

Rural Concerns Advisory Committee

Applicant Package - Actively Involved in Agriculture and/or Silviculture

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Term 30 Sep 2025 - 30 Sep 2028

Positions Available 1

Number of applicants in this package 1

- Luther, Sarah

Name: Luther, Sarah

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Board Name: Rural Concerns Advisory Committee

Primary Phone:

386-688-1815

Please list any civic and professional accomplishments/honors, training or experience related to this appointment::

Operate 150-acre cattle ranch in Alachua county and 50-acre ranch in Suwannee County

Please list any current/previous Advisory Board appointments:

None

What Contributions do you feel you could make if you were selected to this board?:

I am actively involved in agriculture, both personally and professionally. My legal background allows me to understand the intricacies of the interaction between federal and state law and county ordinances.

Please Agree with the following statements:

I understand this application is the property of Alachua County and subject to public records laws. I hereby certify that the statements made on this application are true and correct. I understand that Appointees to advisory board/committees are required to attend scheduled meetings as specified in the "Guidelines for Citizen Advisory Boards and Committees". I understand that some boards and committees require Financial Disclosure (Chapter 112, Florida Statutes) and I am willing to file if required. I affirm that my personal and business (if applicable) affairs within Alachua County are in substantial compliance with all county regulatory and taxing authorities rules and regulations?:

Yes

Employer :

Farmer's Business Network

Occupation:

Attorney

Are you currently serving, or have you ever served, on an Alachua County advisory board? :

No

I do hereby attest that, to the best of my knowledge and belief:

- 1. I have maintained good moral character throughout my personal and professional life.**
- 2. I have not engaged in any conduct or behavior that would reflect adversely on my honesty, integrity, or ethical standards.**
- 3. I have not been convicted of any felony or misdemeanor involving dishonesty, fraud, or moral turpitude.**
- 4. I have adhered to all applicable laws and regulations in my personal and professional dealings.**
- 5. I strive to uphold the principles of fairness, respect, and responsibility in all my interactions.:**

Yes

Time of Submission: 08/12/25 10:50:00 PM

Attachments

- Luther_CV.docx.pdf

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EDUCATION

University of Houston Law Center, Houston, TX

December 2018

J.D. Cum Laude Rank: Top 20%

Atlas IP Inn of Court

August 2016 – December 2018

Houston Law Review – Board 55

June 2016 – December 2018

Intellectual Property Student Organization

President

April 2017 – April 2018

Internal Vice President

April 2016 – April 2017

Health Law Organization – Secretary

April 2017 – April 2018

Moot Court Team Member

March 2016 – May 2017

Saul Lefkowitz Trademark Moot Court Competition

February 2017

John Black Moot Court Competition

February 2016

University of Houston Bauer College of Business, Houston, TX

December 2018

M.B.A. GPA: 3.889

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

December 2013

B.S. in Agricultural and Biological Engineering

Minors: Biomechanics, Business Administration

American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers

State Outstanding Student Award

2014

President

2012 – 2013

Quarter Scale Tractor Design Team Captain

2011 – 2013

Designed, built, and marketed lawn-mower-sized pulling tractor. Recruited team members and secured school support. Restarted the team after a 10-year absence. Secured sponsorships and funding totaling approximately \$10,000 each year.

National Quarter Scale Teamwork Award

2013

Organizer: Day with Industry

2013

Fountain Wars Team Member

2010 – 2013

Fundraising Treasurer

2011 – 2012

Bioenergy and Sustainable Technology Laboratory, University Scholar and Research Intern

2012

Dairy Science Club

President

2013

Treasurer

2012 – 2013

Co-Organizer: Dairy Daze

2011 – 2013

Co-Organizer: Ag Facts Day

2013

Sigma Alpha

2010 – 2011

SKILLS

Licensed Attorney: No. 24101371 – State Bar of Texas | No. 1037074 – State Bar of Florida

Registered Patent Agent No. 74810 – United States Patent & Trademark Office

Registered Engineer Intern No. 1100018234 – Florida Board of Professional Engineers

EXPERIENCE

Farmer's Business Network, Inc., Remote

January 2022 – Present

Senior Corporate Counsel

Provide strategic legal and regulatory guidance across all aspects of company operations, supporting stakeholders from executive leadership through front-line operations. Serve as a trusted advisor on complex commercial, regulatory, and operational matters spanning multiple countries and a diverse patchwork of federal, state, and local requirements. Key contributions include:

Commercial & Transactional Work: Negotiate and draft agreements for high-value and complex transactions, including acquisitions, divestments, supply chain, logistics, marketing, facilities, warehousing, indirect procurement, research and development, environmental health and safety, and the livestock products and services division.

Regulatory & Compliance Strategy: Identify compliance risks and develop regulatory strategies, integrating licensing and reporting systems with sales databases to streamline compliance tracking and reporting. Advise on agricultural, environmental, commerce, and brokerage regulations across multiple jurisdictions. Develop and deliver training on legal and regulatory issues to empower business units, increase efficiency, and reduce legal bottlenecks.

Business Partnership: Collaborate with business leads to align legal strategy with business goals across the entire product lifecycle, from sourcing and logistics to customer experience, marketing, and sales. Support commercial growth through proactive risk assessment and solution-focused counsel.

Intellectual Property: Manage global trademark portfolio and patent filings; oversee outside counsel on contracting templates, licensing agreements, and other IP protections.

