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## Current role

**Assistant Professor of Practice** January 2021 to present  
**Director of Academic Programs**  
Equine Industry Program/Management & Entrepreneurship Dept.  
University of Louisville, Louisville, KY

## Education

**Doctor of Philosophy in Education Sciences** University of Kentucky 2018  
Concentration: Educational Leadership  
Dissertation: Leadership styles of state extension specialists

**Master of Science in Animal Science** Colorado State University 2008  
Concentration: Equine Reproduction  
Thesis: Evaluation of a modified-live equine viral arteritis vaccine

**Bachelor of Science in Business Administration**  
**With a Minor in Marketing** University of Louisville 2006  
Concentration: Equine Business  
Graduated with Honors

## Professional experience

**Equine Extension Associate/Lecturer** **2011-2021**  
University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY  
Coordinator of the Kentucky 4-H Horse Program, curriculum writing,  
marketing, teaching, event and competition planning and management  
Courses taught: ASC 310 Equine Anatomy  
EQ 300 Equine Leadership  
EQ 301 Equine Sales  
EQ 302 Equine Event Planning

**Sr. Program Coordinator-Outreach/Lecturer** **2009-2011**

University of Louisville, Louisville, KY  
Program marketing, communications, alumni relations, event planning  
Courses taught: Equine Science 101

**Veterinary Technician** **Feb 2009-May 2009**

Hagyard Equine Medical Institute, Lexington, KY  
Breeding season technician, foal care, brood mare management

**Broodmare Foreman/Sales Prep** **July 2008-Jan 2009**

Three Chimney's Farm, Versailles, KY  
Broodmare Foreman, Yearling sales, sales prep

**Teaching Assistant/Graduate Assistant** **2006-2008**

Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO  
Stallion handling and collection, broodmare management and artificial insemination, foaling and neonatal care, lab technician, research assistant  
Courses taught: AnSci 386 Equine Repro Practicum (2007 & 2008)  
AnSci 344 Equine Repro Lab (2008)

**Veterinary Technician** **May 2006-Aug 2006**

Equine Referral Clinic, Runnels, IA  
Emergency care, surgery, medicine

**Ranch Hand** **May 2005-Aug 2005**

Thorp Cattle Ranch, Throckmorton, TX  
Mounted cattle work, colt breaking, herd management

**Awards and honors**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Swift Seminar, Competition for Original Graduate Research, Colorado State University
- Outstanding Senior Award for Equine Administration, University of Louisville
- Representative to the Big East Athlete Advisory Council, University of Louisville

- Student Athlete Advisory Council, University of Louisville
- Academic All-American, University of Louisville Softball
- Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll
- Athletic Directors Honor Roll all eight undergraduate semesters
- Team Captain University of Louisville Softball

## Activities and associations

- Eastern National 4-H Horse Round-Up, Current Chair
- Saddle Up Safety Committee Member
- Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championship, Hippology Chair, Committee Member
- American Youth Horse Council Board of Directors 2011-2014
- Thoroughbred Racehorse Owner
- Recreational Equestrian

## Publications

- Scare, J.A., Steuer, A.E., Gravatte, H.S., Kalman, Cs., Ramires, L., Dias de Castro, L.L., Norris, J.K., Miller, F., Camargo, F., Lawyer, A., De Pedro, P., Jolly, B., Neilsen, M.K. (2018). Management practices associated with strongylid parasite prevalence on horse farms in rural counties of Kentucky. *Veterinary Parasitology: Regional Studies and Reports* 14(2018) 25-31.
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- Lawyer, K.A. (2018). My Mare's in Heat: Predicting and recognizing signs of estrus. *University of Kentucky College of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service Fact Sheet*, ASC-235. Retrieved from <http://www2.ca.uky.edu/agcomm/pubs/ASC/ASC235/ASC235.pdf>
- Scott, M.L., & Lawyer, K.A. (2016). And They're Off! In: American Youth Horse Council, *Horse Smarts: An equine reference and youth activity guide* (pp. 175:1-25). McDonald, NM: American Youth Horse Council.
- Lawyer, K.A. (2016). Win or Lose? Be Happy! The basics of good Sportsmanship. In: American Youth Horse Council, *Horse Smarts: An equine reference and youth activity guide* (pp. 610: 1-8). McDonald, NM: American Youth Horse Council.
- Lawyer, K.A. (2015). Understanding and teaching Sportsmanship to Today's Youth. *University of Kentucky College of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service Fact Sheet*, 4AF-06PO. Retrieved from <http://www2.ca.uky.edu/agcomm/pubs/4AF/4AF06PO/4AF06PO.pdf>

