



## Kentucky Journal of Equine, Agriculture, & Natural Resources Law Symposium

### *“Improving or Impeding? The Local & National Effects of State & Federal Regulation”*

#### **Equine Law: 9:00am — 11:30am**

##### ***Prof. Thomas Rutledge (moderator)***

Tom Rutledge is a Member in Stoll Keenon Ogden's Louisville office and a member of the Business Services practice with a focus on Mergers & Acquisitions and Securities & Corporate Governance. Mr. Rutledge is also a member of the Banking Litigation Practice. His practice concentrates on business organization law and disputes between business organization owners. He has served as an expert witness on matters including the operation of LLCs and fiduciary duties in corporations and LLCs.

##### ***Dr. Jill Stowe***

Jill Stowe is an associate professor in the University of Kentucky's Department of Agricultural Economics and also serves as the Director of the UK Ag Equine Programs. Her areas of specialization include economics of the equine industry, decision making under risk and uncertainty, other-regarding preferences, incentives, and neuroeconomics. She received a Ph.D. in Economics from Texas A&M University.

##### ***Robert Heleringer, Esq.***

Robert Heleringer is an expert in equine regulatory law having written a book on the subject. Mr. Heleringer has a deep background in the racing industry. During his career, Mr. Heleringer served for 23 years in the Kentucky General Assembly where he was an outspoken advocate for the horse racing industry and for the rights of people with developmental disabilities.

##### ***Laura DeAngelo, Esq.***

Laura D'Angelo received an MBA from York University Schulich School of Business before receiving her law degree from the UK College of Law. She helps international and domestic clients navigate compliance issues, contract negotiation, mergers and acquisitions, and commercial lending. Ms. D'Angelo also effectively steers clients through the myriad of evolving

state and federal regulations that govern the equine gaming industry. She is a partner at Dinsmore & Shohl in Lexington.

***Robert Beck, Esq.***

Robert Beck is a transactional lawyer with Stites & Harbison in Lexington representing both domestic and foreign clients in the purchase, sale or syndication of bloodstock valued at more than \$700 million. Mr. Beck also regularly provides corporate and financing legal counsel to equine industry participants. And he is chair of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission, having been reappointed by Governor Steve Beshear for a third term.

**Agriculture and Natural Resources: 1:15pm — 4:30pm**

***Prof. Michael Healy (moderator)***

Professor Healy received his undergraduate degree from Williams College and his law degree from the University of Pennsylvania graduating with Order of Coif distinction. Prior to entering law teaching, Professor Healy worked in the Appellate Section of the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, in private practice in Washington D.C., and as a law clerk for Judge Edward R. Becker of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in 1984-1985. He will serve as the panel moderator.

***Herb Miller, Esq.***

Herb Miller is the current President of Columbia Gas, a natural gas distribution company, and he is responsible for all corporate activities. Prior to that he served as General Counsel for Kentucky American Water Company and was a partner with Stoll Keenon Ogden in Lexington. Mr. Miller received both his BA in History and Political Science along with his JD from the University of Kentucky.

***Tom FitzGerald, Esq.***

Tom FitzGerald is the Director of Kentucky Resources Council, Kentucky's only environmental advocacy organization offering legal and strategic assistance without charge to individuals, community groups and local governments statewide. Mr. FitzGerald previously served as a staff attorney at the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky. He received his BA from Roger Williams College and his JD from the University of Kentucky College of Law.

***Prof. Jim Huffman***

Professor Huffman is Dean Emeritus at the Lewis and Clark Law School where he has been teaching since 1973. He graduated from Montana State University, the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, and the University of Chicago Law School. Among other memberships, Professor Huffman is a member and former Chair of the Executive Committee of the Environment and Property Rights Practice Group of the Federalist Society.

***Baylen Linnekin, Esq. — “Food (Un)Chained”***

Mr. Baylen Linnekin received his JD from Washington College of Law and earned an LL.M in Agricultural & Food Law from University of Arkansas School of Law. He is the founder and executive director of Keep Food Legal Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that promotes food

freedom—the right of every American to grow, raise, produce, buy, sell, share, cook, eat, and drink the foods of their own choosing. Linnekin serves as an adjunct professor of law at George Mason University Law School.

***Prof. Allen Olson, — “A Different Type of Regulation: The 2014 Farm Bill and the Future of Farm Programs”***

Allen Olson’s practice is concentrated on federal farm programs, payment limitations, USDA administrative appeals, crop insurance litigation, conservation easements, farm business planning, farm bankruptcies, and other matters affecting farmers and related agricultural businesses. He teaches in the LL.M. Program in Agricultural & Food Law at the University of Arkansas School of Law, with courses focused on federal farm programs, crop insurance, and future issues of global food security.