

Nicholas W. Brown

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EDUCATION

University of Georgia School of Law, Athens, GA
J.D., May 2023

GPA: 3.30

Activities: *Georgia Journal of Intellectual Property*, Practicum in Animal Welfare Skills, Be the Match, Rod & Gun Club

University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Athens, GA
Master of Science (MS) in Agricultural and Applied Economics, May 2020

GPA: 3.44

Thesis: Gaming the System: Tort Tradeoffs in Cases of Pesticide Drift (Defended April 23, 2020)

Honors: Journal of Legal Studies in Business (JLSB) Best Paper Award, Rod Ziemer Outstanding M.S. Paper Award

University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Athens, GA
BSA in Agricultural and Applied Economics, *First Honor Graduate (summa cum laude)*, May 2019
BSA in Agribusiness
Certificate in Agribusiness Law

GPA: 4.00

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

State of Georgia Bar, Admitted 2023

- Bar Number: 302722

State of North Carolina Bar, Admitted 2024

- Bar Number: 61734

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

North Carolina State University CALS, Raleigh, North Carolina **August 2024 – Present**
Assistant Extension Professor

- Develop an extension program designed to promote tax knowledge among individuals within agricultural communities across North Carolina
- Create and teach undergraduate courses in agribusiness tax and other subjects
- Research niche areas of agricultural law including tax, pesticide drift, and administrative agencies

Cornerstone Conservation, Inc., Hartwell, GA **November 2023 – Present**
Director, Secretary

- Research trends in IRS enforcement of regulations pertaining to conservation easements
- Develop tax-optimal method of acquiring property as a non-profit corporation

Berec Law Office, Hartwell, GA **November 2023 – July 2024**
Associate

- Developed estate plans for small- to medium-sized clients for maximization of asset protection and minimization of tax burden
- Pursued pesticide drift claims on behalf of client whose orchard was destroyed
- Assisted in formation and divestment of non-profits, LLCs, and other corporate entities
- Performed real estate closings in transactions involving mortgages, owner-financing, and HELOC

White Oak Properties, Hartwell, GA

June 2021 – July 2024

Acquisition Specialist

- Pursued acquisition opportunities in order to complete a 1031 exchange following property sale
- Drafted contracts relating to tenancies and management of short-term rental properties

Berelc Law Office, Hartwell, GA

June 2021 – May 2023

Legal Clerk

- Oversaw team in post-trial negotiations to ensure timely and accurate document preparation
- Researched niche legal questions concerning property disputes, contracts, and tax
- Led one-on-one client meetings regarding estate planning, discovery, and case potential

University of Georgia School of Law, Athens, GA

January 2023 – May 2023

Graduate Assistant, Practicum in Animal Welfare Skills

- Reviewed and provided feedback to law students on presentations, drafting ordinances, and preparing legal documents
- Directed law students in the preparation, operation, and takedown of pop-up veterinary clinics
- Reviewed proposed state-level legislation concerning outdoor animal sales and provided practical suggestions for improvements based on clear objectives
- Trained Georgia Department of Agriculture agents in interpreting and enforcing state regulations pertaining to rabbit welfare issues
- Trained prosecutors, judges, law enforcement officers, animal control officers, and shelter staff in ordinance application to rabbit welfare issues

University of Georgia CAES, Athens, GA

September 2019 – April 2020

Graduate Research Assistant

- Reviewed current regulatory scheme for managing pesticides at federal, state, and local levels
- Applied game theory to hypothetical lawsuits between pesticide applicators and harmed farmers
- Coordinated efforts with researchers including economists, lawyers, and crop scientists

FIELDS OF LEGAL INTEREST

- Tax
- Pesticides
- Right-to-Farm Acts
- Regulatory interpretation
- State and local governments
- Food labeling

PUBLICATIONS

Brown, N., Colson, G., Roessing, M (2022) Tort Tradeoffs in Cases of Pesticide Drift: A Legal and Economic Analysis. *PLoS ONE* 17(10): e0276418.

Brown, N., Roessing, M. (2021) Torts and Pesticide Drift: A Case for Amending State Right-to-Farm Acts. *Journal of Legal Studies in Business* 23:1.

Honors: Journal of Legal Studies in Business (JLSB) Best Paper Award

WORKING PAPERS

“Drifting Towards Solutions: Examining Dicamba’s Volatility Issues in Modern Agriculture”

“Unquestionably Major: Balancing EPA and State Power Under FIFRA After *West Virginia v EPA*”

“No Ukraine, No Grain: How Russia’s Invasion Could Trigger Food Shortages and How the World Can Prevent Them”

PRESENTATIONS

Brown, N. “Interpreting Updated Animal Ordinances: Rabbit Welfare,” Athens-Clarke County Animal Services, Department Meeting, Athens, Georgia, February 2023.

Brown, N. “Interpreting Animal Protection Rules: Rabbit Welfare,” Georgia Department of Agriculture Companion Animal Division, Division Meeting, Macon, Georgia, May 2022.

Brown, N. “Role of the Georgia Department of Agriculture in Local Animal Welfare,” Barrow County Animal Services, Training Seminar, Winder, Georgia, November 2021.

Brown, N. “Rabbit Welfare,” Barrow County Animal Services, Training Seminar, Winder, Georgia, November 2021.

Brown, N. “Rabbit Welfare,” Oconee County Animal Services, Training Seminar, Watkinsville, Georgia, October 2021.

Brown, N., “Torts and Pesticide Drift: A Case for Amending State Right-to-Farm Acts,” Southeastern Academy for Legal Studies in Business, Annual Conference, Montgomery, Alabama, November 2019.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Coleman Research Group – Expert
- Personal interests include sous vide cooking, espresso, hunting, fishing, and camping