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PROFESSIONAL CAREER

- 2023-Present **Associate Extension Professor**, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, NC State University, Raleigh, NC
- 2018-2023 **Assistant Extension Professor**, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, NC State University, Raleigh, NC
- 2018-Present **Guitarist**: The Maxell 90, The George Huntley Band, Cage Bird Fancier
- 2010-2018 **Private Law Practice** serving farmers and farm/forest landowners in North Carolina and Virginia in farm estate planning and business organization, contract and lease drafting, real estate and conservation matters (transitioned out of practice to full-time educator)
- 2003-2010 **Executive Director**, North Carolina Farm Transition Network (non-profit education service on farm transfer planning) (closed organization to enter private law practice)
- 2002-2003 **Project Coordinator**, American Farmland Trust (projects related to farmland protection policy and programming) (position eliminated nationally by board action)
- 1992-2001 Early **law practice** in Northern Virginia, transitioned to **advertising sales** with *Campaigns & Elections* (D.C.), *Roll Call* (D.C., Economist Group), and *Spectator* (Raleigh, Creative Loafing Group), Sales Manager at G&K Services (industrial laundry), Graham, NC

EDUCATION

Hampden-Sydney College, 1989 (BA History and BA Management Economics) (*Phi Beta Kappa*)
Wake Forest University School of Law, JD, 1992 (Curriculum emphasis in land use and conservation)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- North Carolina State Bar (Active)
- Virginia State Bar (Voluntary Inactive)
- American Agricultural Law Association (AALA)
 - Distance Continuing Legal Education Committee (current)
- International Farm Transition Network (IFTN)
- Agricultural Applied Economics Association (AAEA)
- NC Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers (NCSFMRA) (Secretary/Treasurer)
- North Carolina Farm Mediation Program (NCAMP) (Board of Advisors)
- North Carolina Association of Cooperative Extension Specialists (NCACES) (Board Member [2021-2025], Parliamentarian [2025 - current])

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

- Leadership & Service Recognition Award, North Carolina Joint Council of Extension Professionals (2021)

- Outstanding Subject Matter Program by a Team - *Heirs Property at the Community Level* (NC Association of Extension Specialists, 2024)
- Teacher Award of Merit (Nominee) (College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, 2024)
- Course Improvement Quality Matters Certification grant (ARE 309, QM certified) (NCSU Distance Education Learning and Technology Applications, 2021)
- Course Improvement Quality Matters Certification grant (ARE 306, QM certified) (NCSU Distance Education Learning and Technology Applications, 2024)
- Course Improvement Quality Matters Mentorship grant (NCSU Distance Education Learning and Technology Applications, 2024)

SYNERGISTIC ACTIVITIES (NCSU Appointments: Cooperative Extension, Teaching, Service and Collaboration)

- **Teaching and Student Advising** (45% appointment) Courses and Advising:
 - ARE 309, *Environmental Law and Economic Policy* (3 hour credit), NC State Univ. (109 enrollment Fall 2024) (Taught in Fall, Summer)
 - ARE 306, *Agricultural Law* (3 hour credit), NC State Univ. (183 enrollment Fall 2024) (Taught in Fall, Spring, Summer)
 - ARE 106, *Agribusiness Law* (3 hour credit, NC State Univ. Ag Institute (54 enrollment Fall 2024) (Taught in Fall, past Spring 2022-2024)
 - ARE 133, *Agricultural and Environmental Policy*, NC State Univ. Ag Institute (52 enrollment Spring 2026)
 - **Agricultural Institute (AGI) ARE Curriculum Coordinator (2025)**
 - Serve as department curriculum advising coordinator for approximately 70 majors in Agribusiness Management (AAS)
 - Schedule and provide food logistics for AGI101 Industry Field Trip for AAS students
 - Coordinate schedule of courses for Fall and Spring with ARE AGI faculty
 - Coordinate assignment of advising majors among faculty in department
 - Serve as department liaison in recruitment of prospective students and industry outreach
 - Serve as advocate for AGI program with teaching, research and Extension faculty
 - Academic Advising: 54 Agribusiness Management majors in Fall 2024/Spring 2025, approx 40 AGI majors in Fall 2025; approx 100 majors (AGI and 4 year) in Spring 2026
 - Affiliate Instructor AG-IDEA
 - Student Mentoring - Research and Extension Experiences for Undergraduates (**REEU**) grant (2024-2026)
 - Student Mentoring (2026) Park Scholar (Rachel Noble)
 - Faculty Mentoring - NCSU Digital Education and Learning Technology Applications (DELTA) course improvement (quality matters) program mentor (2024, 2025, 2026)
- **NC Cooperative Extension** (50% appointment). Adult and professional education on legal topics related to land use, land transfer, taxes, farm production and environmental regulation

- Extension Program: *Farm and Tax Law for Producers and Landowners* (“Farm Law”) - Articles, Fact Sheets and Presentations to producer, landowner and professional audiences on a variety of legal and tax topics impacting agricultural production and farm and forest land use.
 - Research-based Content: *Farm Law and Tax for Producers and Landowners* - Resource web portal developed by Branam for publishing content online (<https://farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu/>)
 - Invited state and national presentations and panels on legal and tax topics (see presentation examples below)
 - Designed Workshop Format: *Land Summit* - Train-the-trainer (Extension, Soil and Water, etc.) and farmer/landowner-facing workshops for delivery of *Farm Law* education content (online and in-person) in collaboration with local and state government administrators and regulators ([curriculum developed](#))
 - Extension Teams:
 - Extension Water Resources Program (NCSU Cooperative Extension)
 - Extension Irrigation and Drainage Program (NCSU Cooperative Extension)
 - Local Foods Program Team - Economic Development Committee (NCSU Cooperative Extension)
 - *Farm Planning Resources* web portal (<https://farmplanning.ces.ncsu.edu/>) (NC Cooperative Extension)
 - Extension Program Collaborations include NC Farmlink, NC Agritourism Curriculum, NC Farm School, NC Fence School, Soldiers to Ag, NC Choices
- **ARE Departmental/NCSU Service (5%)**
 - Secretary/Treasurer, NCSFMRA, responsible for organizing winter meeting on behalf of ARE student scholarship endowment through the NCSU Ag Foundation
 - This position requires serving as financial officer, involving reporting to Board, organizing logistics and speakers for a winter professional credit meeting, securing credit with NC Appraisal Board, and organizing and logistics for a summer tour
 - Editor, *NC State Economist*, NCSU Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics (2020 – 2022)
 - Undergraduate Curriculum Coordinating Committee (2019 - current)
 - Search Committee for Teaching Assistant Professor (non-tenure track) - 2026 recruitment and interviews
 - Search Committee for Extension Assistant Professor - Tax and Farm Management Specialist (ARE) (successful recruitment August 2024)
 - Search Committee for Tenure-Track Extension Assistant Professor - Land Retention Specialist (Department of Forestry) (successful recruitment August 2023)
 - Faculty Mentor Committees - (1) Assistant Teaching Professor (chair); (1) Assistant Extension Professor
 - Chairman - Department Awards Committee (2023-24) (resigned to allow own pursuit of awards)
 - Consultant/Educator - NCSU Office of Philanthropy
 - **NCSU College Collaborations** (Collaborations with other CALS Departments and Colleges in support of Extension and Teaching appointments)

