



Kristi J. Boswell was appointed as Senior Advisor to Secretary Sonny Perdue at the United States Department of Agriculture in May 2017. In her role, she advises the Secretary on matters related to immigration and H-2A visa reform, rural workforce development, and intramural and extramural food and agricultural research matters including sustainability, climate, and plant protection products. She engages in wide-ranging interactions with all levels of USDA management and program leadership, stakeholders in the food and agricultural community conveying the positions of the Administration and Secretary.

Prior to joining USDA, Kristi served as Director of Congressional Relations at the American Farm Bureau Federation handling ag labor, immigration, food safety and farm safety issues beginning in 2012. She advocated Farm Bureau's labor, immigration, food safety, and farm safety policy positions to Congress and Federal agencies. She was integral in negotiating specific agricultural labor provisions contained in immigration legislation and designing industry-driven guidelines for youth farm safety.

From 2009 through 2012, Kristi practiced corporate defense litigation at Stinson Morrison Hacker LLP in Omaha, Nebraska, where she defended clients in general corporate litigation matters including workers compensation, creditor rights, and employment discrimination claims. Kristi worked as an aide to former Nebraska State Sen. Pamela Redfield in the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature. She began her career in agriculture as the Ag Youth Coordinator at the Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

Kristi is licensed to practice law in 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

People. Animals. Love. (PAL) Therapy Dogs and Calvary Women's Services. Kristi grew up on a farm in southeastern Nebraska where her family raised corn and soybeans.

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