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I. EDUCATION

2009 Juris Doctorate, University of New Mexico School of Law
Summa cum laude

2006 BS, Agribusiness Farm & Ranch Management, Oklahoma State University
Summa cum laude

II. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professor & Extension Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, College Station, TX, June 2013 – Present.

Lashmet's responsibilities involve statewide leadership and coordination for Extension educational programs and applied research in Agricultural Law by providing technical expertise and educational program development. Primary audiences for Lashmet's programs include agricultural producers, landowners, agricultural businesses, regional and state leaders, federal and state employees, trade associations, other agencies/groups, and media across Texas and the United States. To date, she has spoken to over 50,000 people at 650 programs. Lashmet's work requires individual and team efforts to plan, develop, implement, and evaluate curricula, extension education programs, and applied research related to agricultural law issues affecting clientele. Lashmet's program has included extension and peer reviewed publications, workshops, conferences, electronic and mass media releases. In particular, Lashmet places emphasis on landowner liability/property rights and conflicts, mineral leases, real estate/property law, agricultural and hunting leases, water law, and environmental issues. Lashmet has also received grant funding of nearly \$1.5 million to support the applied research and Extension efforts of her position, including several grants for which she serves as the Principal Investigator. Lashmet cooperates with District Based Extension Economists, District Extension Administrators, County Extension Agents, Regional Program Leaders, and other specialists, as necessary in developing and delivering nationally recognized programs for Extension faculty and clientele. Lashmet travels in and out of state as necessary to fulfill her job responsibilities. Lashmet is involved in a variety of service roles, both inside the Department and in other professional organizations. She is a current member and former Board Member of the American Agricultural Law Association and is a member of the State Bar of Texas Agricultural Law Course Planning Committee, Agriculture & Applied Economics Association, Southern Agricultural Economics Association, Western Agricultural Economics Association, and the Texas Extension Specialists Association.

Past Positions and Experiences

Adjunct Professor, Texas A&M University School of Law, Ft. Worth, TX
Fall 2014.

- Taught the first Agricultural Law course ever offered at Texas A&M University School of Law.
- Prepared reading materials for each class and created written assignments for students to complete throughout the semester.
- Drafted and grade final examination taken by students at the completion of the semester.

Associate Attorney, Peifer, Hanson & Mullins, P.A., Albuquerque, NM
September 2009 – April 2013.

- Drafted appellate briefs, including amicus curiae brief to New Mexico Supreme Court in *Bounds v. New Mexico* regarding constitutionality of New Mexico Domestic Well Statute.
- Represented class members in complex class action matters, including landowners in New Mexico against major oil companies, requiring case analysis and strategy, extensive motion practice, oral argument at numerous hearings, discovery, preparation of expert reports, and preparation for and attendance at numerous depositions.
- Defended New Mexico Horseman's Association in class action suit regarding challenge to membership and fee policies including drafting briefing in opposition to class certification and drafting successful motion to dismiss class member for discovery abuse.
- Represented client Secretary of the New Mexico Environment Department before New Mexico Supreme Court in extraordinary writ action regarding suspension of regulations promulgated pursuant to the New Mexico Air Quality Control Act and the New Mexico Environmental Improvement Act.
- Represented landowners in nuisance and trespass actions, including suit against the City of Gallup for diversion of water onto private property.
- Drafted pleadings, motions, and written discovery requests and responses in complex class action litigation, personal injury cases, commercial litigation, and insurance defense actions.
- Deposed witnesses, represent clients in mediations and settlement conferences, and argue numerous motions in New Mexico district courts.
- Researched civil litigation issues concerning employment law, class actions, oil and gas litigation, personal injury cases, legal malpractice cases, open records act issues, and contractual litigation.

Summer Associate, Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker, LLP, San Francisco, CA
Summer 2008.

- Researched and prepared legal memoranda regarding real estate purchase agreements, contractual interpretation, and wage and hour law.
- Received training in various topics including legal research, legal writing, and advocacy skills.
- Took deposition and defended mock client in deposition skills workshop.
- Represented pro bono client in appeal from denial of SSI benefits.

III. SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

- Outstanding Extension Program, *Southern Ag Today*, Southern Agricultural Economics Association (February 2025).
- Outstanding Professional Scholarship Award, *Paved with Good Intentions: Unintended impacts of farm bill payment limitations*, American Agricultural Law Association (November 2024).
- Superior Service Team Award, Real Estate Education Team, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension (July 2024).
- 1st Place Project of Excellence, Where's the Beef? Legal & Economic Issues for Direct Beef Sales, Southern Extension Risk Management (January 2024).
- Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Panhandle District Service Ethic Award (2023).
- Superior Service Team Award – Generation Next (2023).
- Vice Chancellor's Team Award – Ranchers Leasing Workshop (2023).
- American Agricultural Law Association, Professional Scholarship Award (2022).
- Agriculture & Applied Economics Association, Distinguished Extension Program (Less than 10 Years) (2022).
- Panhandle District Outstanding Extension Specialist (2022).
- Texas A&M AgriLife Extension – Superior Service Award – Specialist (2021).
- Project of Excellence – Southern Extension Risk Management Education Center (2021).
- Western Agricultural Economics Assn. – Outstanding Extension Program Award (2020).
- Texas A&M AgriLife Extension – Superior Service Award – Team (2020).
- American Agricultural Law Association, Excellence in Agricultural Law Award – Academia (2019).
- Project of Excellence Southern Risk Management Education Center (2017).
- Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Panhandle District Visionary Leadership Award (2017).
- Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Panhandle District Team Teaching Award (2017).
- Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Superior Service Award (Team) (2017).
- State Specialist of the Year in Texas Agriculture, Texas County Agricultural Agents Association (2016).
- American Bar Association “Blawg 100” Honoree (2015, 2015, 2016).

