

18<sup>th</sup> Annual John Huffaker Course

# Agricultural Law

## *Live In-Person*

Lubbock • May 29-30, 2025

Texas Tech University School of Law

## *Webcast Replay*

July 8-9, 2025



**MCLE CREDIT** 13.5 Hours (3 Ethics)

 Downloadable Course Materials



TexasBarCLE.com | (512) 427-1574

Education by the Bar, for the Bar



TexasBarCLE presents  
the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual  
John Huffaker Course

# Agricultural Law

Register early and **save up to \$90!**

Lawyers licensed 5 years or less take  
**HALF OFF!**

(See page 6 for details.)

## Live In-Person

Lubbock • May 29-30, 2025  
Texas Tech University School of Law  
Mark and Becky Lanier Professional  
Development Center

Register by **May 15** to save!

## Webcast Replay

July 8-9, 2025

Separate registration required for each  
event.



## MCLE CREDIT

13.5 Hours (3 Ethics)

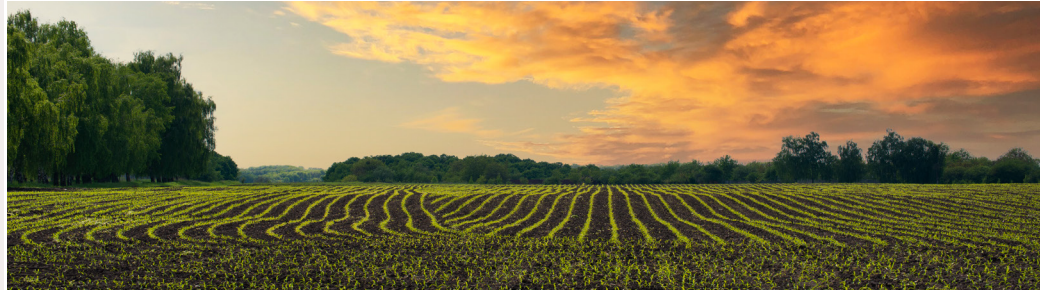
MCLE Course No: 174270711

Applies to the Texas Bar College  
and the Texas Board of Legal  
Specialization in Real Estate:  
Commercial, Farm and Ranch,  
Residential, and Property Owners  
Association Law.



Scan to report  
your MCLE hours.

Cosponsored by Texas Rural Mediation Services



## THURSDAY

7.25 hours including 1.75 ethics

### 8:00 Registration

Enhanced Breakfast Provided by  
Our Principal Sponsor

### 8:30 Welcoming Remarks Course Directors

Trace R. Blair, *Jourdanton*  
Wigington Rumley Dunn & Blair

David K. Waggoner, *Hillsboro*  
The Waggoner Law Firm

### 8:35 Welcome from the Dean

Jack Wade Nowlin, *Lubbock*  
Dean, Texas Tech University School of Law

### 8:45 140 Days: The Good, the Bad, the Ugly .75 hr

Billy Howe, *Waco*  
Texas Farm Bureau

J Pete Laney, *Austin*  
Law Offices of J Pete Laney

### 9:30 The Farmer and the Feds: Recent Federal Rule-Making and Litigation Directly Affecting Agriculture .75 hr

John Huffaker, *Aurora, CO*  
Vice Chancellor and General Counsel,  
Texas Tech University System (Retired)

David A. LeBas, *Austin*  
Naman Howell Smith & Lee

### 10:15 Break

### 10:30 Update on the U.S. Agricultural Policy and Farm Bill 1 hr

Justin Benavidez, *Washington, D.C.*  
Chief Economist, United States House  
Committee on Agriculture

### 11:30 Break - Lunch Provided

### 11:45 Luncheon Presentation:

**District of Brazos: The Republic's Secret  
Court 1 hr ethics**

Hon. Ken Wise, *Houston*  
Justice, 14th Court of Appeals

### 12:45 Break

### 1:00 Federal and State Agricultural Law: Legislative & Judicial Update 1 hr

Harrison Pittman, *Fayetteville, AR*  
Director, National Agricultural Law Center

