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Kristi Boswell is counsel at Alston & Bird in the Legislative & Public Policy Group and is 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, organics standards, the Farm Bill, trade promotion, agricultural innovation, food supply management, conservation, and sustainability.

Kristi has more than a decade of policy experience in agricultural labor, youth and general farm safety, and immigration policy. She 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.

Before going into private practice, Kristi served as a senior advisor to U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue, advising on matters related to agricultural labor, rural workforce development, farm safety, domestic farm programs, trade, and intramural and extramural research. During her time at USDA, Kristi also was detailed to a policy role at the White House. From 2012 through 2017 she served as the Director of Congressional Relations at the American Farm Bureau Federation where she handled immigration, youth labor, food safety and farm safety issues. She began her career in agriculture as the Ag Youth Coordinator at the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Kristi served on the Agricultural Safety and Health Council of America (ASHCA) Board of Directors in 2015 and participated in Safety in Agriculture for Youth (SAY) project.

Having grown up on a working farm, Kristi has a natural passion for agriculture and rural America. She is licensed to practice law in the District of Columbia, Nebraska and Iowa (inactive) and received her Juris Doctor with Distinction from the University of Nebraska College of Law in 2009 and Bachelor of Agricultural Sciences from the University of Nebraska in 2004. She is an active volunteer with Waterfront Church DC and Calvary Women's Services, as well as a registered 200-hour yoga instructor.