- Camargo, F.C., Lawyer, K.A., Willis, C., Bott, R.C. (2014). Comparative analysis of state 4-H horse programs. *Journal of Animal Science* vol. 92 supplement 2 March, p. 22
- Camargo, F.C. & Lawyer, K.A. (2014). Hosting a Horse Show. *University of Kentucky College of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service Fact Sheet*, 4AF-06MA. Retrieved from <http://www2.ca.uky.edu/agcomm/pubs/4af/4af06ma/4af06ma.pdf>
- Camargo, F.C., Lawyer, K.A., & Timoney, P.J. (2011). Equine Viral Arteritis. *University of Kentucky College of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service Fact Sheet*, ID-197. Retrieved from <http://www.ca.uky.edu/agc/pubs/id/id197/id197.pdf>
- Summers-Lawyer, K. A., Go, Y. Y., Lu, Z., Timoney, P. J., McCue, P. M., Zhang, J., Shuck, K. M., Bruemmer, J. (2011) Response of Stallions to Primary Immunization with a Modified Live Equine Viral Arteritis Vaccine. *Journal of Equine Veterinary Science* vol. 31 issue 3 March, P.129-138
- Summers, K. A. (2008). *Evaluation of a modified-live equine viral arteritis vaccine*. M.Sc. Thesis. Colorado State University: USA.
- Saddle Up Safely, Trailering Safety Manual, Contributing Author
- Saddle Up Safely, Barn Safety Manual, Contributing Author
- Saddle Up Safely, Pasture Safety Manual, Contributing Author

## Presentations

- Lawyer, K.A. (2021) *Leadership for Racing Stewards*. Racing Officials Accreditation Program Steward School, virtual school.
- Lawyer, K.A. (2021) *Crisis Management*. Presentation, American Youth Horse Council Symposium, virtual conference.
- Lawyer, K.A. (2019) *Leadership Styles of State Extension Specialists*. American Society of Animal Scientists Annual Meeting, Austin, TX. July 8-11.
- Lawyer, K.A. (2011-2018) *Ethics for Volunteer Leaders*. Presentation, Annual Kentucky 4-H Volunteer Leader Certification (Various Locations).
- Lawyer, K.A. (2018) *Can you pick your next horse?* Invited Speaker, Northern Kentucky Equine Network Educational Day, Burlington, KY.
- Lawyer, K.A. (2018) *Equine Reproduction*. Invited Speaker, Breathitt County Saddle Club, Jackson, KY.
- Lawyer, K.A. (2018) *Rider Safety*. Invited Speaker, Kentucky Horse Council Recreational Rider Day, Louisville, KY.
- Lawyer, K.A. (2018) *Beginning Horse Science and Industry*. Two week course, exchange students from China, Confucius Institute, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY.

- Lawyer, K.A. (2018) *The Benefits of Transformational Leadership in Youth Programs*. Presentation, American Youth Horse Council Symposium, Oklahoma City, OK.
- Lawyer, K.A. (2017) *What to do in a Barn Fire*. Invited Speaker, Kentucky Horse Council Recreational Rider Day, Louisville, KY.
- Lawyer, K.A. (2015) *Sportsmanship and Ethics*. Key note speaker, State 4-H Agents Conference, Lexington, KY.
- Lawyer, K.A. (2015) *Equine Careers*. Presentation, Clark County 4-H Educational Day, Winchester, KY.
- Lawyer, K.A. (2015) *Prevention of Horse-Related Injuries: Where Education Efforts Should Be Focused*. Presentation, Equine Science Society Symposium, St. Petersburg, FL.
- Lawyer, K.A. (2015) *Leadership Strategies for Your Organization*. Presentation, American Youth Horse Council Symposium, Bend, OR.
- Lawyer, K.A. (2015) *Addressing Animal Welfare Issues*. Presentation, American Youth Horse Council Symposium, Bend, OR.
- Lawyer, K.A. (2014) *The Kentucky 4-H Horse Program*. Invited Speaker, Kentucky State Legislature Joint Committee on Horse Farming, Frankfort, KY.
- Lawyer, K.A. (2013) *The Business of Running a Horse Show*. Invited Speaker, UK Equine Programs Event Planning Course, Lexington, KY.
- Lawyer, K.A. (2012) *Teaching Sportsmanship to Today's Youth*. Invited Speaker, Kentucky 4-H Volunteer Forum, Lexington, KY.
- Lawyer, K.A. (2010) *Current Issues in the Equine Industry*. Invited Speaker, Family Career and Community Leaders of America State Meeting, Lexington, KY.

## **Extension projects and programs**

- Launch of Horse Racing Industry Graduate Certificate
- Locust Trace Equine Business Learning Modules
- Kentucky 4-H Teen Conference
- Saddle Up Safely Instructional Videos
- Body Condition Score Clinics
- Vaccination and Wellness Clinics
- Evaluation of Horses and Management Practices for Animal Neglect Cases
- Future Farmers of America State competition Judge
- Equine Extension Review Committee

- Animal Science Departmental Review Committee
- Kentucky Equine Youth Festival
- Nutrition Short Course
- Volunteer Leader Certification
- Volunteer Leader's Forum
- Horse Safety Summit
- Kentucky State Horse Knowledge Contest
- Kentucky State Horse Show
- Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships (educational contest and horse show)
- Eastern National 4-H Horse Round-Up (educational contest)

## References

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