well as the policies affecting nutrition, obesity, and food justice. Food law forms the structural foundation for our food system. As concerns about the sustainability of our food system are raised, an analysis of food law is critical.

The LL.M. Program in Agricultural & Food Law provides a unique opportunity to study these integrated specialties and to develop an understanding of our food system, from farm to fork. We study the law from the perspective of the farmer, the processor, the retailer, and the consumer.
Reputation
For over thirty years, the University of Arkansas School of Law has been known for its unique agricultural law program. Recognizing the importance of connecting agriculture to its most important crop - the food we eat - the program began developing its food law curriculum ten years ago, leading the way for the new food law & policy movement.

Innovation
Located in scenic Northwest Arkansas, the Fayetteville area is a wonderful place to live and study. However, recognizing that some of our most accomplished applicants cannot move to Fayetteville, we have now incorporated video conferencing technology to allow a limited number of attorneys to participate by distance learning. Achieving full integration with our traditional classroom setting is our prime objective. The use of advanced technology and the most effective distance education techniques allow for innovative classroom instruction.

Admissions
Admission to the LL.M. Program is limited to attorneys with a solid academic record and a demonstrated interest in agricultural or food law studies. A background in the agricultural or food industry is not required. The Program welcomes experienced attorneys as well as recent law graduates from the U.S. and throughout the world.

Curriculum
LL.M. candidates take specialized courses developed for the Program and taught by nationally recognized agricultural and food law scholars and practitioners. Classes are offered throughout the semester or condensed for intensive study. Our recently expanded curriculum provides a wide range of choices. Individual curriculum planning accommodates special student interests, with experiential learning opportunities available. At least one credit is devoted to a research and writing project. Candidates typically complete their course requirements in two semesters, but part-time enrollment is also allowed.

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