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FROM REGULATORY HURDLES TO DAILY CHALLENGES—KLA HAS YOU COVERED

The KLA mission is to “advance members’ common business interests and enhance their ability to meet consumer demand.” KLA staff strive to accomplish this mission daily by providing personal service to members, part of which includes troubleshooting. Whether it’s regulatory issues, legal matters, animal health requirements or workplace safety questions, KLA can provide invaluable information and resources.

A few recent examples of how KLA has helped members appear below. While some of these situations involve a problem that affects only one person, others have broader application. Members faced with a problem related to the livestock business should make KLA their first call!

During a visit to a member’s operation, a KLA employee was performing a safety walk-through of the grain bin entry procedure when a faulty breaker was discovered that did not allow proper isolation of an energy source. This potentially could have harmed a grain bin entrant if it had not been noticed and addressed.

KLA staff drafted an independent contractor agreement for a member who offers fence building and tree removal services. Staff worked with the member to draft a personalized agreement that addressed the member’s business needs as his customer base grows.

Members have called for clarification on the updated Coggins testing requirements for horses in Kansas. KLA staff explained the revisions made by the Kansas Department of Agriculture now require all horses changing ownership or being used for exhibition purposes in Kansas to have a current negative Coggins test, regardless of whether the animal is crossing state lines.

KLA has conducted safety consultations for multiple members, focusing on how to improve current procedures for grain bin entry, lockout/tagout, fall protection and regular maintenance on machinery and equipment.

A member called with questions regarding the construction of a new transmission line to be routed through their property. Staff informed the member eminent domain can be used for the development of transmission lines if an agreement cannot be reached with the landowner. KLA legal staff noted important items to negotiate

in an easement, such as compensation for damages to property or livestock, placement of access roads for line construction or maintenance, and micro-siting to avoid homes and livestock facilities.

Staff consulted with members on implementing engineering controls around hazardous areas and facilitated contact with safety equipment distributors. Discussions focused on marking designated walkways, placing guardrails around open grease pits, improving machine guarding and installing permanent fall-arrest systems on mills.

KLA legal staff assisted a member whose cattle had gotten out during a period of heavy rain and were hit by an automobile. Staff explained that under Kansas law, ordinary negligence applies in these cases. This means the burden is on the driver to prove the cattle owner was negligent in maintaining a legal enclosure for the cattle.

A member called with questions on the import requirements for cattle from Canada. KLA staff were able to guide the member through the state’s process, including permit and certificate of veterinary inspection requirements.

KLA provided on-site CPR, AED and first aid training classes for Cattle Feeders Council and Dairy Council members.

A member called for help drafting an agreement for a partition fence with an adjacent landowner. KLA staff drafted an agreement outlining the parties’ agreed-upon terms for the construction and maintenance of the partition fence. Having a written agreement signed by both landowners and recorded with the county register of deeds helps to mitigate future disputes.

KLA quickly responded when a member feedyard experienced a fall accident. After arriving on-site, staff conducted a safety investigation and held a safety stand-down with the remaining crew in the yard. Being able to share the KLA report most likely prevented an on-site OSHA investigation.