IV. SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Refereed/Invited Journal Articles

- Shannon L. Ferrell, **Tiffany Dowell Lashmet**, Bart Fischer, and Brad Karmen, *Paved with Good Intentions: Unintended Impacts of Farm Bill Payment Limits on Risk Management and Farm Transitions*, *Drake J. Agric. Law* (Fall 2023).
- **Tiffany Dowell Lashmet** & Justin R. Benavidez, *Surveyed Characteristics of Non-Operating Landowners in Texas*, *Journal of the American Society of Farm Managers & Rural Appraisers* (Accepted for publication 2023).
- Jesse J. Richardson, Jr., **Tiffany Dowell Lashmet**, & Gatlin Squires, *Turtles All the Way Down: A Clearer Understanding of the Scope of Waters of the United States Based on US Supreme Court Decisions*, *William & Mary Env'tl Law & Policy Review* (2021-2022).

- Justin Benavidez, **Tiffany Dowell Lashmet**, David Anderson, and Kasey Ulrich, Converting Texas Land from Agricultural to Wildlife Use Tax Valuation, *Journal of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers* (2021).
- Jesse J. Richardson, Jr. & **Tiffany Dowell Lashmet**, Agriculture and the Clean Water Act: WOTUS, Groundwater and More WOTUS, and Agriculture, *American Bar Association Agricultural Management Committee Journal* (2020).
- **Tiffany Dowell Lashmet** & Amber Miller, Texas Exempt Wells: Where Does Fracking Fit?, *55 Natural Resources Journal* 239 (Spring 2015).
- **Tiffany Dowell**, You Can Lead Livestock to Water...A Survey of Exempt Livestock Wells in the West, *17 U. Denver Water L. Rev.* 1 (March 2014).
- Jesse J. Richardson, Jr. and **Tiffany Dowell**, The Implication of *Bounds v. State of New Mexico*, *J. of Contemporary Water Research and Educ.* (2012).
- **Tiffany Dowell**, Note, Daddy Won't Sell the Farm: Drafting Right to Farm Statutes to Protect Small Family Producers, *18 San Joaquin Agric. L. Rev.* 127 (2009).
- **Tiffany Dowell**, Understanding and Interpreting Right to Farm Laws, *26 A.B.A. Natural Res. & Env't* 39 (Agriculture Issue, Summer 2010).

Extension Handbooks

- Morgan Treadwell, **Tiffany Dowell Lashmet**, *et al.*, *Wildfire: Preparing the Ranch*, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension (January 2025).
- **Tiffany D. Lashmet**, James D. Bradbury, Hagan Wright, & Amy Blake, *Texas Landowner Border Law Handbook*, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension AGEC-PU-195 (October 2024).
- Justin Benavidez, **Tiffany Dowell Lashmet**, Garrett Reed, Elizabeth Rumley & Sarah Patterson, Where's the Beef? Legal & Economic Considerations for Direct Beef Sales, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension (July 2022).
- **Tiffany Dowell Lashmet**, James D. Bradbury, Kyle K. Weldon, Sarah Patterson, Second Edition *Five Strands: A Landowner's Guide to Fence Law in Texas*, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension (June 2022).
- **Tiffany Dowell Lashmet**, Shannon Ferrell, Rusty Rumley, & Paul Goeringer, *Ranchers' Agricultural Leasing Handbook: Grazing Hunting, & Livestock Leases 2022 Version* (2022).
- **Tiffany Dowell Lashmet**, *Eminent Domain in Texas: A Landowner's Guide* (March 2020).
- **Tiffany Dowell Lashmet**, *Owning Your Piece of Texas: Key Laws Texas Landowners Need to Know* (May 2019).
- **Tiffany D. Lashmet**, James D. Bradbury, Kyle K. Weldon, *Five Strands: A Landowner's Guide to Fence Law in Texas*, EAG-029 (February 2017).
- **Tiffany Dowell Lashmet**, Shannon Ferrell, Rusty Rumley, & Paul Goeringer, *Ranchers' Agricultural Leasing Handbook: Grazing Hunting, & Livestock Leases* (June 2016).
- Shannon L. Ferrell, **Tiffany Dowell Lashmet**, & Rusty Rumley, *Petroleum Production on Agricultural Lands in Texas: Managing Risks and Opportunities* (February 2016).