

# *Estate & Succession Planning for the Family Farm*

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## Speaker Biography

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Matthew was born and raised in Indianapolis, IN. He attended Indiana University where he graduated from the Individualized Major Program. His program, entitled Global Inequalities, culminated with a senior thesis focusing on Land Rights in Cambodia and the issues villagers and farmers have with proving ownership in the post-Khmer Rouge Cambodia.

After graduating from IU Matthew spent time working on the west side of Indianapolis at a school for students with mental and emotional disabilities.

Matthew then attended law school at the University of Notre Dame. While in law school, Matthew sought out classes that provided practical experience, as well as, those with a focus on not-for-profit and non-governmental organizations.

After law school, Matthew joined the Office of the Indiana Attorney General. He began his time in the Office working directly for then-Chief Deputy Gary Secrest. In that position Matthew was given the responsibility of researching and writing memorandums that would go directly to then-Attorney General Greg Zoeller and have a direct impact on office policy as well as legislation that the office would and would not support. He then made the transition to the Transportation Practice Group's Litigation team. Working in the TPG allowed Matthew the opportunity to appreciate the intricate details in how land is valued and the various ways it can be acquired.

At the beginning of 2016, Matthew joined the National FFA Foundation as the Planned Giving Coordinator. As the Planned Giving Coordinator for National FFA Matthew has had the privilege to speak with numerous FFA members, former members, and people involved in agriculture. He has been able to help individuals plan their estates in ways that will leave a lasting impact on agriculture. Matthew enjoys all that working with National FFA has provided him, from working to ensure that the National Convention goes smoothly to visiting with people in their homes/at their farms to hear their agriculture story.

Matthew is member of the American Bar Association; Association for Fundraising Professionals; Charitable Gift Planners, Indiana (where he is slated to join the board), Indianapolis Bar Association; and the Notre Dame Lawyer Committee as an Advisory Council Member.