

# Jennifer Shaver Friedel

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**EDUCATION** **Appalachian School of Law** Grundy, VA  
*Juris Doctor, May 2009*

**Vermont Law School** South Royalton, VT  
*Master of Studies in Environmental Law, August 2006*

- Concentration in Land Use and Environmental Law and Policy

**University of Tennessee** Knoxville, TN  
*Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, May 2005*

**BAR MEMBERSHIP** Tennessee and Virginia

## EXPERIENCE

2019-Pres. **Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University** Blacksburg, VA  
*Associate Professor of Practice, Dept. of Ag & Applied Economics, College of Agriculture & Life Sciences*

- 50% Teaching, 50% Research Appointment
- Teach AAEC 3314 Environmental Law; fall and spring semesters, approximately 90 students per section
- Teach AAEC 3604 Agriculture Law; spring semester, approximately 90 students
- Consult and advise on legal issues raised by producers, Virginia Cooperative Extension, local governments, stakeholders, and public
- Initiated undergraduate Ag Law Fellowship, supervising and mentoring student research, publication, and VT Bridge Experience
- Virginia's FarmLink Strategic Planning Committee; reimagining the program's future (2025)

*Director of Virginia Tech's Land Use-Value Assessment Program*

- Prepare and advise on annual land use-value assessment estimates, work with state and local government officials considering and/or reviewing land use taxation for agricultural lands within their jurisdictions.
- Conduct research related to land values and real property taxation across the Commonwealth.
- Supervise graduate and undergraduate student research
- Staff for State Land Evaluation and Advisory Council
- Present and advise on land use-value assessment adoption, application, methods and procedures to Virginia Cooperative Extension, stakeholders, local governments, and public
- Advise undergraduate LUVA Fellows, supervising research and publication and mentoring undergraduates

2015-Pres. **Shaver Law Office, PLLC** Bland, VA  
*Owner & Managing Attorney*

- Represent clients in oil and gas leasing, real estate transactions, estate planning, entity formation, and more
- Served as co-counsel in litigation in state and federal courts regarding bankruptcy, real property tax, and real property matters including \$4 million+ natural gas ownership suit and \$16 million multi-jurisdictional heirship matter

2017-19 **CowanPerry P.C.** Blacksburg, VA  
*Associate Attorney*

- Represented clients in various aspects of corporate law, real estate law, immigration law, oil and gas law, and complex commercial litigation
- Served as assistant general counsel for corporate clients

2019-20

*Of Counsel*

- Represented clients in commercial real estate, immigration, natural resources, oil and gas, and contracts while an Assistant Professor of Practice at Virginia Tech

2011-17 **Virginia Gas Owners Litigation Group** Abingdon, VA  
*Attorney*

- Assisted in all aspects of class action litigation in federal court representing natural gas owners in \$25 million+ royalty dispute
- Drafted briefs, conducted discovery and motions practice, assisted in depositions and settlement negotiations
- Represented clients in administrative hearings and state and federal court hearings and trials
- Attended regulatory hearings; engage with state agencies, the State Attorney General's office, General Assembly members, and lobbyists regarding administrative and legislative matters
- Advised clients on property issues, royalty issues, leases, permitting process, governing statutes, and the Virginia Gas and Oil Board escrow account
- Presented oral argument before the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia

- 2010-11 **Russell County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office** Lebanon, VA  
*Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney*
- Prosecuted criminal cases in Juvenile & Domestic Relations, General District and Circuit Courts
  - Prepared and presented plea agreements; represented the Commonwealth in bench and jury trials; and advised law enforcement officers
- 2010 **The Mountain Institute & Downstream Strategies** Washington, D.C. & Morgantown, WV  
*Environmental Consultant*
- Conducted case studies on the permitting process for wind energy projects in the Appalachian Region
  - Co-author of "Overcoming Barriers to Wind Development in Appalachian Coal Country" technical report published June 25, 2012
- 2009-10 **Twenty-Ninth Judicial Circuit of Virginia** Grundy, VA  
*Law Clerk for the Honorable Patrick R. Johnson, Chief Judge*
- Researched legal issues, prepared legal memorandums, and compiled bench briefs
  - Drafted Court orders and opinion letters, and aided in hearings before the Court
  - Coordinator for Supporting Treatment And Recovery (S.T.A.R.) Court program, a model drug court program
- 2008 **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency** Washington, D.C.  
*Senior Summer Law Clerk, Office of Site Remediation Enforcement*
- Compiled case law summaries of Oil Pollution Act and Clean Water Act §311
  - Researched and prepared legal memorandums on Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) windfall lien and involuntary acquisition provisions
- 2007 **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency** Washington, D.C.  
*Summer Law Clerk, Office of Enforcement & Compliance*  
 Researched federal environmental statutes including the Clean Water Act and the Clean Air Act
- Researched and drafted EPA inspector policy recommendations in accordance with FOIA
- OTHER**
- Mid-Atlantic Regional Ag and Resource Law Conference** Shepherdstown, WV  
*Planning Committee*
- Co-hosted the first Mid-Atlantic regional agricultural and resource law conference
  - Procured sponsors, speakers, and venue.
  - Assisted with management of registration, marketing, and conference budgeting and financing.
- 2016-Pres. **Point Pleasant Farms, LLC** Bland, VA and Blountville, TN  
*Managing Member*
- Co-owner and operator of family-run registered Angus cattle seedstock farm
  - Member of American Angus Association; delegate to 2017 Beef Leaders Institute
- 2016-Pres. **Virginia Angus Association**  
*President (2023) and Board Member (2022 – 2024)*
- 2024 Recipient of Seedstock Producer of the Year
- 2016-18 **Virginia Agriculture Leaders Obtaining Results** Blacksburg, VA  
*Class III Fellow*
- Fellow of the two-year professional leadership development program at Virginia Tech hosted by leading agricultural industry experts across the Commonwealth
  - Studied leadership in agriculture nationally and internationally, including policy, legislation and business structures
- 2016-22 **Barter Theatre Board of Trustees** Abingdon, VA  
*Board Member*
- Member of the Board of Trustees for the Barter Theatre, the State Theatre of Virginia
- 2016 **Washington County Board of Zoning Appeals** Abingdon, VA  
*Alternate Member*
- Appointed by the Washington County Board of Supervisors
  - Served to hear appeals from the Department of Zoning Administration in the administration or enforcement of the County Zoning Ordinance
- 2013-15 **Sustain Abingdon Committee** Abingdon, VA  
*Committee Member*
- Appointed by Abingdon Town Council
  - Served to advance sustainability and environmental practices and education throughout the Town of Abingdon

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (*select*)

2020-21	Principles of Effective Teaching Certificate Program, Virginia Tech
2020-Pres.	Annual American Agricultural Lawyers Association Annual Education Symposium
April 2021	Food & Beverage Consumer Labeling Litigation, American Agricultural Lawyers Association
2009-Pres.	Various Continuing Legal Education Seminars, minimum 12 hours per year