- **College of Engineering** Clean Energy Technology Center on funded projects concerning utility-scale solar development outreach in rural communities
- Department of **Biological and Agricultural Engineering**, including team focus on programming concerning drainage and wetland protection policy, as well as faculty mentor for REEU Nutrient Policy summer program
- *NC Choices*, **NC Center for Environmental Farming Systems**, on funded programming related to establishment tenure of beginning farmers
- Department of Forestry, **College of Natural Resources**, including collaboration on landowner webinars concerning premises liability, tourism, land succession, heirs property and water and drainage law
- NC Fresh Produce Safety Task Force (legal conference organization 2023)
- Collaboration with campus and statewide county Cooperative Extension (both NCSU and NC A&T), including:
 - Development of the *Land Summit* education format, including curriculum and delivery
 - Development of the *Farm Planning Resources* web portal (<https://farmplanning.ces.ncsu.edu/>)
 - Local Foods Program Team, Economic Development Committee, in development of land summits and liability education in the sponsored agritourism curriculum.
 - NC A&T and NCSU Department of Forestry in delivery of the *Heirs Property at the Community Level* program
- **State Government Collaboration**
 - NC Department of Revenue - North Carolina Present Use Value Committee Cash Rent Subcommittee (2024 -) (attend state committee meetings for technical assistance)
 - NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services - Voluntary Agricultural District State Working Group (2018 -), services include:
 - Technical advice to statewide working group in regularly scheduled monthly meetings; advise on needed policy changes to strengthen VAD program.
 - Technical assistance to Cooperative Extension and NC Soil & Water District offices who manage county VAD programs on various issues, as well as county attorney and GIS offices in implementation
 - Draft and review templates of proposed county VAD ordinances and conservation agreements
 - Drafting and review of proposed state legislation concerning VAD ordinance authority
 - NC Division of Soil & Water - Employee training on land use, solar, water and drainage law
 - NC Secretary of State - NC Land Records Advisory Group
 - County Planning Boards (and County Attorneys). Branam collaborates with various county boards and their attorneys to address issues concerning bona fide farm zoning, solar development, and voluntary agricultural districts.
- **Statewide Nonprofit Organization collaborations**
 - NC Farm Mediation Program - Advisory Board member, Continuing Education trainer (e.g. farm succession)
 - AgCarolinas/AgSouth Farm Credits - participation in Ag Leadership program; service through NCSFMRA

- NC Soil & Water Foundation - Continuing Education (employee and supervisor) trainer (e.g. Farm Succession and Conservation Easements series, 2022)
 - Roanoke River Partners' Sustainable Forestry and Land Retention Project - content presenter
 - NC Farm Bureau Federation - technical adviser (Land Use Committee), content presenter Young Farmer and Ranchers, Women in Agriculture)
 - Land Loss Prevention Project - legal technical adviser, presenter collaboration
 - NC Agromedicine Institute - mental health resource mapping collaboration
 - Carolina Farm Stewardship Association - conference presenter
 - Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Association - conference presenter (sub-awardee BFRDP grant 2021- 2025)
 - Commodity organizations (various). Branam is an invited presenter to numerous conference meetings (e.g. Strawberry Growers, Pecan Growers, State Cattlemens, Agritourism, State Angus, Peach Growers, Joint Commodities Conference)
- **Multi-State/International Collaboration**
 - Forest and Rangeland Tax Conference Steering Committee, multi-institutional collaboration led by US Forest Service, receipt of conference grant under USDA-NIFA for conference to be held August 2026 at Duke University
 - HATCH Multistate Research Project, NE2203, "Legal Issues in Agriculture and Natural Resources." (with faculty from WVU Law, University of Maryland, U. Penn, Virginia Tech); Planning Team for Mid-Atlantic Agricultural and Resource Law Education Conference (Shepherdstown, WV October 2025)
 - American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers (Carolinas-Virginia Chapter). Branam serves as conference support, securing annual seminars at Plant Sciences Initiative and speaker solicitation.
 - International FARMTRANSFERS project (University of Exeter [UK] and University of Galway [IR], research under *Planning the Future of Your Farm* grant [below]; Keynote Address at June 2024 annual conference)
 - Southern Extension Economics Committee (conference presenter)
 - Article contributions (bi-annual) [Southern Ag Today](#) (hosted by University of Arkansas)
 - Article contributions to American Agricultural Law Association quarterly (2024)
 - Article contributions to National Woodland Owners Association magazine
 - Course Reviewer - Quality Matters (certified 2024, first external course review March 2025)
 - Grant Reviewer: Kerr Center/Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Professional Development Project proposals (2023 -)
 - Virginia Tech University Cooperative Extension - content developer and presenter
 - Turfgrass Producers International (TPI) - technical adviser and content producer/presenter
 - Heirs Property Practitioner Network (HPPN) - technical adviser

GRANTS (PI/Co-PI) (NCSU)

- *R-STEP Siting of Solar Facilities Hub (2024)* \$1,966,101, Collaboration with NC State College of Engineering Clean Energy Technology Center, funding from US Department of Energy (Co-PI) (\$1.9million [ARE: ~ \$170,000] (Co-PI) (**current**))

