

## SUCCESSION PLANNING

FOR THE

FAMILY FARM

THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2025 | 9 A.M. - NOON | VIRTUAL WEBINAR

**Legacy First: Building the Path Forward**Cheryl Mitchell, *Cheryl B. Mitchell Farm Legacy*

9 - 10 a.m.

This session will explore the relational and legacy-focused aspects of estate and succession planning for family farms. It will provide a practical roadmap to help families begin the planning process, emphasizing the importance of communication, shared values, and assembling the right advisory team. The presentation will focus on navigating family dynamics and setting the stage for long-term success. This foundational session will complement the more technical legal discussions to follow by addressing the human side of farm succession.

**Hot Topics in Farm Estate Planning and Protecting the Farm from Third Parties**Michelle Adler, *Partner, Gordon, Adler, Hayes & Washburn PC*

10 - 11 a.m.

Indiana farm families face numerous challenges that impact their operation and ability to convey it to the next generation. Tools to assist families engaged in estate/succession planning continue to evolve. Michelle will highlight key considerations that may influence the planning process and use her years of experience representing farm families to address these important issues.

**Farm Transitions That Work (and Those That Don't): Lifetime Succession Case Studies**Justin Schuhmacher, *Indiana Estate & Elder Law*

11 a.m. - Noon

What separates successful farm succession from costly family failures? Through real-world case studies of various farming operations, this presentation reveals the critical factors that make or break multi-generational lifetime farm transitions. You'll discover how early planning, clear communication, and gradual control transitions create winning outcomes, while poor planning and stubborn patriarchs destroy both businesses and family relationships. These stories offer practical insights for any farming family preparing for the next generation to take the reins. Learn from others' successes and mistakes before you face your own succession crossroads.

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Registration closes Tuesday, July 15.

This course counts as 3 CLE credit hours for attorneys.

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