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***Monday, March 23, 2015***

***3:30 p.m.***

***Pfendler Hall, Deans Auditorium***

## ***Beth Bechdol***

**Director of Agribusiness Strategies  
Ice Miller LLP  
President and CEO  
AgriNovus Indiana**

Beth Bechdol is Director of Agribusiness Strategies for Ice Miller LLP and manages their Food and Agribusiness legal team and services. Bechdol provides leadership to the Agribusiness Council of Indiana, serving as President of the organization. She also has been instrumental in launching AgriNovus Indiana to advance Indiana's food and ag innovation sectors and serves as the group's President and CEO.

Bechdol was the deputy director of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture during Gov. Mitch Daniels' first term. Her public service roles in agriculture extend beyond Indiana to Washington, D.C., where she served as Chief of Staff to the Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services at the U.S. Department of Agriculture and as an Economist on the Senate Agriculture Committee under Sen. Richard Lugar. Bechdol began her career working with the agribusiness industry in the Washington office of Informa Economics and became the company's first woman Vice President.

Bechdol serves on numerous professional and community boards — many related to agriculture — including the National FFA Foundation's Board of Trustees, Purdue Research Foundation, National Grain and Feed Association, Ag Alumni Seeds, Farm Foundation's Bennett Roundtable, Indiana State Fair Commission, Indiana Humanities Council, and Community Harvest Food Bank of Northeastern Indiana.

She received her bachelor's degree from Georgetown University in international affairs and completed her master's degree at Purdue University in agricultural economics. Bechdol is the sixth generation on her family's farm in Auburn, Indiana. She lives on their corn and soybean farm with her husband, Matt, and daughter, Grace.



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