

## **Draft Agenda – 2020 NCAE Ag Employer Labor Forum (all times eastern)**

### **Wednesday**

- 11 am to 11:15      Welcome  
Jon DeVaney, CEO, Washington State Tree Fruit Association
- 11:15 to Noon      NCAE Update  
Michael Marsh, CEO, National Council of Agricultural Employers
- Noon to 1 pm      Makeup of the New Congress  
Charlie Garrison, Garrison Group, LLC
- 1 pm to 2 pm      COVID and Farm Labor in 2020  
Phil Martin, PhD, University of California-Davis
- 2 pm to 3 pm      Organized Labor’s Shaping of the Market and the New Consumers  
Mike Saqui, Partner, The Saqui Law Group
- 3 pm to 4 pm      “What would you do if...”, A Refresher on Discrimination, Harassment  
and Retaliation in the Workplace  
Josh Viau, Partner, FisherPhillips
- 4 pm to 5 pm      California and Washington: Canary in the Coal Mine  
Jason Resnick, General Counsel, Western Growers Association  
Diane Butler, Partner, Davis Wright Tremaine

### **Thursday**

- 10:45 am to Noon      Immigration and Ag Labor Reform in the 117th Congress  
Craig Regelbrugge, Moderator, Government Affairs, AmericanHort  
Bob Naerebout, Director of Government Relations, Idaho Dairy  
Association  
Mike Joyner, President, Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association  
Dave Puglia, President and CEO, Western Growers Association  
Tom Bortnyk, Vice President and General Counsel, másLabor
- Noon to 1 pm      Emerging Health and Safety Issues in the Era of COVID-19  
Bill Krycia, Sr Health and Safety Consultant, Zenith Insurance Company  
Jess McCluer, VP Safety and Regulatory Affairs, National Grain and Feed  
Association

Susan Quale, VP of Human Resources, Sierra Cascade Nursery, Inc.  
Paul Riley, Director, Safety, Health & Environmental, AgReserves, Inc

1 pm to 2 pm            New H-2A Regulations and What They Mean for Employers  
Chris Schulte, Partner, Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP

### **H-2A Beginner Track**

2 pm to 3 pm            H-2A 101  
Kerry Scott, Program Manager, másLabor

3pm to 4 pm            H-2A Payroll and Tax Issues  
Snake River Farmers Association Staff

4 pm to 5 pm            Legal Eagle Panel – Your Questions for Our Answers  
Jeanne Malitz, Moderator, Partner, Malitz Law, LLC  
Joel Anderson, Esq., Executive Director, Snake River Farmers Association  
Tom Bortnyk, General Counsel, másLabor  
Chris Schulte, Partner, Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP

### **H-2A Advanced Topics**

2 pm to 3 pm            Board of Alien Labor Certification Appeals trends with H-2A  
Tom Bortnyk, Vice President and General Counsel, másLabor

3pm to 4 pm            Crisis Management and PR in the H-2A Context  
Joel Anderson, Esq., Executive Director, Snake River Farmers Association

4pm to 5 pm            Navigating Leave Laws in the time of Pandemic: Don't leave home  
without it.  
Rebecca Schultz, Associate Attorney, Saqui Law Group

### **Friday**

11 am to Noon            US Department of Labor, Office of Foreign Labor Certification  
Brian Pasternak, Administration, Office of Foreign Labor Certification  
Shane Barbour, Center Director, Chicago National Processing Center  
Alejandra Dominguez

Noon to 1 pm            US Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division  
Whitney Ford, Director, Division of Immigration, Farm Labor, and Trade

- 1 pm to 2 pm US Department of State  
Brian Sheridan, Visa Policy Analyst, Department of State  
Geoff Thomas, H2 Team Lead, Mission Mexico
- 2 pm to 3 pm The 2021 Enforcement Forecast for the USDOJ Civil Rights Division/IER  
Section: Strategies for Avoiding Employer Liability in Recruitment and  
Hire  
Mary Pivec, Managing Principal, Pivec & Associates, PLLC
- 3 pm to 3:30 pm Guatemala H-2A Program  
Rafael Eugenio Rodríguez Pellecer, Minister of Labor
- 3:30 pm to 4:00 pm Honduras H-2A Program  
Olvin Villalobos, Minister of Labor and Social Security
- 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission  
Keith E. Sonderling, Vice Chair
- 4:45 pm to 5:15 pm Happy Half Hour Q & A with Lynn, Jon, and Michael