

Indiana farmers operate in a complex legal environment. Federal, state and local laws, statutes and regulations present difficult challenges to Indiana agriculture. Lawsuits, often initiated by interest groups opposed to production agriculture, can threaten the very existence of the family farm. Navigating the legal landscape has become an essential facet of modern agriculture. Throughout its existence, the Indiana Agricultural Law Foundation Inc. (IALF) has effectively promoted a better understanding of legal issues facing Indiana agriculture through educational programming and support of precedent-setting litigation.

IALF is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization established in 2005 by Indiana Farm Bureau Inc., the state's largest general farm organization. The mission of IALF is to develop educational and legal initiatives that support the advancement of Indiana agriculture. IALF was instrumental in creating the agricultural law section of the Indiana State Bar Association. In 2013, IALF hired its first director with the goal of growing the foundation, enhancing its impact on Indiana agriculture and bringing additional focus to strategic planning, educational programming and fundraising efforts.

IALF educational programs and initiatives are geared toward a wide range of agricultural stakeholders including farmers, landowners and agribusiness organizations as well as attorneys and judges. IALF may also support litigation involving legal issues that:

- Present precedent-setting legal questions impacting Indiana agriculture.
- Present questions of law generally applicable to Indiana agriculture rather than factual disputes.
- Are at the appropriate litigation stage to involve IALF.
- Are approved by the IALF advisory committee and board of directors.

Securing additional foundation resources will enable IALF to further its mission and positively impact Indiana agriculture. Fundraising is a high priority for IALF. Outright gifts, annual gifts, sponsorships and planned giving are examples of gifting tools. As stewards of the funds entrusted to the foundation, IALF strives to support educational programming and litigation offering the most benefit to Indiana's farmers.

To learn more about IALF, please visit our webpage at [www.INAgLaw.org](http://www.INAgLaw.org). You may also subscribe to our monthly newsletter, the Spotlight, via our webpage. If you would like additional information about IALF, or to donate in support of our mission, please contact Director John Shoup at [JShoup@inaglaw.org](mailto:JShoup@inaglaw.org), 317-692-7801 or via mail at 225 South East Street, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

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