### 2:00 History and Influences Shaping the Future - Food Safety Laws, Policies and Rule Making at the Agency Level .75 hr

Mindy M. Brashears, PhD, *Lubbock*  
Director, International Center for Food  
Industry Excellence

### 2:45 Networking Break Provided by Our Counsel Sponsors

### 3:00 Failures of Rights of First Refusal & Options and Their Perils for the Family Farm .75 hr (.25 ethics)

Garrett Coutts, *Lubbock*  
Brady & Hamilton

### 3:45 TRMS's Efforts to Enhance Mediation Services for Rural Texans .5 hr

D. Gene Valentini, *Lubbock*  
Director, Office of Dispute Resolution for  
Lubbock County

### 4:15 Heirs' Property .75 hr (.5 ethics)

Amber S. Miller, *Lubbock*  
Crenshaw Dupree & Milam

Prof. Jesse Richardson, *Morgantown, WV*  
West Virginia University School of Law

### 5:00 Adjourn

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Welcome Social Provided by  
Our Partner Sponsor



## Mark Your Calendar



### FRIDAY

6.25 hours including 1.25 ethics

8:00 **Enhanced Breakfast Provided by Our Principal Sponsor**

8:25 **Announcements**

8:30 **1031 Exchange for Farm and Ranch Properties .5 hr**  
Greg Lehrmann, *Austin*  
Excel 1031 Exchange

9:00 **Agricultural Use Appraisals and Soil Nutrient Deductions Under the IRC .75 hr**  
Jim Eggleston, *Weatherford*  
Eggleston King Davis

9:45 **Nuisance and the Right to Farm Act .75 hr**  
Zachary Brady, *Lubbock*  
Brady & Hamilton

10:30 **Networking Break Provided by Our Counsel Sponsors**

10:45 **A Generational Shift: What Demographics, Economics, and Technology Tell Us About the Future of Agricultural Law 1 hr**  
Prof. Shannon Ferrell, *Stillwater, OK*  
Oklahoma State University

11:45 **PFAs in Texas and How They Impact Agriculture .5 hr**  
Jason Hill, *Austin*  
J.T. Hill

12:15 **Break - Lunch Provided**

12:30 **Luncheon Presentation: Update on State Bar Activities .75 hr ethics**  
Steve Benesh, *Austin*  
President, State Bar of Texas  
Bracewell

1:15 **Break**

1:30 **Navigating Agricultural Lending and the Law .75 hr**  
Stephanie Fryer, *College Station*  
Capital Farm Credit

Joe Patranella, *College Station*  
Capital Farm Credit

2:15 **Update on Carbon Markets .75 hr**  
F. Parks Brown, *San Antonio*  
Uhl Fitzsimons Burton Wolff & Rangel

3:00 **The Best Reason of Wise Men: The Practice of Law According to Lincoln .5 hr ethics**  
Jim D. Bradbury, *Austin*  
James D. Bradbury, PLLC

3:30 **Adjourn**

**Click to register for these upcoming courses:**

- **Advanced Real Estate Law**  
**[Live In-Person](#)**  
San Antonio • July 10-12, 2025  
Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort

Join us a day early for  
**[Real Estate Law 101!](#)**

- **Advanced Oil, Gas & Energy Resources Law\***  
**[Live In-Person](#)**  
Houston • September 4-5, 2025  
Hyatt Regency Galleria

\* Registration for this course is not available at the time of publishing. Search [TexasBarCLE.com](https://www.texasbarcle.com) for updates.

Event details may change. For the latest information, please visit [TexasBarCLE.com](https://www.texasbarcle.com).

### Benefits of Attending a Live In-Person Course

- Make the connections you need for the business you want: 80% of clients come from trusted sources such as fellow attorneys.
- Be the first to learn of vital developments and potential changes in your practice area.
- Gain guidance and insight from face-to-face Q & A with course faculty.
- Get inspired and motivated by connecting with judges, fellow attorneys, and other professionals - many with the same issues and concerns you may have.
- Take time away from the office to focus on CLE without distractions!