- *Planning the Future of Your Farm* (2024), North Carolina Tobacco Trust Fund (through CALS Ag Foundation) (\$35,000 [ARE \$35,000] (PI) **(current)**)
- *Understanding Heirs' Property at the Community Level in North Carolina* (2024) \$150,000, Collaboration with NC A&T, funding Risk Management Agency (Co-PI) **(current)**
- *Undergraduate Training where Science Intersects Practice and Policy to Address Grand Challenges in Agricultural Water Pollution* (2024) (REEU-SIPP) (USDA-NIFA) (Co-PI) **(current)**
- *Land Summit Professional Development* (2021) (SARE) (PI)
- Quality Matters Online Course Certification Grant Award (2021) (\$4000 [ARE: \$4000])
- *Heir's Guide to Farm and Forest Land* (2020-2021) North Carolina Tobacco Trust Fund Commission (grant #2019-001-16) (PI) (\$33,592) [ARE: \$33,592] PI
- *Challenges And Opportunities For Agroforestry Systems To Participate In State Preferential Property Tax Programs For Agriculture And Forestry* (2020) University of Nebraska (grant #567216) (Co-PI) (~\$12,000) [ARE: \$0]
- *Land Summit*, Local Foods Program Team (2020, \$6000 [ARE \$500])(2021, \$750 [ARE \$750])
- *A Comprehensive Approach to Growing Successful Beginning Meat Producers* (2017-2022) USDA NIFA (grant #572374-09851) (Co-PI) (\$599,020 [ARE \$9627])
- *Bringing New Farmers to the Table: A Comprehensive Support Program to Meet North Carolina's Ten Percent Local Food Challenge* (NCAT)" (MONW-2010-03068) NIFA Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (2010-2013) (Co-PI) (contract approximately \$45,000)

HANDBOOKS

- *Model Lease Agreement (Annotated) for Turfgrass Sod Production* (2026) Written for the membership of Turfgrass Producers International.
- [*So You Inherited a Farm*](#). A 160-page printed collection of articles (pending peer review) in support of *Land Summit* Cooperative Extension workshops (September, 2021)
- [*Planning the Future of Your Farm: A Workbook on Farm Transfer Decisions*](#) (NC edition, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2013, 2019) (VA edition, 2011, 2012, 2017) (WA edition, 2014) (PA edition, 2013) (GA edition, 2010).
- *Turfgrass Sod as Agriculture: How (and Why) Federal and State Policy Applies Farm Protections to Sod Production* (2022). Written for the membership of Turfgrass Producers International.
- [*Getting Into Farming*](#) (2013). Publication written and produced by Branan, R., Miller, L., Alcorta, M., Howard, T., Lewis, H. for the National Center for Appropriate Technology (republished to farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu in 2019)

MODEL ORDINANCES

- **Model Utility Scale Solar Development Ordinance (2026)**. (working draft in progress) Branan serves as member of an interdisciplinary team that is drafting a revised model ordinance to reflect growing change in use of farmland, to address concerns faced at public hearings concerning permits for development.
- [**\[Revised\] Voluntary Agricultural District Ordinance \(2026\)**](#). This annotated model ordinance was drafted in response to several legislative changes to the enabling legislation between 2018 and 2024.

Companion blog post on Farm Law portal: [*Voluntary Agricultural Districts: New Model Ordinance May Require Adoption*](#) (February 4, 2026)

- [*Voluntary Agricultural District Ordinance \(2008\)*](#). This template was the first model ordinance drafted to help grow the VAD program statewide, and has since been adopted in many counties across North Carolina.
- [*County Farmland Protection Plan \[Template \(2003\)\]*](#). This template was researched and developed by Branan in 2003, and has served as the basic model for many county farmland protection plans.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Clarisse Owens, Robert Andrew Branan, Kurt Smith, Biswanath Dari, Noah Ranells, *Land Loss Perceptions and Shared Values: Heirs' Property Owners in North Carolina*, Journal of Rural Social Sciences (accepted for publication 2026).
- Chizmar, S., Parajuli, R., Frey, G., Bardon, R., Branan, R.A., et al, *Challenges and Opportunities for Agroforestry Practitioners to Participate in State Preferential Property Tax Programs for Agriculture and Forestry, Trees, Forests and People* (November 2021)
- *Zoning Limitations and Opportunities for Farm Enterprise Diversification: Searching for New Meaning in Old Definitions*. National Agricultural Law Center, 2004.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION MANUSCRIPTS

(Published as professional education conference materials, submitted for review and certified for professional credit by NC State Bar [presentations prior to NCSU included for experience reference])

- [*Renewable Energy Systems: Emerging Policy on Siting and Permitting*](#), American Agricultural Law Association Annual Legal Education Conference, Scottsdale, AZ (November 2025)
- [*Conservation Easements: Valuation, Modification, and Sample Federal and State Case Law Concerning Deductions and Enforcement*](#) (Mid-Atlantic Agricultural Law Conference, Shepherdstown, West Virginia (October 2025)
- [*Conservation Easements and Agreements: Obligations, Modification and Termination*](#) (Fidelity National Title, Blowing Rock, NC, October 2022)
- [*Every string should give its sound": Discerning Testator Intent for Per Stirpes or Per Capita Distribution*](#) (National Business Institute, Fall 2020 (virtual)
- Branan, R.A., Miller, L., [*Overview of 2018-2019 Swine Nuisance Litigation in North Carolina*](#) (North Carolina Bar Association, Environmental and Natural Resource Law Section Annual CLE, Wrightsville Beach, NC, May 2019)
- [*Negotiating and Drafting Agriculture Contracts*](#) (National Business International, Farm Business Law CLE, Asheville, NC, December 2016)
- [*Negotiating and Drafting Farm Leases*](#) (National Business International, Farm Business Law CLE, Asheville, NC, December 2016)
- [*A Survey of Ethical Issues in Representing Landowners and Farmers*](#) (National Business International, Farm Business Law CLE, Asheville, NC, December 2016)
- [*A Survey of Ethical Issues in Representing Landowners*](#), Rural Lands Update, CLE Manuscript (2008)
- [*Farm Business Organizations: Helping Your Client Make the Right Choice*](#), Continuing Legal Education (CLE) manuscript, North Carolina Bar Association, September 2006.

