



Cari Rincker, Esq.

Licensed in IL, NY, NJ, CT, DC, KY, & TX

Cari Rincker is a nationally respected family and agricultural attorney, mediator, educator, and author with nearly twenty years of experience. She grew up on a multigenerational Simmental cattle farm in Shelbyville, Illinois, where she developed the deep agricultural roots that continue to shape her work today.

Cari is licensed in seven jurisdictions and is the founder of Rincker Law, PLLC, a national law firm focused on Food, Farm, and Family law. She is also the author of *Onward and Upward: Guide for Getting Through New York Divorce & Family Law Issues* and *Field Manual: Legal Guide for New York Farmers and Food Entrepreneurs*. A skilled communicator, she is a prolific blogger and an articulate speaker who presents regularly on family law, agricultural law, and dispute resolution.

With extensive training through the New York Peace Institute and Community Mediation Services, Cari serves on the court-approved mediation roster for family law matters in Illinois' Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Circuits. She mediates a wide range of disputes including divorce, allocation, parenting time, child support, farm succession, business conflicts, and rural land issues. She also taught mediation for five years at the University of Illinois, School of Law.

As co-founder of Illinois Mediation Clinic, Cari is dedicated to helping individuals, families, farms, and businesses resolve conflict through respectful, solution-focused mediation. Cari is also trained in collaborative law. Her creativity, calm approach, attention to detail, and deep understanding of both family dynamics and agricultural operations make her a trusted resource for clients seeking an effective alternative to litigation.



EDUCATION

- Juris Doctor, Certificates in Environmental Law & International Law, Pace University, School of Law
- Masters of Science in Ruminant Nutrition (Beef Cattle), University of Illinois
- Bachelors of Science in Animal Science, Texas A&M University
- Associate of Science in Agriculture, Lake Land College

FEDERAL COURT

- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey
- U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Central, and Southern Districts of Illinois

MEDIATION TRAINING

- 40-Hour Basic Training, New York Peace Institute
- 24-Hour Divorce Mediation Training Community Mediation Apprenticeship New York Peace Internship
- 16-Hour Custody & Visitation Mediation Training
- Community Mediation Services Inc.
- 18-Hour Basic Training, Divorce Mediation
- New Jersey's Office of Dispute Settlement

ACCOLADES

- Rural Impact Award in Ag Law by Ranch House Designs
- AV Preeminent® Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- Illinois Rising Star, Super Lawyers (2019-2026)
- Metro New York Rising Star, Super Lawyers (2015 - 2026)
- Lead Counsel Rated in Family Law
- Excellence in Agriculture Law for Private Practice by the American Agriculture Law Association (2014)
- Best Livestock Lawyer, Best of the Barns (2011-2014)
- Early Career Award, Texas A&M University College of Life Sciences (2012)
- Top 100 Blawg American Bar Association Distinguished Alumni Award Lake Land College (2011)
- Vision Award, American Agri-Women (2010)



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LEGAL SERVICES

Cari has a diverse practice that focuses on the following issues:

- Animal Law
- Business and Commercial Law
- Family and Matrimonial Law
- Food and Agriculture Law
- Estate Planning and Trust Administration
- Intellectual Property Law

MEDIATION SERVICES

Cari is a trained mediator for divorce, allocation of parental responsibilities, commercial law, and community disputes. She has been a R 1:40 qualified mediator for the New Jersey Civil, General Equity, and Probate Cases and the Civil Presumptive Mediation Program. Cari was on the roster of mediators for the New York Agriculture Mediation Program and the New Jersey State Agriculture Development Committee.

Looking for global resolutions, Cari is available to mediate disputes in the areas of:

- Family and matrimonial law
- Food and agriculture law
- Estate planning, probate and trust administration
- Commercial and business law

WRITING

Cari Rincker is an award winning writer and blogger. She is available to write legal guides, blogs, and articles tailored to your specific needs.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Cari is a dynamic, nationally recognized presenter on a myriad of legal issues related to Food, Farm, and Family. Cari is available for speaking engagements.

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