## Thank You to Our Sponsors



### Texas Rural Mediation Services™

A DISPUTE RESOLUTION of LUBBOCK COUNTY PROGRAM

**The Texas USDA Certified Mediation Program**, a.k.a. Texas Rural Mediation Services™ (TRMS), is part of the Texas Dispute Resolution System™, headquartered in and operated by Lubbock County. The System is the sole provider of mediation services in Texas for USDA-defined eligible services and persons. Additionally, TRMS has been authorized by Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Commissioner Sid Miller to provide services for recipients of TDA services and to any residents of TDA-defined rural Texas counties/municipalities needing dispute resolution services. All these services are available at no cost to the recipients.



**The National Agricultural Law Center** serves as the nation's leading source of agricultural and food law research and information. In addition, the Center leads the Agricultural & Food Law Consortium, a 4-university partnership designed to enhance and expand the delivery of objective agricultural and food law research and information to the nation's vast agricultural community.

### Partner



COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE  
PROPERTY TAX REPRESENTATION

### Principal



James D. Bradbury PLLC



Fort Worth • Austin

### Counsel



### Associate

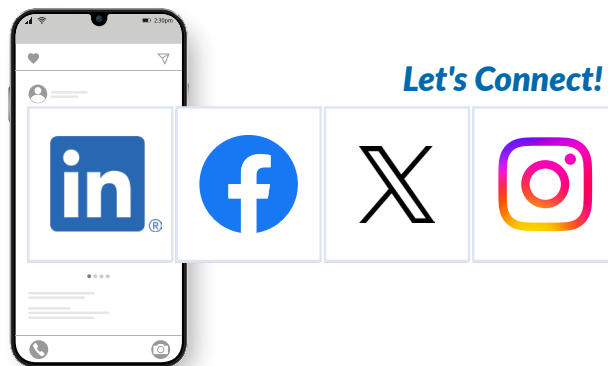


WIGINGTON RUMLEY DUNN & BLAIR LLP  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

**Interested in Sponsoring or Exhibiting at this Course or Others?**

Please view our [TexasBarCLE Course List](#) or contact us at [clesponsorships@texasbar.com](mailto:clesponsorships@texasbar.com).





**LinkedIn** @TexasBarCLE | **Facebook** @TBCLE  
**X formerly Twitter** @TexasBarCLE | **Instagram** @TexasBarCLE1

## Event Location & Hotel Information

### Live In-Person

**Lubbock • Texas Tech University School of Law**  
 Mark and Becky Lanier Professional Development Center  
 3311 18th Street  
 Lubbock, TX 79409  
 (806) 742-3791

**Parking:** Complimentary self-parking is available.

### Hotel Information

Hotel rooms have been blocked at special rates on a space available basis. To make a reservation, contact the hotel and indicate that you will be attending this State Bar of Texas course.

#### Cotton Court Hotel

1610 Broadway Street  
 Lubbock, TX 79401  
 (806) 758-5800

King: \$139/night + additional hotel fees may apply  
 Double: \$149/night + additional hotel fees may apply

**Hotel Deadline: April 28**

[Make your reservation online.](#)

**Parking:** Complimentary self-parking is available.

The reserved block of rooms may fill up before the deadline.  
 Act now!

## TexasBarCLE.com

### • Course Directors

Trace R. Blair..... Jourdanton  
 David K. Waggoner..... Hillsboro

### • Planning Committee

Jim D. Bradbury..... Austin  
 Garrett Coutts..... Lubbock  
 John Huffaker..... Aurora, CO  
 W. Calloway Huffaker..... Tahoka  
 J Pete Laney..... Austin  
 Tiffany Dowell Lashmet..... Amarillo  
 David L. LeBas..... Austin  
 Amber S. Miller..... Lubbock  
 Joe Will Ross..... San Angelo  
 Craig A. Stokes..... San Antonio  
 Kristi Thompson..... Lubbock  
 D. Gene Valentini..... Lubbock

