



## Collins and Smith Named to SBM Ag Law Council

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Lansing, Mich. – Foster Swift attorneys Allison M. Collins and Stephen W. Smith have been named to the Council of the Agricultural Law Section for the State Bar of Michigan (SBM). Foster Swift attorneys were instrumental to this section's formation in 2013. This section strives to improve and expand the knowledge of lawyers who engage in the practice of agricultural law, with the goal of better serving this vibrant and diverse industry, in Michigan and beyond.

Allison was also recently selected to lead Foster Swift's Agri-Business practice group. Allison has an extensive agricultural background, both personally and professionally. She grew up in an agricultural community in California and has continued her dedication to the industry in Michigan. As an attorney, she assists agricultural clients with environmental issues, commercial disputes, and insurance litigation matters.

Allison was elected in 2019 to the Council of the Environmental Law Section for the State Bar of Michigan as well, and looks forward to ensuring continued, high caliber legal assistance to agri-business clients through these leadership roles.

Steve practices in the firm's St. Joseph office, in the heart of Michigan's Fruit Belt. He assists farmers and farm families with a broad spectrum of real estate and property matters, including agricultural land use, contracts, and property taxes, as well as with matters of trusts, wills, and estates.

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