- [*Ethical Considerations in Working with Non-Legal Professionals*](#) (Tobacco Buyout CLE, NC Bar Association, September 2005)

EXTENSION PUBLICATIONS (NCSU Cooperative Extension EP3, **Peer Reviewed**)

- Branam, R.A., [*Heirs' Property: Emerging Questions From Education and Outreach Efforts On Voluntary Clear Title Resolution*](#) (*NC State Economist*, Summer 2024)
- Branam, R.A., [*Heirs' Property: Education on Resources and Risk in Clear Title Resolution, Farm to Firm*](#) [American Agricultural Law Association], Summer 2024)
- Branam, R.A., [*An Update on Solar Development and Decommission Policy in North Carolina*](#) (*NC State Economist*, Fall 2021)
- Branam, R.A., Parajuli, R., [*Present Use Value: Transferring Property Enrolled in Present Use Value Property Taxation*](#) (AG-895-04, November 2021)
- Branam, R.A., Burchelle, M., Kurki-Fox, J., [*The Status and Trends of Wetland Loss and Legal Protection in North Carolina*](#), (AG 913, November 2021)
- [*Solar Opportunity Due Diligence Title Issues*](#) (AG895-03, November 2021)
- [*Liability for On- and Off-Farm Injury by Livestock*](#) (NC Cooperative Extension Fact Sheet AG-895-01, July 2021)
- [*Liability Defenses for Injury of Farm Visitors*](#) (AG-895-01, July 2021)
- Megalos, M., Hamilton, R., Branam, R.A., [*Maintaining Forest Property Boundaries*](#) (WON-35, April 2019)

EXTENSION PUBLICATIONS (NCSU Cooperative Extension XRDB, Non-Peer Reviewed [in queue for peer review to be published as NC Cooperative Extension EP3 publications])

- [*Hallowed Ground: A Brief on Access and Maintenance Rights to Grave Sites on Private Land*](#) (2025/2026)
- [*Sales Taxes: Exemptions for Farm Product Sales*](#) (2025)
- [*Neighbor Complaints: Explaining North Carolina's Right to Farm and Bona Fide Farm Laws*](#) (2024)
- [*Conservation Agreements and Easements: Obligations, Modification and Termination*](#) (2024)
- [*Farm Tenancy: Allocating Annual Rent in Sale Transaction*](#) (2024)
- [*Option Agreements for the Purchase of Land*](#) (2023)
- [*Gift of Real and Personal Property in Farm Succession*](#) (2023)
- [*Farm Tenancy: Allocating Annual Rent in Sale Transactions*](#) (2023)
- [*An Explanation of Ownership Rights in Property*](#) (2022)
- [*Property Rights of the Surviving Spouses*](#) (2022)
- [*The Verbal \(Statutory\) Farm Tenancy*](#) (2022)
- [*A Review of Employment Law Applied in Farming*](#) (farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu)
- [*Liability in Agister \(Cow Share\) Agreements in North Carolina*](#) (farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu)
- [*Tree Falls: Who Bears Responsibility for Damage?*](#) (2022)
- [*Farm Lease Considerations for Farmers and Landowners*](#) (2019 rev. 2024))
- [*The Basics of Trusts in Farm Succession Planning*](#) (2022)

- *The Last Will and Testament: A Primer* (2022)
- *Limited Liability Companies: Operating Agreement Components and Sample Language* (2022)
- *Limited Liability Company: Steps in Formation* (2022)
- *A Primer on Business Entities: Partnerships, Corporations and Limited Liability Companies* (2020)

PERIODICAL and WEB PORTAL ARTICLES

(Legal analysis and policy updates published on web portal and third-party outlets)

- [*Prime Soils Mitigation in Solar Development*](#) (Southern Ag Today, February 2026)
- [*New Federal Law Simplifies Payment Limitations*](#) (Southern Ag Today, August 2026)
- [*Premises Liability: 4th Circuit Interprets North Carolina Law of Duty to Professional Service Invitees*](#) (farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu, June 2025)
- [*Solar Development: Testimony Sketches From Hearing on Ordinance Changes*](#) (farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu, April 2025)
- [*Addressing PFAS Biosolid Applications on Farmland*](#) (Southern Ag Today, February 2025)
- [*Chasing the Benefits of Agrivoltaics*](#) (Southern Ag Today, April 2024)
- [*Wetlands Protection Under Swampbuster*](#) (Southern Ag Today, October 2024)
- [*What is an Ag Gag Law?*](#) (Southern Ag Today, March 2023)
- [*Conservation Easements: Subdivision Considerations in Farm Succession Planning*](#) (Southern Ag Today, November 2022)
- [*Farm Leases: NC Court of Appeals Opinion Provides Cautionary Tale on Lessee Improvements*](#) (farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu, 2024)
- [*Business Entities: New Federal Reporting Requirements for Small Businesses, Including Farms*](#) (farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu, 2024)
- [*Southern States Address Solar Facility Decommission*](#) (Southern Ag Today, December 2021)
- [*Trustee Duties and Powers in Forest Management*](#) (National Woodland Owners Association, October 2021)
- [*Dicamba De-Registration: Explanation of 9th Circuit Opinion and Order*](#) (farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu, October 2021)
- [*The Mechanics of Funding a Trust*](#) (National Woodland Owners Association, June 2021)
- [*The VAD/EVAD Conservation Agreement Requirement*](#) (farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu, June 2021)
- [*Takings: 4th Circuit Affirms “Future Use” Valuation as Just Compensation*](#) (farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu, May 2021)
- [*Animal Waste: Court Rules General Permits Are Not Exempt From NC Administrative Procedures Act*](#) (farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu, May 2021)
- [*Utility Easements: Recent Case Considers Aesthetic Value of Removed Trees*](#) (farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu, May 2021)
- [*Present Use Value: Special Ag Use Cases of Land Trusts, Solar Facilities and Silvopasture Management*](#) (farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu) (2021)
- [*Exercising Care When Using Life Estates in Property Disposition*](#) (National Woodland Owners Association, March 2021)
- [*Fence Law: When North Carolina Was the “Open Range”*](#) (farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu, February 2021)

