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With her farm roots and more than a decade of agricultural policy experience, Kristi provides agricultural and food clients insights and solutions on legislative and regulatory issues impacting farm businesses and rural America. She previously served as a senior official at the USDA and the White House and advocated for farmers at a national trade association.

Kristi Boswell is counsel in the Legislative & Public Policy Group and a member of the Food, Beverage & Agribusiness Team. Kristi advises and advocates for agricultural and food clients on complex regulatory and legislative issues including labor, immigration, the Farm Bill, trade promotion, agricultural innovation, food supply management, conservation, and sustainability.

Kristi is a preeminent agricultural labor and immigration policy advisor and was instrumental in streamlining long standing agriculture labor regulatory reforms in the H-2A visa program and drafting immigration legislation. She was active in implementation of the 2018 Farm Bill and orchestrated the development of COVID-19 and trade mitigation assistance under Commodity Credit Corporation authorities. Along with her enterprise-wide USDA experience, she has worked with the Department of Labor, Department of Homeland Security, State Department, Food & Drug Administration, and Congressional committees.

Before joining Alston & Bird, Kristi served as a senior advisor to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, where she implemented the secretary's priorities and advised the secretary on decision-making. Kristi also held policy roles at the White House and served as the director of congressional relations at the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Growing up on a farm, Kristi has a natural passion for agriculture and rural America. She received an agricultural legal certificate in law school and focused undergraduate studies on agricultural economics and public policy.

Representative Experience

- Assisting clients in advocacy efforts to reform the H-2A visa program.
- Counseling a retail client on the USDA SNAP Online Pilot Program and updating compliance and training materials.
- Providing regulatory counsel to a client obtaining certification as prescribed by the National Organics Program.
- Represented a client seeking changes to the USDA Farm Service Agency Dairy Indemnity Payment Program to provide indemnity for animals impacted by PFAS contamination.

Professional & Community Engagement

- American Agricultural Law Association
- Calvary Women's Services

Education

- University of Nebraska (J.D., 2009)

- University of Nebraska (B.S., 2004)

Admitted to Practice

- District of Columbia
- Nebraska
- Iowa (Inactive)

Related Services

Legislative & Public Policy | Food, Beverage & Agribusiness | Agricultural Legislative & Public Policy