Legal Resources to Assist Maryland Agriculture

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INTRODUCTION
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Number of resources exist to assist agricultural operations in MD
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- Ag Law Education Initiative’s resources
- MD Risk Management Blog
- Other resources
The Agriculture Law Education Initiative (ALEI) is a collaboration of the Francis King Carey School of Law at the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB); the College of Agriculture & Natural Resources at the University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP); and the School of Agricultural and Natural Sciences at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. ALEI is an initiative of the University of Maryland: MPowering the State.
Agriculture Law Education Initiative

- Website includes UME fact sheets covering a number of legal issues:
  - Common liability issues
  - CSA agreements
  - Direct marketing
  - Environmental and right-to-farm issues
  - Succession planning
Agriculture Law Education Initiative

- Also includes videos covering these issues
- Legal directory of ag law attorneys developed by MSBA
Agriculture Law Education Initiative

- On going work:
  - Developing resources for value-added growers
  - Assisting with farm stress outreach
  - Working on resources for aquaculture
  - Resources related to heirs’ property
MD. RISK MANAGEMENT BLOG
Md. Risk Management Blog

- Department of Ag and Resource Econ’s blog updated periodically with timely legal, crop insurance, farm policy, and water conservation information.

- www.agrisk.umd.edu
Md. Risk Management Blog

- Site also houses a podcast
- Additional resources related to agricultural leasing, hiring practices
Md. Risk Management Blog

- Links to websites related to:
  - Utility scale solar energy development on farmland
  - Risk management resources for hemp growers
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
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- National Ag Law Center - https://nationalaglawcenter.org/

- Penn State Center for Ag and Shale Law - https://aglaw.psu.edu/
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Farmland Access Legal Toolkit through Vermont School of Law’s Center for Ag and Food Systems - https://farmlandaccess.org/
Any Questions??

Thank you!
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