- [Partition Proceedings: Equitable Treatment of Reimbursement for Taxes; Marriage Burden of Proof](http://farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu) (farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu, February 2021)
- [Solar Energy: NC Department of Environmental Quality Releases HB 329 Decommission Study](http://farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu) (farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu, January 2021)
- [Swine Nuisance: Discussion of Recent 4th Circuit Opinion in McKiver v. Murphy Brown](http://farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu) (farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu, January 2021) (includes link to podcast interview with University of Maryland's Paul Goeringer, JD, Extension Legal Specialist)
- [Farm Policy: AALA Panel Discusses Farming's Future Under the 117th Congress and Biden Administration](http://farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu) (farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu, January 2021)
- [Pesticides: EPA Cancellation Order on Dicamba, Distribution Ceases, Use Ends July 31](http://farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu) (farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu, June 2020)
- [CARES Act for Farmers Part II: the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program \(CFAP\)](http://farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu) (farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu, April 2020 (pandemic response))
- [Care Planning: Locating and Registering Health Care Powers of Attorney](http://farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu) (farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu, Spring 2020) (pandemic response)
- [A Look at Hand-Written \(Holographic\) Wills](http://farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu) (farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu, Spring 2020) (pandemic response)
- [Administrative Law: Exhaustion Required for Administrative Bona Fide Farm Determination](http://farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu) (farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu, February 2020)
- [Gate Disputes: North Carolina Court Affirms Law on Gates and Access Easements](http://farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu) (farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu, November 2019)
- [Hemp License Application and the "Bona Fide Farmer": Is There a Minimum Farm Income Requirement?](http://farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu) (farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu, November 2019)
- [Outflanking Common Law Nuisance: North Carolina's Right to Farm Response to the Murphy-Brown \(Smithfield\) Swine Nuisance Verdicts](http://farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu), *Agriculture Law Update*, American Agricultural Law Association, Fall 2019.
- [Wills: NC Court of Appeals Interprets Per Stirpes Testamentary Intent](http://farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu) (farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu, November 2019)
- [Atlantic Coast Pipeline: Fourth Circuit Finds Continued Shortcomings in Required Endangered Species Act Review](http://farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu) (farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu, November 2019)
- Branan, RA, Edward, E., Hutchens, A, Sutherland, S., [North Carolinians Benefit from Water Pollution Credit Trading](http://farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu), *NC State Economist*, Fall 2019. (Peer edited)
- [Timber Rights: Recent Case Illustrates Tricky Nature of Life-Estates for Timberland](http://farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu) (farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu, September 2019)
- Schweitzer, H., Branan, R.A., Boys, K. [Blockchain in the Food Supply Chain](http://farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu), *NC State Economist*, Spring 2019. (Peer edited)
- [Bona Fide Farm Zoning: NC Appeals Court Limits Agritourism Definition](http://farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu) (farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu)
- [In Search of the Farm Lawyer: The Myth \(Part I\); In Search of the Farm Lawyer: Access to Legal Services \(Part II\)](http://farmlaw.ces.ncsu.edu). Carolina Farm Stewardship Association, May/June 2018.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (Presentations, panels and posters at grower and stakeholder conferences [presentation slides are linked])

2026 Conferences (to March 2026)

- Business of Farming Conference, ASAP, Technical Assistance (landowner education), Asheville, NC (February 28, 2026)
- [*Landscape and Nursery Business Legal Primer*](#) (professional education credit), Green Industry Symposium, NC Arboretum, Asheville, NC (February 27, 2026)
- [*The Flexible Architecture of Farm Business Succession: Disposition, Management, and Options*](#), AgCarolinas Farm Credit Agricultural Leadership, Beaufort, NC (February 21, 2026)
- [*The Flexible Architecture of Farm Business Succession: Disposition, Management, and Options*](#), North Carolina Christmas Tree Association Annual Meeting, Boone, NC (February 20, 2026)

2025 Conferences

- [*2025 Solar Permitting Update: Trends in Development Policy \(and the North Carolina Experience\)*](#), American Agricultural Law Association Annual Conference, Scottsdale, AZ (*professional education credit course*) (November 8, 2025)
- [*2025 Solar Permitting Update: "Out in the Counties."*](#) Appalachian State University Clean Energy CLE (*professional education credit course*) (October 17, 2025)
- [*The Bona Fide Farm Exemption: Connecting the Dots*](#), American Planning Association (NC/SC Chapters) Annual Conference, Charlotte, NC (*professional education credit course*) (October 15, 2025)
- [*Planning at the Speed of Solar*](#), Panel discussion at American Planning Association (NC/SC Chapters) Annual Conference, Charlotte, NC (*professional education credit course*) (October 15, 2025)
- [*Conservation Easements: Valuation, Modification, and Sample Federal and State Case Law Concerning Deductions and Enforcement*](#) Mid-Atlantic Agricultural and Resource Law Conference (*professional education credit course*), National Conservation Training Center, Shepardstown, WVA (*professional education credit course*) (October 28, 2026)
- [*North Carolina Legal Update 2025 in Seven Minutes*](#) - Mid-Atlantic Agricultural and Resource Law Conference (*professional education credit course*), National Conservation Training Center, Shepardstown, WVA (*professional education credit course*) (October 28, 2026)
- [*North Carolina Land Use Update 2025*](#), American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers, Carolinas/VA Chapter, Raleigh, NC (*professional education credit course*) (September 10, 2025)
- [*Farm Succession Planning*](#), Southeast Value-Added Dairy Conference, Knoxville, TN (August 1, 2025)
- [*Landscape Business Legal Primer*](#), Mountain Landscapers Meeting, Mills River, NC (*professional education credit course*) (June, 2025)
- (Poster Session) Worley, B., Dari, B., Branan, R.A, *et al.*, [*Land Use Summits: Spaces for Urban Agriculture Discourse*](#), National Urban Extension Leadership Conference, Durham, NC (May 7)
- (Panelist) [*Small Farm Regulation in Urban Areas*](#), National Urban Extension Leadership Conference, Durham, NC (May 7, 2025)
- (Panel Moderator) [*Renewable Energy Siting and Permitting*](#), NC State Energy Conference, McKimmon Center, Raleigh, NC (April 29, 2025)
- (Panelist) [*Heirs Property Resolution*](#), Small Farms Week Conference, NC A&T Farm, Greensboro, NC (March 25))
- [*Agritourism Legal Issues: Visitor Liability and 99E Protections*](#), Agritourism Networking Association Annual Conference, Raleigh, NC (March 20, 2025)
- [*The Flexible Architecture of Farm Business Succession: Disposition, Management, and Options*](#) NC Peach Growers Association Annual Conference, Carthage, NC (January 28, 2025)

- Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project's Annual **Business of Farming Conference**, Flat Rock, NC (February 22, 2025) (3 presentations)
 - [*NC Agriculture and Forest Land Use Update 2025*](#)
 - [*Post-Helene Legal Considerations Concerning Land*](#)
 - [*Conservation Easements, Leasing and Transfer*](#)
- [*Landscape Business Legal Primer*](#), Foothills Winter Landscapers Meeting, Lenoir, NC (*professional education credit course*) (January 23, 2025)
- NC Cooperative Extension State Conference, Greensboro, NC (January 6-9, 2025)
 - [*Carbon Markets and Contracts*](#)
 - [*Heirs Property at the Community Level*](#)
 - [*Agriculture and Forest Land Use Update*](#)

2024 Conferences

- *Farm Succession* Panel with attorneys from Land Loss Prevention Project (no slides), Chatham County Farms Forever Conference (December 5, 2024)
- [*Farm Sales and Property Tax Exemptions in Farming*](#), Northeast Niche Agriculture Conference, Barco, NC (November 22, 2024)
- [*Heirs Property Challenges and Resolution and Coastal Resilience*](#), Bi-annual Sea Grant Conference, New Bern, NC (November 13, 2024)
- [*Farm Succession Basics*](#), NC Strawberry Growers Association Conference, Atlantic Beach, NC (November 14, 2024)
- *Keynote Address: Lessons from Two Decades in Farm Succession Practice* (no slides), International Farm Transition Network Conference, Richmond, VA (June 2024)
- *Agrivoltaics in Solar Development* Panel (no slides), University of North Carolina Clean Energy Technology Conference, Chapel Hill, NC (March 21, 2024)
- *Farm Succession Planning* Panel (no slides), Sustainable Forestry and Land Retention Project Conference, Rocky Mount, NC (October 23, 2024)
- [*Farmland Leasing for Turfgrass Production*](#), Turfgrass Producers International Conference, Orlando, FL (February 8, 2024)
- *Farmland Preservation and Succession* (Panel, no slides), Annual Orange County Farm Summit (February 20, 2024)
- [*Select Land Use Laws in Farming*](#), Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project Business of Agriculture Conference (February 2024)

2023 - 2022 Conferences

- [*Water Law Update: State and Federal Wetlands Regulation*](#), 55th Annual NC Irrigation Society Conference, Raleigh, NC (November 2023)
- [*Farm Law Outlook 2023*](#), Southern Extension Economics Committee [SEEC] Outlook Conference, Knoxville, TN (October, 2023)
- [*Heirs Property and Co-Tenancy Resolution: A Limited View from \(former\) Private Practice*](#)
 - Sustainable Forestry and Land Retention Project Conference, Rocky Mount, NC (October 2023)
 - SEEC Summer Conference, Pensacola Beach, FL (June 2023)
 - North East Agricultural and Resource Economics Association [NAREA] Hier's Property Post Conference, Annapolis, MD (June 2023)
- [*Disposition and Management of Rights in Property \(Farm Succession Planning\)*](#), Ag Leadership Institute, NC Farm Bureau, Raleigh, NC (August 2023)
- *Farm Succession Planning*, Organic Growers School, Mars Hill, NC (February 26, 2023)

- *Introduction to Land Access* (joint presentation), Business of Farming Conference, Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project, Asheville, NC (February 11, 2023)
- *WOTUS 2022 Rules Update: Judicial and Regulatory Background*
 - 54th Annual NC Irrigation Society Conference, Raleigh (Nov 2022)
 - Blackland Farm Managers Association Conference, Belhaven, NC (Jan 2022)
 - NC Agricultural Water Management, Roper, NC (Vernon James Center) (March 2022)
- *Solar Development: Land Use and Permitting* (Panel), NC State Energy Conference, Raleigh, NC (April 25, 2023)
- *The Estate Tax and Farm Succession*, NC Peach Growers Association Annual Conference, Carthage, NC, (Jan 2022)
- *Solar Lease Impact, Negotiation and Decommission: North Carolina's Experience*, SEEC Summer Conference, Clearwater Beach, FL (June 2022)

2021 (and earlier) Conferences

- *Land Use, Farm Transfers and Asset Protection*, Carolina Farm Stewardship Association Sustainable Agriculture Conference (Virtual), Durham, NC (November 2021)
- *Right to Farm, Bona Fide Farm Zoning, Present Use Value, Voluntary Agricultural Districts and Tenancy*, NC Cooperative Extension Annual Conference (Virtual), (October 2021)
- *Proposed Legislative Impacts on Estate Tax and Succession Planning* (Virtual Panel), Georgia Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association (October 2021)
- *Environmental and Land Use Law Update 2021*, NC Cooperative Extension Annual Conference (Virtual) (October 2021)
- *Water Rights and WOTUS Update*, NC Irrigation Society 54th Annual Meeting, Rocky Mount, NC (November 2021)
- *Solar Lease Impact, Decision and Decommission*, NC Soil & Water Employee Training Conference, Wilmington, NC (August 2021)
- *Voluntary Agricultural Districts as Farmland Preservation*, NC Farm Bureau Federation Land Use Committee, Raleigh, NC (June 2021)
- *What's in Your Parents' (and Grandparents') Estate Plans?*, NC Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Rancher Conference, Greensboro, NC (January 2020)
- *Farm Transfer Agreements: Land and Business*, Carolina Farm Stewardship Association [CFSA] Sustainable Agriculture Conference, Durham, NC (November 2019)
- *Silvopasture Management and Present Use Value*, NC Cooperative Extension Annual Conference, Raleigh, NC (October 2019)
- *Select Labor Laws in Meat Production and Processing*, NC Meat Conference, Charlotte, NC (October 2019)
- *Innovative Approaches to Raising Sustainable Meat on Protected Lands* (Panel), Land Trust Alliance National Rally, Raleigh, NC (October 2019)
- *A Look at Hemp Production History, Contracts and Regulation*, Carolina Farm Stewardship Association [CFSA] Sustainable Agriculture Conference, Durham, NC (November 2019)
- *Sic Utere Tuo: Common Law Nuisance and the Smithfield Litigation*
 - NC Bar Association Annual Environment and Natural Resource Section Annual Meeting, Wrightsville Beach, NC (May 2019)
 - American Agricultural Law Association Annual Conference, Washington, DC (November 2019)

