

Sarah Falen Tate

Educational Background

- **Juris Doctorate**, University of Wyoming College of Law, *Graduation May 2021.*
- **Bachelors of Science**, University of Wyoming, *August 2017.*
Double Majors: Agriculture Communication; Environment and Natural Resources.
Dean's List Fall 2015, Spring 2015, Fall 2016. Completion of both degrees in a total of three years.
- **International Baccalaureate Certificate/ High School Diploma**, Cheyenne East High School, *May 2014.*

Work Experience

- **Adjunct Professor, University of Wyoming**, *August 2023 to present.* Teaching Agriculture Law 3400 and Regulatory and Policy Considerations for Ranch and Range Management 3020. Agriculture Law is an overview of law topics that impact agriculture and natural resources including animal ethics within rodeo, federal laws and state laws. Regulatory Considerations is a class that teaches students about the various ways that laws and regulations impact agriculture, the organizations that influence those laws and how to actively advocate to change laws and regulations.
- **Owner of Wild West Advocacy, LLC**, Launched October 10, 2022. Advocacy through public speaking, social media and lobbying on agriculture and energy industry issues. I do legal research on each issue, identify problems in the law and find solutions for the industries I work for. I contact government agencies, politicians, and interest groups to facilitate the changes.
- **Budd-Falen Law Offices, Associate Attorney Present.** Representing local governments and private individuals on issues relating to agriculture, land ownership, and natural resources. Full time position from September 2021 to September 2022. Part time September 2022 to present.
- **Board of Natural Resources Mediation for the State of Wyoming**, *Fall 2022 to present.* Appointed by Wyoming Governor, Mark Gordon.
- **Legislative Director for the Wyoming Cattlewomen's Association**, *Spring 2023 to present.*
- **Research Assistant**, Remote. *May 2020 to September 2020.* Researching coal asset retirements for a law review article. Looked specifically at Wyoming, Montana, Colorado and New Mexico accelerated coal retirements and the effects a transition to renewable energy will have on each state economy.
- **Department of Interior Office of the Solicitor, Intern**, Washington, D.C. *July 2019 to August 2019.* Duties included legal research, writing memos, attending meetings and briefing Solicitors about the issues that I researched. The issues I researched included the Administrative Procedures Act, the Indian Reorganization Act, the Alaska Reorganization Act, specifically the authority left to section 2 of the Alaska Indian Reorganization Act after the Federal Land Policy and Management Act was enacted.

- **Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation, Paid Intern**, Laramie, Wyoming, *May 2016 to December 2016*. Duties included research of agriculture and political issues such as management of wild horses under the Wild and Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act and the distinct population segment designation for the Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse under the Endangered Species Act, writing newsletters, attending legislative meetings, managing the Wyoming Farm Bureau Safety Coalition.
- **United States Congressional Intern, Congresswoman, Cynthia Lummis**, Washington, DC, *May 2015 to August 2015*. Duties included attending briefings, editing letters, writing memos, answering telephones and contacting constituents.

Awards and Accomplishments

- **Cowgirl Magazine's 30 Under 30**, Class of 2024. Out of hundreds of applicants, Cowgirl Magazine honors 30 women under the age of 30 that are making a positive impact on western and agriculture industries.
- **Speaker for The Cowgirl Gathering**, May 2023. I spoke about lawyers, people and politics and without influencing all three categories of people, we can't change the direction of policy impacting agriculture.
- **Panelist for NewsMax**, November, 2022 and May, 2023, September 2023.
- **Opinion Editorial Article Submitted to the President of the Senate by Senator Barrasso**, *January 20, 2022*. In an article explaining the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and how allowing "incidental take" of Migratory Birds be criminally punishable by law, would have drastic impacts on natural resources industries.
- **President of the Wyoming Student Chapter of the Federalist Society**, *Spring 2020 to Spring 2021*. *Vice President Spring 2019 to Spring 2020 and First Year Representative from Spring 2019 to Spring 2020*. Duties include assisting organization of guest speakers, coordinating catering, contacting potential speakers, advertising for student events put on by the Federalist Society, volunteering for Lawyers Division Federalist Society Chapters and outreach to encourage more Federalist Society participation.
- **Cowboy County Swing Club Instructor**, *Fall 2014 to Spring 2017*. Duties include organizing and executing swing dances once a week for a group of 300 or more people; instructing small groups of people on certain swing dance moves; assisting with organizing the University of Wyoming Guinness Book of World Records record-breaking event for largest swing dance.
- **Future Farmers of America, Agriculture Issues Team, National Champion**, *2012*. Member of national championship team that researched and presented the pros and cons of managing species under the Endangered Species Act. The competition included my giving of a memorized original oral presentation and responding to substantive questions from a panel of judges.
- **Second Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do**, I started training in martial arts at the young age of four years old, achieved my first blackbelt in Tae Kwon Do at the age of 15, then continued training in Kamshin Jujitsu, Brazilian Jujitsu and Mixed Martial Arts. I now use these skills to teach women's self defense classes.

Qualifications

- **Legislative Research Skills:** One of the most valuable skills I have gained is legislative research skills. In each of the positions I have held, I learned to use different data bases and sources to increase the depth of my research. Examples of the research I have conducted included Endangered Species Act issues, wild horse management, pesticides use, and Wyoming road law.
- **Public Speaking:** My experience in public speaking started with taking little parts of legal speeches that my Mother, Karen Budd-Falen was giving. I then traveled around the state of Wyoming speaking to groups of children for the Farm Safety for Just Kids program. I spoke for the first time on my own for the New Mexico Women in Agriculture conference on June 1, 2017 about self-defense and empowering women, I was also contracted as a women's health panelist and self-defense instructor for FarmHer's national convention in June 2018. I have also spoken for the Wyoming FFA Fire Conference, various Ag Women Connect events, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, American Cattlewomen's association, Ole Miss College of Law and other organizations.
- **Meeting Organization:** My experience with meeting organization and execution occurred as part of my Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation internship when I was asked to help with the details of the meeting, such as guest speaker support during the Wyoming Farm Bureau Legislative Meeting.
- **Social Media Outreach:** I started being active on social media in February of 2022, and now use it to educate others about agriculture and natural resources issues and the laws that impact them. This has included graphic design, content creation and short video creation.
- **Journalistic Writing:** I started writing at a young age with my first article published in Ranching Magazine in 2015. I have written many articles that have been published in a variety of publications including an opinion editorial that was submitted to the President of the Senate by Wyoming Senator, John Barrasso.
- **Lobbying:** After starting Wild West Advocacy, LLC I led a group of farmers back to Congress to talk about the Endangered Species Act, and its failures in the last 50 years.