ABOUT

Ranked No. 5 out of 14 Women Leaders in the World, Changing the Food and Agriculture Industry in 2019 by Food Tank, an international organization focused on sustainability. Jillian Hishaw is an agricultural attorney, Founder & CEO of Hishaw Law LLC., Family Agriculture Resource Management Services (F.A.R.M.S.), and author of “Don’t Bet the Farm on Medicaid.” Hishaw is well-versed in the areas of civil rights and agricultural policy. In 2017, Hishaw was recognized as a “Food Changemaker” by CLIF Bar Co. and has been interviewed by O (Oprah) Magazine, the Atlantic, Vice News, the Washington Post and more. Hishaw has 15 years of professional experience and has raised funds for various hunger relief, conservation, and law programs.
F.A.R.M.S. is a national nonprofit provides technical and legal services to small-scale farmers while reducing hunger in the farmers’ community. During the six years F.A.R.M.S. has been in operation, the organization has purchased and donated over 350,000 lbs. of fresh produce to food pantries, homeless, child and eldercare centers in rural communities high in poverty in the US and internationally i.e. Haiti, India. F.A.R.M.S. also provides estate planning, foreclosure and civil right legal assistance to small farmers in an effort to protect the family’s landownership in the future. Hishaw has been speaking on agricultural topics since 1999 as a keynote, workshop instructor, panelist and more!

AWARDS

- (F.A.R.M.S.) Most Inspiring Non-profit Award, Sustain Charlotte, April 2018
- (F.A.R.M.S.) Allstate/The Atlantic, Renewal Award (Runner-up) March 2018
- Food Industry Changemaker, Clif Bar Co. (2017)
- Missouri Soil & Water Photo Contest, Conservation Across American Photo Contest, Honorable Mention (2010)
- Washington Wheatley Neighborhood Association, Community Contributor (2009)

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SPEAKING

Hishaw has spoken at Clemson University, Hemp Industry Association National Conference as a keynote. Additional engagements include St. Jude, Oregon State Bar Association, Lewis & Clark Law school, International Cannabis Law Conference and more!
“Don’t Bet the Farm on Medicaid” is the first published book of Hishaw focused on preparing realty owners on the importance of transferring their assets prior to qualifying for Medicaid and the implications of not completing proper estate planning. The basics of Medicaid, state income requirements and the authority of state’s to recover outstanding debt through a Medicaid lien is described for each states. Thirteen states are reviewed in this book which include Arkansas, Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Missouri, Kansas, and Massachusetts.