- [*Voluntary Agricultural Districts and Mandatory Proximity Notification*](#), Geographic Information Systems Conference, Winston-Salem, NC (March 2019)
- [*Legal Issues Related to Cow-Share Agreements in North Carolina*](#), Carolina Farm Stewardship Association Organic Commodities Conference, Raleigh, NC (February 2019)
- *Do I Need a Lawyer for That? An Overview of Small Farm Legal Issues*, Southern Sustainable Agriculture Working Group Conference, Chattanooga, TN (February 2019))
- *Agriculture 2019 Legal Update*
 - Northeast Soybean Expo, Elizabeth City, NC (January 2019)
 - Green and Growing [Nursery and Sod] Conference, Greensboro, NC (January 2019)
- *Agritourism Insurance and Liability* (Panel), NC Agritourism Association Conference, Feb 2018)
- [*Peregrine Farm Succession: A Legal Case Study*](#), Southern Sustainable Agriculture Working Group Conference, Chattanooga, TN (January 2018)]
- *Small Farm Legal Issues*, Southern Sustainable Agriculture Working Group Conference, Chattanooga, TN (January 2018)
- **Note: Branan has presented at numerous national, regional and statewide professional and grower conferences since 2003**

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION PRESENTATIONS.

Live audience, panels and webinars as invited by county Cooperative Extension offices, public and NGO collaborators, and private and professional organizations. (Representative list, approximately 30 presentations per year)

2026 Presentations (to March 2026)

- [*Water Law: Riparian Rights and Drainage*](#) (webinar), NC Cooperative Extension Irrigation and Drainage Working Group (January 20, 2026)
- [*On Farm Liability Considerations*](#) (webinar), NC EmPOWERing Communities (January 29, 2026)
- [*The Flexible Architecture of Farm Business Succession: Disposition, Management, and Options*](#) (farm succession) presentations
 - Executive Farm Management Program, Raleigh, NC (January 20, 2026)
 - Henderson County Land Summit, Hendersonville, NC (January 22, 2026)
 - Madison County Land Summit, Marshall, NC (January 23, 2026)
 - Bladen County Land Summit, Elizabethton, NC (February 19, 2026)
 - Lee County Land Summit, Sanford, NC (February 29, 2026)
 - Burke County Land Summit, Morganton, NC (March 4, 2026)
 - Pender County Forestry Meeting, Burgaw, NC (March 17, 2026)

2025 Presentations

- [*Heirs Property Resolution: A \(Limited\) View from Private Practice*](#), Granville County Land Use and Retention Summit, (October 28, 2025)
- *(Panelist) Clearing Title & Land Transfers and Management*, Guilford County Land Use and Retention Summit, (August 29, 2025)
- [*Heirs Property Resolution: A \(Limited\) View from Private Practice*](#), Vance County Land Use and Retention Summit, (July 24, 2025)
- *Clearing Title & Land Transfers and Management*, 2025 Heirs Property, Succession, & Mediation (Western North Carolina) Western Carolina University, Cullowee, NC (July 9, 2025)

- [*Land Ownership, Liability and the Law*](#) (webinar), Sustainable Forestry Program (March 26)
- [*Federal and State Regulatory Trends in Land Use \(Annual Update 2025\)*](#) (locations and dates)
 - Your Land, Your Legacy, Shelby, NC (February 24, 2025)
 - NC Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers, Annual Winter Meeting, Raleigh, NC (March 19, 2025)
- *2025 Farm Act Update (on apiaries)* (webinar) Franklin County Bee Keepers (January 29, 2025)
- [*The Flexible Architecture of Farm Business Succession: Disposition, Management, and Options*](#) presentations
 - Executive Farm Management Program, Raleigh, NC (Feb 4)
 - Mecklenburg County Heirs Property Land Summit, Charlotte, NC (Feb 26)
 - Franklin County Estates Conference (Land Summit), Louisburg, NC (March 5)
 - Farm Succession School, Kinston, NC (March 6)
 - Farm Succession School, Salisbury, NC (March 21)
 - Farm Succession School, Canton, NC (March 27)
 - Preserving Working Lands: Plan Today to Protect Tomorrow, Cabarrus Co., NC (April 17)
 - Durham County Farmer Breakfast, Durham, NC (December 18)

