

The topic of the June CBES Forum is “A legal typology of sustainable biomass definitions in U.S. law, and other theoretical perspectives” and will be presented by Jody Endres.

Ms. Endres’ interest in agriculture and biofuels stems from her years growing up in a small farming community in rural South Dakota, where she spent many days on her grandparents’ farm and worked on farms during summer breaks. Upon graduation from law school, Jody worked in a large Washington, D.C. litigation firm and clerked in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia in Alexandria. She subsequently accepted a three-year clerkship in the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona. Jody returned to Illinois to pursue consulting in agricultural, environmental and food law, and later accepted her current position within the Law and Regulation Program at the Energy Biosciences Institute at the University of Illinois. She is a published author in the nation’s top law journals in the field of food and environmental law, and currently serves on the Council for Sustainable Biomass Production steering committee, the Energy Biosciences Institute Executive Committee, and co-chairs the Leonardo Academy Sustainable Agriculture Standard environmental subcommittee.