## PUBLICATIONS

- **Friedel, J.**, Davenport, H.\* (2025). Land, Power, and Computing. Southern Ag Today. <https://southernagtoday.org/2025/10/31/land-power-and-computing/>
- Hull, I., Kayser, P., **Friedel, J.** (2025). Agricultural Land Sales in Virginia, 2023. Virginia Cooperative Extension, AAEC 324-P. Peer Reviewed. <https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/AAEC/aaec-324/aaec-324.html>
- **Friedel, J.** (2025). Defining Harm. Proposed Changes for the Endangered Species Act. Southern Ag Today. <https://southernagtoday.org/2025/05/09/defining-harm-proposed-changes-for-the-endangered-species-act/>
- Kim, B.S., Kayser, P., **Friedel, J.** (2025). Agricultural Land Sales in Virginia, 2021. Virginia Cooperative Extension, AAEC 331NP. <https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/AAEC/AAEC-331/aaec-331.html>
- Kim, B.S., Kayser, P., **Friedel, J.** (2025). Agricultural Land Values in Virginia, 2022. Virginia Cooperative Extension, AAEC 332NP. <https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/AAEC/AAEC-332/AAEC-332.html>
- Kayser, P., **Friedel, J.**, \*Hentemann, S., \*Morrow, M., \*Bhattari, A. (2024). Agricultural Land Sales in Virginia, 2019-2020. Virginia Cooperative Extension, AAEC-324P. Peer Reviewed. [https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/pubs\\_ext\\_vt\\_edu/en/AAEC/aaec-324/aaec-324.html](https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/pubs_ext_vt_edu/en/AAEC/aaec-324/aaec-324.html)
- **Friedel, J.** (2024). Preparing for the Camo Season. Southern Ag Today. <https://southernagtoday.org/2024/11/22/preparing-for-the-camo-season/>
- Hull, I., Kayser, P., **Friedel, J.** (2024). Use-Value Assessment Estimates and the 2022 Agricultural Census: Jurisdictional Changes in Harvested and Composite Farm Acreage from 2017 to 2022. LUVA. [https://vtluva.wpenginepowered.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Crop\\_CFs\\_2017-and-2022-Census\\_Only-usevalue.pdf](https://vtluva.wpenginepowered.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Crop_CFs_2017-and-2022-Census_Only-usevalue.pdf)
- **Friedel, J.** (2024). Product of the U.S.A. Rule and Trade Implications. Southern Ag Today. <https://southernagtoday.org/2024/06/14/product-of-the-u-s-a-rule-and-trade-implications/>
- Hull, I., Kayser, P., **Friedel, J.** (2024). Virginia Property Tax Reassessment Overview. Virginia Cooperative Extension, AAEC-327NP. [https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/pubs\\_ext\\_vt\\_edu/en/AAEC/aaec-327/aaec-327.html](https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/pubs_ext_vt_edu/en/AAEC/aaec-327/aaec-327.html)
- **Friedel, J.** (2023). What to Know About Employing Minors in the Summer and Beyond. Southern Ag Today. <https://southernagtoday.org/2023/06/23/what-to-know-about-employing-minors-in-the-summer-and-beyond/>
- **Friedel, J.** (2023). Boundaries of Virginia Fence Law. Virginia Cooperative Extension, AAEC-323P. Peer Reviewed. [https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/pubs\\_ext\\_vt\\_edu/en/AAEC/aaec-323/aaec-323.html](https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/pubs_ext_vt_edu/en/AAEC/aaec-323/aaec-323.html)
- Schonberger, H., Eifert, J., **Friedel, J.** (2023). Regulatory and Liability Exemptions for Organizations Distributing Donated Food in Virginia. FST-458NP. [https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/pubs\\_ext\\_vt\\_edu/en/FST/fst-458/fst-458.html](https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/pubs_ext_vt_edu/en/FST/fst-458/fst-458.html)
- Schonberger, H., Eifert, J., **Friedel, J.** (2023). Liability Exemptions When Donating Food to Hunger Relief Organizations in Virginia. FST-447NP. [https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/pubs\\_ext\\_vt\\_edu/en/FST/fst-447/fst-447.html](https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/pubs_ext_vt_edu/en/FST/fst-447/fst-447.html)
- **Friedel, J.** (2023). The Navigability of WOTUS. Southern Ag Today. <https://southernagtoday.org/2023/01/13/the-navigability-of-wotus/>
- Kayser, P., **Friedel, J.**, \*Hentemann, J., \*Morrow, M. (2022). SLEAC Values and Application & Use Survey, 2022. Virginia Cooperative Extension. AAEC-304NP. <https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/448/448-257/448-257.html>
- Kayser, P., **Friedel, J.**, Khanal, N., Davis, M., McGroddy, K., Jacobs, R., Kirk, R., Hentemann, S. (2022). Agricultural Land Sales in Virginia. AAEC-294P. [https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/pubs\\_ext\\_vt\\_edu/AAEC/aaec-294/AAEC-294.pdf](https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/pubs_ext_vt_edu/AAEC/aaec-294/AAEC-294.pdf)

- **Friedel, J.** (2022). Sysco Becomes Latest Beef Packer Antitrust Claimant. Southern Ag Today. <https://southernagtoday.org/2022/07/29/sysco-becomes-latest-beef-packer-antitrust-claimant/>
- **Friedel, J.** (2022). Revisit Your Estate Plan. Southern Ag Today. <https://southernagtoday.org/2022/01/14/revisit-your-estate-plan/>
- Kayser, P., Hentemann, S., **Friedel, J.** (2021). 2020 NASS Cropland and Pastureland Rental Rates. AAEC-290NP. [https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/pubs\\_ext\\_vt\\_edu/AAEC/AAEC-290/AAEC-290.pdf](https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/pubs_ext_vt_edu/AAEC/AAEC-290/AAEC-290.pdf)
- Holt, M., Bovay, J., **Friedel, J.**, Massa, O., Kayser, P., van Senten, J., Grant, J. Orden, D., Marchant, M. (2020). Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic on U.S. and Virginia Farms and Agribusinesses: May 2020. [https://aaec.vt.edu/content/dam/aaec\\_vt\\_edu/extension/aaec-outreach-reports/covid-19-resources-may-2020/COVID-impacts-on-Virginia-5-20.pdf](https://aaec.vt.edu/content/dam/aaec_vt_edu/extension/aaec-outreach-reports/covid-19-resources-may-2020/COVID-impacts-on-Virginia-5-20.pdf)
- **Friedel, J.** and Kayser, P. (2020) Methods and Procedures: Determining the Use-Value of Agricultural and Horticultural Land in Virginia. 446-011 AAEC-215P. Peer Reviewed. <https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/446/446-011/446-011.html>
- Bailey, Brent, Hansen, E., Groeschner, H., McIlmoil, R., Hartz, L., **Shaver, J.**, Hereford, A. A Windfall for Coal Country? Exploring the Barriers to Wind Development in Appalachia. June 25, 2012.