2024 Presentations

- [*Farmland Preservation Policy and Programs*](#), Mecklenburg County Cooperative Extension, Charlotte, NC (November 2, 2024)
- [*Farm Succession Planning: \(Almost\) Twenty Years of Wake County Keep the Farm*](#), Wake County Keep the Farm annual program, Raleigh, NC (March 20, 2024)
- [*2024 Land Use Update*](#), NC Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers Winter Meeting, Raleigh, NC (March 7, 2024)
- [*Sales Taxes and Exemptions*](#), Cooperative Extension statewide webinar hosted by Debbie Roos (March 2024)
- [*Agricultural Tenancy and Farm Leases*](#), Catawba County Farm Legacy Series, Newton, NC (February 2024)
- [*Legal Issues in Agricultural Production*](#) (whiteboard demonstration, no slides), Soldiers to Agriculture Program, Fayetteville, NC (January 24, 2024)
- *Farm Succession* presentation by sponsor/location (2024)
 - Alphin Insurance customer meeting, Kenansville, NC (January 25, 2024)
 - Upper Piedmont Grain Production Annual Meeting, Roxboro, NC (February 22, 2024)
 - NC Angus Beef Association Annual Conference, Yadkinville, NC (February 10, 2024)
 - NC Farmlink Webinar Series (Jan 23, 2024)
 - Roanoke River Partners Sustainable Forestry Project (Webinar) (April 25, 2024)
 - Stanley County Cattlemen's Association, Albemarle, NC (April 30, 2024)
- *Heirs Property at the Community Level*, joint presentation with N. Ranells, K. Smith, D. Biswanath as part of Heirs Property at the Community Level series
 - NC A&T Research Farm, Greensboro, NC (January 31, 2024)
 - Halifax County Cooperative Extension, Halifax, NC (March 6, 2024)
 - NC A&T Small Farms Week (panel), Greensboro, NC (March 19, 2024)
 - Caswell County Cooperative Extension, Yanceyville, NC (April 10, 2024)
 - Robeson County Cooperative Extension, Lumberton, NC (May 8, 2024)
 - Union County Cooperative Extension, Monroe, NC (July 17, 2024)
- *Heirs Property: A View from the Ground* Panel (Panel), NC Department of Justice Heirs' Property Symposium, Durham, NC (April 10, 2024) (professional credit seminar)
- [*Decisions in Property Disposition: Conservation Easements, Property Taxes and Taxation on Sales*](#),

- Chatham County Farmland Preservation, Siler City, NC (May 14, 2024)
- [Select Employment Law Matters in Farming](#) (Webinar), hosted by Caswell County CES (May 7, 2024)
- [Agritourism: Liability, Zoning and Building Permits](#) (Webinar), NC Tourism Extension/UPLIFT Agritourism Workshop Series (April 30, 2024)
- [Voluntary Agricultural District/Farmland Preservation](#) presentations multiple sponsor/location (2024)

2023 Presentations

- *Wetlands 101* (webinar, with Dr. Michael Burchell), Extension Water Resources Group (September 1, 2023)
- [Water Law Update: Federal and State Drainage and Wetlands](#) (webinar), NC Tree Farm Association (May 25, 2023)
- [Farm Business Legal Structures](#) (webinar), NC Farm School (May 23, 2023) (May 1, 2023)
- [Solar Development: Farmland Loss and Waste Management Concerns](#) (webinar), NCSU Clean Energy Technology Center (April 13, 2023)
- *Legal Issues in Agricultural Production* (whiteboard demonstration, no slides), Soldiers to Agriculture Program, Fayetteville, NC
 - August 5, 2025
 - April 23, 2023
 - January 24, 2023
- *Agritourism Legal Issues*, Stokes County Cooperative Extension/Forsyth Tech Community College (virtual) (March 23, 2023)
- *Farm Succession* presentation by sponsor/location (2023)
 - Rockingham County Cattlemen's Association, Wentworth, NC (October 12, 2023)
 - Northampton County Forest Landowners Association, Jackson, NC (March 2, 2023)
 - NC Pecan Growers Association Annual Meeting, Greenville, NC (February 18, 2023)
 - NC Farm Mediation Program Mediator Training, Asheville, NC (January 28, 2023)
 - Blackland Farm Managers Association Annual Meeting, Ponzer, NC (January 11, 2023)
- *Voluntary Agricultural District/Farmland Preservation* presentations by sponsor/location (2023)
 - Cumberland County Cooperative Extension/Townsend Real Estate Training, Fayetteville, NC (April 5, 2023) (real estate agent training on liability and proximity disclosure)
 - Yancey County Cooperative Extension, Burnsville, NC (January 26, 2023)

2022 (and earlier) Presentations

- [Water Law: Riparian Rights and Drainage](#), North East Ag Expo, Pasquotank County and Chowan County (February 11, 2022)
- [Tax Concepts for Livestock Owners](#), Person County Cattlemen's Association (February 10, 2022)
- Voluntary Agricultural Districts
- [Leasing Land for Hunting](#), Caswell County (January 2022)
- [Conservation Easements and Farm Succession](#), NC Soil & Water Foundation, three part webinar training for Soil & Water District personnel (September 2022)
 - Part I: [Understanding Rights in Real Property](#) (September 7, 2022)
 - Part II: [The Disposition of Real Property](#) (September 14, 2022)

- Part III: *The Impact of Conservation Easements on Real Property Transfer Decisions* (September 21, 2022)
- *Farm Succession* presentation by sponsor/location (2022)
- *Voluntary Agricultural District/Farmland Preservation* presentations by location (2022)
 - Albemarle Soil and Water Conservation District (February 10, 2022)
- *Farmland Preservation Policy and Programs*, Ashe County Extension program (May 2021 [virtual])
- *Liability, Regulation and Insurance*, Davidson County Extension program, (April 2021 [virtual])
- *Agritourism Legal Liability and Risk Management* (Agritourism curriculum team, 2021 [virtual])
- *Farm Succession* presentation by sponsor/location (2021)
 - *Succeeding in Succession: Leadership, Legal and Human Elements* (Executive Farm Management, virtual April 2021) (with David Mayo, Director of Crisp Small Business Resource Center, East Carolina University)
- *Land Ownership, Liability and the Law*, NC Tree Farm Association, (June 2020 [virtual])
- *Zoning, Building Permits, and the Bona Fide Farm* Extension Western NC Agritourism Curriculum (August 2020 [virtual])
- *Employment Law as Applied in Farming*, Local Foods Program Team *Land Summit* (June 2020 [virtual])
- *Fence Law and Liability*, NC Cooperative Extension Fence School, Wentworth, NC (Rockingham County)
- *Voluntary Agricultural District/Farmland Preservation* presentations by location (2021)
- “*Every string should give its sound*”: *Discerning Testator Intent for Per Stirpes or Per Capita Distribution*, National Business Institute continuing legal education webinar (October 2020)
- *Timberland Transfer and Liability Protection*, Bertie County Forestry Association (January 24, 2020)
- *A Look at Hemp Production History, Contracts and Regulation* (Caldwell County, September 2019)
- *Winery and Vineyard Transfer*, NC Winegrowers Association, Dobson, NC (November 2018)
- *Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act*, NC Sweet Potato Commission Meeting, Goldsboro, NC (January 2018)
- **Note: Branan has been presenting before agricultural and rural landowner and producer audiences since 2002**