### • TexasBarCLE Planning Team

Kandi Botello..... Program Planner  
 Andrew Cobble..... Program Coordinator  
 Deserea Serna..... Lead Written Materials Coordinator  
 Kathy Kasper..... Meeting Planner

### • State Bar of Texas

Steve Benesh..... President  
 Paul K. Stafford..... Chair of the Board  
 Santos Vargas..... President-Elect  
 Cindy V. Tisdale..... Immediate Past President  
 Hisham A. Masri..... TYLA President  
 Sarah Clower Keathley..... Chair, CLE Committee  
 Aaron Z. Tobin..... Chair, Board PDP Committee  
 Trey Apffel..... Executive Director  
 Hedy Bower..... Director, TexasBarCLE

## Ways to Save on This Course!

### Register for the Live In-Person Event by May 15 and Save \$50

Early registrations help us ensure that sufficient course books, seating, and refreshments are available. Course materials and seating will be reserved for preregistrants until the start of the first topic.

### GO GREEN and Save \$15

Select the *PDF download only* option for a discount.

### Texas Bar College Members Can Save \$25

To join or learn more, visit [texasbarcollege.com](http://texasbarcollege.com) or call (512) 427-1819.

### Lubbock County Bar Association Members Can Save \$25

Attorneys licensed in Texas 5 years or less get **half off** the regular course fee.

### Paralegal Division Members Can Save \$25

To join or learn more, visit [txpd.org](http://txpd.org) or call (806) 443-2209.



### Earn Discounts by Registering Five or More

Contact our Firm & Group Sales Representative at [firmandgroupsales@texasbar.com](mailto:firmandgroupsales@texasbar.com). Please note, this excludes complimentary registrations.

### Virtual Course Discount Save \$50 Automatically

when you register for the webcast replay!



## FYI

### • Scholarship Information

TexasBarCLE offers scholarships for live courses, video replays, online classes, and webcasts. To apply or learn more, call (512) 427-1490, Mon-Fri 8am-5pm CT. Please apply at least two weeks prior to any live/video replay course or at least one week prior to any webcast or online class.

- **Active Texas State, County, and Federal Judges, Administrative Law Judges, Hearing Examiners, and Judge's Staff Attorneys may attend out-of-state programs for a discounted rate or in-state programs for free, provided:** (1) the course directly relates to the judge's/tribunal's jurisdiction, (2) the judge is a full-time judge or retired under a judicial retirement system and (3) space is available for all paying registrants. This privilege does not extend to prosecutors, receivers, trustees, other court staff, or persons serving part-time in a judicial capacity. Actual attendance is required to receive course materials.

- **Parking Information** is subject to change and does not guarantee available space.

- **If You Need Special Accommodations to Attend or Have a Food Allergy**, please contact us as soon as possible at (512) 427-1751 or [kathy.kasper@texasbar.com](mailto:kathy.kasper@texasbar.com).

### • Registered but Can't Attend? Still Earn MCLE Credit

by taking the course online later through your Free Online Benefits. If you paid for hard copy materials and would like them mailed to you, please **email to let us know** within one month of the program date. If you would rather have a refund, call (512) 427-1574 or fax your request to (512) 427-4443. Refund requests must be made at least one business day before the program.

- **FREE ONLINE BENEFITS! Online Videos and MP3s of the Topics** will be available to registrants 4-6 weeks after the live in-person event. Provide your e-mail address when preregistering to be notified when and how these benefits may be accessed. (Note: Presentation lengths may vary from that which was advertised.) There's no extra charge; as a registrant, you're already entitled!

### • Policy of Impartiality

The State Bar of Texas does not endorse political candidates. When a candidate for the public office is included in promotion for or participates in a TexasBarCLE event, the State Bar is not taking a position for or against anyone's candidacy.

### • Prospective Speakers

We are always looking for new speakers and encourage you to fill out this **prospective speaker form** to let us know your areas of expertise.

