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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

- Teach AAEC 3314 Environmental Law
- Teach AAEC 3604 Agriculture Law
- Consult and advise on legal issues raised by producers, VCE agents, and local governments

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 land use taxation across the Commonwealth.

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

- Represent clients in oil and gas litigation, real estate, estate planning, entity formation, liability and more
- Assist counsel of record in litigation in state and federal courts on a contractual basis regarding bankruptcy, tax, real estate, and property matters including \$4 million+ natural gas ownership suit and \$16 million multi-jurisdictional heirship matter

2017-19
March-June **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
July – May *Of Counsel*

- Represented clients in commercial real estate, immigration, natural resources, oil and gas, and contracts

2011-17
March-Feb. **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, engaged in discovery and motions practice, and 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
Aug.-Feb. **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
Sept.-Oct. **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
Aug.- Aug.

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
May-Aug.

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
May-June

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
2016-Pres.

Point Pleasant Farms, LLC Bland, VA
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

2016-18

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 *(selected)*

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

- 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
- **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

- 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
- 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
- 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
- Kayser, P., Hentemann, S., **Friedel, J.** (2021). 2020 NASS Cropland and Pastureland Rental Rates. AAEC-290NP
- **Friedel, J.**, Walker, M. and Richardson, J., (2021) Managing Legal Liability Series: Virginia Lawyers: Member of the American Agricultural Lawyers Association. CV-20NP AAEC-280NP
- Denoon, S., Richardson, J., Walker, M., **Friedel, J.** (2020) Managing Legal Liability Series: Workers' Compensation & Liability for Farmers' Market Vendors & Owners. CV-24NP AAEC-230NP
- 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
- **Friedel, J.** and Kayser, P. (2020) Methods and Procedures: Determining the Use-Value of Agricultural and Horticultural Land in Virginia. 446-011 AAEC-215P.
- 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.

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

INVITED PRESENTATIONS (*select*)

- 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. Attendance 102. February 1, 2024.
- The Basics of Farm Family Transition. Farm Credit Knowledge Center. Abingdon, VA. October 30, 2023.
- The Basics of Farm Family Transition. Farm Credit Knowledge Center. Culpeper, VA. October 23, 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 – Pres.
- 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, 2022-2023. Anticipated peer reviewed publication date: Spring 2025.
- Kayser, P., Friedel, J., (In progress) Methods & Procedures for Estimating Horticultural Use-Values in Virginia. Substantial rewrite. Anticipated publication date: Spring 2025.