

Agriculture

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Comprehensive legal counsel for your agriculture operation and business needs.

The agriculture industry is complex, unique and regulated. At Mitchell Williams, our team of agriculture lawyers take pride in combining our agriculture knowledge and business experience to help producers and agribusinesses face the extensive challenges and regulatory issues presented in today's modern agriculture environment. Our agri team has hands-on agriculture experience and deep relationships with agriculture and regulatory leaders which empowers us to effectively and efficiently advise our clients. We assist individual producers/operators, land owners, agriculture and commodity trade associations, processing and milling companies, agricultural co-ops, equipment manufacturers and input suppliers, agricultural lenders, timber and forest product operators, transportation companies, chemical formulation and supply companies and other ag-related businesses.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Years of family farming experience in Arkansas
- Extensive agriculture knowledge
- Comprehensive agriculture legal services
- Deep relationships with agriculture and regulatory leaders

CAPABILITIES

- Legal services for agribusiness formations, acquisitions and sales
- Counsel on real estate transactions and other business transactions
- Assist with land and timber acquisitions, leasing, resource management, boundary disputes, contract and supply agreements, tax consultations, environmental and regulatory compliance, and labor, employment and worker's compensation issues
- Advise on environmental, energy and natural resource issues
- Assist with lease agreements, easements and leasing matters with utility and natural resources companies
- Assist with agriculture landowner leases for hunting, rentals and other recreational opportunities
- Advise on farm succession planning, estate planning and tax planning
- Assist with agriculture specific employment matters
- Provide legal guidance on compliance with applicable agricultural laws including the Farm Bill
- Provide advocacy and assistance with reviews and adverse agency determinations under the commodity and conservation titles of the farm bill which includes mediations, reconsiderations and administrative trials and appeals with county committees and USDA's National Appeals Division (NAD)
- Advise and assist on conservation program applications and compliance
- Counsel on litigation and disputes
- Assist with crop insurance issues
- Advise on foreclosures on real property, repossession of equipment, claims in bankruptcy and eviction and collection actions

- Advise on priority issues related to farm equipment, crop insurance proceeds and government payments
- Assist with landlord's liens and other statutory and voluntary liens
- Provide lobbying and government relations
- Monitor activities, policies and regulations of state and federal regulatory agencies, including the Arkansas Department of Agriculture, Arkansas State Plant Board, Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and others, to determine potential impacts on agricultural practices
- Monitor activities, policies and regulations before the Senate and House Agricultural Committees
- Advise on permitting and regulatory compliance matters before the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission and other state and federal regulatory agencies