#### REPORTED CASES (on brief for the following judicial opinions setting legal precedence)

- *Gregory G. Poulos, et al. v. LBR Holdings, LLC*,
  - 792 SE 2d 588, 238 W.Va. 89 (2016)
- *Adair v. EQT Prod. Co.*,
  - 2013 WL 5442369 (W.D. Va., Sept. 30, 2013)
  - 294 F.R.D. 1 (W.D. Va., Sept. 27, 2013)
- *Addison v. CNX Gas Co., LLC*,
  - 2013 WL 5442373 (W.D. Va., Sept. 30, 2013)
- *Adkins v. EQT Prod. Co.*,
  - 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 116486 (W.D. Va., Aug. 18, 2012)
  - 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 102302 (W.D. Va., July 24, 2012)
  - 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 90250 (W.D. Va., June 29, 2012)
  - 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 89475 (W.D. Va., June 28, 2012)
  - 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 75133 (W.D. Va., May 31, 2012)
  - 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 43171 (W.D. Va., Mar. 28, 2012)
  - 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 143036 (W.D. Va., Dec. 13, 2011)
  - 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 143040 (W.D. Va., Dec. 13, 2011)

#### FUNDING

Friedel, J. (PI) Virginia's Land Use-Value Assessment Program. Sponsor: Virginia Department of Taxation.

- 2025 - \$361,000
- 2024 - \$225,000
- 2023 - \$225,000
- 2022 - \$225,000
- 2021 - \$150,000
- 2020 - \$150,000
- 2019 - \$150,000

#### AWARDS

- 2026 CALS Certificate of Teaching Excellence Award
- 2024 Excellence in Agricultural Law for Academia, American Agricultural Law Association

#### INVITED PRESENTATIONS (select)

- Land Preservation Options for Virginia Landowners. Virginia Cooperative Extension, Culpeper, VA. December 18, 2025.
- Making Good Neighbors. An Overview of Virginia Fence Law. Virginia Cooperative Extension. Bland, VA. September 24, 2025.