Project Leadership: Lead cross-functional projects, forming task forces, directing strategy meetings, and managing timelines to coordinate input from multiple business units and shared services.

Mills Shirley LLP, Galveston, TX January 2018 – January 2022

Associate Attorney, previously Law Clerk

Practice both litigation and transactional law, including intellectual property, real estate law, civil litigation, employment law, landlord/tenant, and insurance law. Perform research, conduct depositions, prepare memoranda and motions, draft transactional documents, manage exhibits, draft appeal briefs, represent creditors in bankruptcy proceedings, process and conduct foreclosures, and evaluate construction contracts for compliance with procurement laws. Create and manage a trial exhibit database with more than 1,600 exhibits. Serve as First Chair representing the Plaintiff in a Federal Jury Trial on First Amendment Civil Rights.

Institute for Intellectual Property & Information Law – University of Houston, Houston, TX June 2016 – Present

Publications Editor

Edit flyers and brochures for the institute. Gather data for alumni of the program.

Blank Rome LLP, Houston, TX July/August 2017

Summer Associate

Conducted research and drafted memos on various issues. Observed depositions and motion hearings.

Shook, Hardy, & Bacon, Houston, TX May/June 2017

Summer Associate

Drafted several memos evaluating emerging intellectual property law issues.

United States District Court, Eastern District of Texas, Texarkana, TX July/August 2016

Judicial Intern – The Honorable Caroline M. Craven

Drafted orders for Social Security Disability cases. Outlined other filed motions and drafted orders based on feedback.

United States District Court, Eastern District of Texas, Tyler, TX May/June 2016

Judicial Intern – The Honorable K. Nicole Mitchell

Prepared memos regarding filed motions. Drafted orders based on memos and feedback. Observed court proceedings.

Suwannee River Water Management District, Live Oak, FL February 2014 – July 2015

Engineer I

Managed a 200 contract cost-share program. Calculated water needs and ran groundwater models. Designed water quality improvement projects and wrote grant applications. Executed logistics for an 800-person annual dinner event.

ORGANIZATIONS

Alachua County Farm Bureau, Young Farmers and Ranchers, Alachua County, FL June 2025 – Present

Co-Chair

Organize monthly meetings, coordinate events with neighboring counties, and lead efforts to relaunch our county's annual agricultural celebration festival—an event that connects the public with local farms and ranches.

Waldo Sweet Potato, Waldo, FL – Festival Sponsor and Planning Committee 2025

Waldo Plant Festival, Waldo, FL – Volunteer 2025

Florida Women Landowners Association – Social Media Chair September 2024 – Present

American Agricultural Law Association 2017 – Present

Symposium Planning Committee 2022 – Present

Featured Member 2025

Quiz Bowl Champion 2017

Hibiscus Children's Center, Jensen Beach, FL – Planning Committee 2019 – Present

Junior League of Galveston County, Galveston, TX 2019 – 2022

Fund Development Vice President 2021 – 2022

Member of the Year 2021 – 2022

Galveston Rugby Football Club, Galveston, TX 2016 – 2022

Public Relations Chair 2016 – 2022

Summer Tournament Chair 2019 – 2020

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Houston, TX 2017 – 2019

<i>Judging Contests Committee Member</i>	2017 – 2019
<i>Livestock Show Committee Member</i>	2018 – 2019
Food Law Student Network – Projects Chair	2017 – 2018
County Alliance for Responsible Environmental Stewardship, Live Oak, FL	2014 – 2015
<i>Planning Committee</i>	
Served on the planning committee for the celebration during a pivotal year following the retirement of the longtime lead volunteer. Played an integral role in securing participation from commodity groups and farmer-focused organizations, ensuring attendees were well-fed and the event remained rooted in agriculture. Handled key logistics for the event, which successfully drew approximately 800 attendees.	
Kiwanis, Live Oak, FL	2014 – 2015
American Dairy Science Association Student Affiliate Division – Region Secretary	2012 – 2013
Suwannee Middle FFA Dairy Judging Team – Coach	2011 – 2012

PUBLICATIONS

- Sarah Luther, *From Un-Coordinated to Efficient: A Proposal for Regulating GE Products in a Way That Meets the Needs of Consumers, Producers, and Innovators*, 20 Vermont Journal of Environmental Law 2018.
- Tiffany Oliver, Haley Cobb, Sarah Luther, Alexandra Smith, and Danielle Haley, *Research and Extension*, FARM BILL L. ENTER., <http://www.farbillaw.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Title-7-Research-and-Extension.pdf> (last visited March 20, 2018).
- Sarah Luther, *Anaerobic Digestion of Horse Stall Bedding* (July 2013), poster presentation at the 2013 American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers Annual International Meeting Undergraduate Poster Competition.
- Sarah Luther, *Anaerobic Digestion of Horse Stall Bedding* (May 2013), poster presentation at the 2012-2013 University of Florida University Scholars Research Presentation Event.
- Sarah Luther, *Acidic Bedding Conditioner in Dairy Cattle Bedding* (Feb. 2013), research presentation at the American Dairy Science Association - 2013 Southern Region Meeting
- Sarah Luther, *Letter to the Editor*, Resource, September/October 2012, at 5, *available at* <https://www.asabe.org/media/222725/resource19-05septoct2012.pdf>

ADDITIONAL AWARDS

2023, 2025 – Final Four, Florida Farm Bureau Discussion Meet