## REGISTRATION FORM

- **To pay by credit card**, register online at [TexasBarCLE.com](https://texasbarcle.com) or call (512) 427-1574 during business hours.
- **To pay by check**, mail to State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 676916, Dallas, TX 75267-6916



### Earn Discounts by Registering Five or More

Contact our Firm & Group Sales Representative at [firmandgroupsales@texasbar.com](mailto:firmandgroupsales@texasbar.com). Please note, this excludes complimentary registrations.

## Agricultural Law (8295)

### **Live In-Person** • Lubbock • May 29-30, 2025

- ☐ \$445 Regular Registration Fee  
Eligible for a discount if registered by May 15
- ☐ \$222.50\* Lawyers Licensed Five Years or Less (Half Off)

### **Webcast Replay** • July 8-9, 2025

Register at [TexasBarCLE.com](https://texasbarcle.com). See page 8 for pricing.

## Discounts

### Live In-Person Discounts

- ☐ \$50 off • Early Bird Discount (see deadline date above)  
(Postmark date for checks will be determinative.)

#### Membership Discounts: (select one)

- ☐ \$25 off • Lubbock County Bar Association
- ☐ \$25 off • Texas Bar College
- ☐ \$25 off • Paralegal Division

For more information, see page 6.

### All Courses

My registration is complimentary because I am a:

- ☐ Qualifying judge
- ☐ Judge's staff attorney

See FYI section on page 6 for details.



## Course Materials

### Agricultural Law

- ☐ Hardcopy Book & PDF Download (included with registration)
- ☐ PDF Download Only (\$15 Off)

### I can't attend, but would like the course materials

(Free shipping and handling)

- ☐ \$85<sup>†</sup> Hardcopy Book

PDF downloads of course materials are [available online](#) 1-2 weeks after the course.

## Check Payments

My total is \$

State Bar Membership No:

Registrant Name:

Firm Name/Court:

Address for Bar-Related Mail:

City/State Zip:

Phone / Fax:

E-Mail:

An email address is required for payment confirmation and pdf downloads of course materials.

\*Does not qualify for discounts listed in the Discount section.

<sup>†</sup> Plus 8.25% sales tax on total course book sales only. Please include sales tax or attach an exemption certificate. Book orders are shipped separately 1-2 weeks after the final in-person event. Please include payment by check on this form.

To order on USB, contact our FlashCLE service at (512) 427-1575.

**QUESTIONS? (512) 427-1574**



## Webcast Information



Webcast registration is offered online using a credit card at [TexasBarCLE.com](https://TexasBarCLE.com). If you have any questions or would like to register by phone, please call (512) 427-1574. Mail or fax registrations are not accepted at this time.

### Fees

#### Webcast Replay • July 8-9, 2025

- \$295 Per Registrant | **\$245 with Virtual Discount!**
- \$147.50 Lawyers Licensed 5 Years or Less (Half Off)

**Additional discounts available online.**

### Course Materials

Written materials will be provided as a PDF download only. Register in advance and we'll send you an email to download/print the materials when they become available. (You must be a registered user of [TexasBarCLE.com](https://TexasBarCLE.com) to use this feature. Becoming a registered user is free and only takes a moment.)

#### **I can't attend but would like the materials**

PDF downloads of course materials are **available online** 1-2 weeks after the course.

### Replaying the Webcast

If you cannot watch the entire webcast at its scheduled time, an archived recording will be available under **My Purchases** within a few days of the live program. You may then complete the program at your convenience and claim MCLE credit through April 30, 2026.

**IMPORTANT:** Registration for this webcast admits only the registrant. Registrants are expressly prohibited from allowing nonregistrants access to the program.

For group viewings of a webcast, contact us at (512) 263-2802 or [firmandgroupsales@texasbar.com](mailto:firmandgroupsales@texasbar.com).

### Claiming MCLE Credit

For the webcast, click the **Claim Credit** tab at the conclusion of your viewing. Please read & acknowledge the instructions, edit any information if needed, then click **Submit Hours** at the bottom of the page.

**QUESTIONS?** Please email [cleregistration@texasbar.com](mailto:cleregistration@texasbar.com) or call (512) 427-1574.