- Contracts, Land Leasing, and Fence Law. Kentland Farm Field Day. Virginia Cooperative Extension. Blacksburg, VA. September 9, 2025.
- Virginia's Underground Wealth, Legal Aspects of Mineral Leases. Virginia Cooperative Extension. Charlottesville, VA. June 11-12, 2025.
- Agribusiness Producer Meeting Series; Land Leasing, Mineral Ownership, Fence Law and more. Virginia Cooperative Extension. Spring 2025.
- Land Use-Value Assessment and Fence Law. Grayson and Carroll Co. Cattle Producers Association. March 6, 2025.
- Farm Transition Seminar. Farm Credit of the Virginias. March 17, 2025.
- Landowner Succession and Estate Planning Panel. GenNEXT Family Forestland Short-Course. Focusing on Land Transfer to Generation "NEXT." Staunton, VA. August 10, 2024.
- Law and Policy Careers Guest Lecture. AAEC Food and Agricultural Policy. Instructor Dixie Dalton, Virginia Tech. March 27, 2024.
- Friedel, J., Ignosh, J. Utility-scale Solar in Virginia: Informational Resources for Supporting Land Owners with Decision Making. The Virginia Association of Forest Health Professionals, 32nd Annual Conference. Glen Allen, VA. February 12, 2024.
- Land Leasing and Fence Law. Carroll Grayson Cattle Producers Association. Galax, VA. February 1, 2024.
- The Basics of Farm Family Transition. Farm Credit Knowledge Center. Abingdon & Culpeper, VA. October 2023.
- Recent Updates in Land Use-Value Assessment and Market Outlooks. Virginia Association of Assessing Officers Education Seminar. Chester, VA. July 12, 2023.
- Basic Legal Principles for Virginia Farmers. Farm Credit Knowledge Center, Farm Management Institute. Hungry Mother State Park, Marion, VA. March 29, 2023.
- Virginia's Land Use-Value Methods & Procedures and Agricultural Undeveloped Land Valuation. Virginia Association of Assessing Officers Education Seminar. July 13, 2022.
- Solar Land Lease Considerations. Virginia Cooperative Extension Webinar. June 9, 2022.
- Solar Land Use Considerations. Virginia Cooperative Extension Webinar. May 25, 2022.
- Virginia's Land Use-Value Assessment and Local Tax Considerations. Grayson County Board of Supervisors. Scheduled May 5, 2022.
- The Practice of Law. Phi Alpha Delta, Law Fraternity, Virginia Tech Chapter. April 25, 2022.
- Becoming a Lawyer. Virginia Tech Mock Trial Team. March 30, 2022.
- COVID-19's impact on Agriculture Law in Virginia. Virginia Tech Lifelong Learning Institution. March 30, 2022.
- Ag Policy & Market Outlook Forum. Virginia Cooperative Extension and Virginia Tech's Agricultural and Applied Economics Department Webinar. March 14, 2022.
- Virginia's Land Use-Value Methods & Procedures and Agricultural Undeveloped Land Valuation. Virginia Association of Assessing Officers Education Seminar. July 14, 2021.
- Virginia's Land Use-Value Assessment Program, Considerations for Adopting Land Use-Value Assessment Taxation. Grayson County, Virginia. April 20, 2021.
- Estate Planning, Farm Transition and Virginia's Land Use-Value Assessment Program. Pulaski County Extension, Pulaski, Virginia. October 13, 2020.
- Virginia's Land Use-Value Assessment Estimate Development, Virginia Association of Assessing Officers Education Seminar. Virtual. July 15, 2020.
- Virginia's Land Use-Value Assessment Program, Analyzing 2020 Estimated Values for the Eastern Shore. Southampton County, Northampton County, Accomack County and Chesapeake, Virginia. May 1, 2020.
- Estate Planning, Farm Transition and Virginia's Land Use-Value Assessment Program. Annie's Project, Giles County Extension. Giles, Virginia. February 28, 2020.

- Agriculture Premise Liability. Virginia Pumpkin Growers Association. January 25, 2020.
- Estate Planning, Farm Transition and Virginia's Land Use-Value Assessment Program. Pulaski County Extension, Pulaski, Virginia. November 5, 2019.

#### **PAPERS AND POSTERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS**

- Kayser, P., **Friedel, J.**, \*Hentemann, S., "Visualizing the Impact of Growth in Virginia." Poster. Northeast Agricultural and Resource Economics Association 2022 Annual Meeting. *Scheduled* June 12-14, 2022.

#### **OTHER RESEARCH**

- **Friedel, J.**, \*Bostic, M., Cumbia, D., Groh, T. (2022). Virginia's Forest Sustainability Fund and Foregone Revenue Analysis.
- \*Bhattari, A., Kayser, P., **Friedel, J.** (2023). Evaluating the use-value of pasture based on hay production volume.

#### **UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE/DEPARTMENT SERVICES**

- AAEC Elections Committee – 2023 – Pres.
- AAEC Governance Committee – 2023 – Pres.
- AAEC Academic & Student Support Advisor Search Committee – 2023
- AAEC Teaching Innovation and Effectiveness Committee Member 2022 – 2024
- AAEC USDA External Review Committee – 2022
- AAEC Agribusiness Instructor Search Committee – 2022
- AAEC Ag Communication Specialists Search Committee – 2021 - 2022
- University Pathways Curriculum Committee Member 2021-2023
- CALS Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Member 2020-2023
- AAEC Undergraduate Advisory Committee Member 2020-Pres.
- AAEC Extension and Outreach Committee Member 2019-Pres.
- AAEC Communications Committee Member 2019-2020
- VCE AME Program Team Member 2019 – Pres.

#### **CURRENT RESEARCH**

- Kayser, P., **Friedel, J.**, (In progress). Agricultural Land Sales in Virginia, 2024. Anticipated publication date: Spring 2026.
- Chakrabarty, J.D., Kayser, P., **Friedel, J.** (In progress). Methods and Procedures for Use-Value Estimation of Open Space in Virginia. Anticipated publication date: Fall 2026.
- **Friedel, J.**, Davenport, H. (In progress). Land Leasing Guide. Anticipated publication date: Summer 2026.