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Issue Report spotlights interactions of agriculture and the courts

OAK BROOK, IL March 15, 2019: The U.S. food and agriculture sector is well aware of the role the legislative and executive branches have in creating and executing regulations and policies. A new *Farm Foundation Issue Report* highlights the role of the judicial branch in the system of checks and balances created by the nation's founders.

The report, "Agriculture and the Judicial Branch: The Third Leg of Governance," was co-authored by Karen Carr, a partner at Arent Fox LLP, and Megan Provost, vice president of policy and programs at Farm Foundation. The report is available on the [Farm Foundation website](#).

This [Issue Report](#) examines the three areas of the law where cases most frequently arise in the food and agriculture sector—administrative, environmental and regulatory—and offers a more in-depth examination of cases addressing biotechnology.

"The courts are receiving greater attention as litigation becomes a tool more widely used by agriculturalists, activists, consumers and the governments to clarify interpretations of how regulations or policies are to be implemented," says Provost. "Often, this involves a long and complicated process, but the results can be impactful for industry and regulators."

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