

## Agenda - ALC 2023

### Friday October 20, 2023

The conference will begin Friday evening, October 20th, with a welcome reception at the Biltmore Los Angeles, 506 South Grand Avenue in downtown Los Angeles, California, in the Biltmore Bowl Ballroom. Conference attendees will receive their event badge before being treated to a fun evening of networking with fellow animal advocates while enjoying tasty plant-based appetizers and drinks. The welcome reception will not be livestreamed.

Welcome remarks by:

Chris Green, Executive Director, *Animal Legal Defense Fund*

Pamela Hart, Executive Director and Assistant Dean, *Center for Animal Law Studies, Lewis & Clark Law School*

### Saturday October 21, 2023

All plenary sessions on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> will take place at the Biltmore Los Angeles in the Biltmore Bowl Ballroom.

#### 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. PT

Registration and Coffee Service

#### 9:00 – 10:15 a.m. PT

Animal Agribusiness Exposed: Harming Animals, Communities, and the Environment

*Plenary Panel*

Christine Ball-Blakely, Staff Attorney, *Animal Legal Defense Fund*

Jamie Berger, Writer and Producer, *The Smell of Money*

Speaker/Moderator: Joyce Tischler, Professor of Practice, *Center for Animal Law Studies, Lewis & Clark Law School*; Founder, *Animal Legal Defense Fund*

*This panel will discuss the ways in which industrial animal agriculture has doubled down on its harmful business practices with full support from government regulators. Instead of facing much-needed regulation and reform, the industry is profiting from its harmful business practices via greenwashing, subsidies, and legislation aimed at protecting industry. Hear the latest on litigation, legislation and a groundbreaking documentary that exposes the environmental racism inherent in animal agribusiness.*

#### 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. PT

Break

**10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. PT**

## Interconnections between Animal Law and Tribal Law

*Plenary Panel*

Gussie Lord, Managing Attorney of the Tribal Partnerships Program, *Earthjustice*

Speaker/Moderator: Jessica Chapman, Criminal Justice Program Fellow, *Animal Legal Defense Fund*

*Each tribal nation's relationship with the United States federal government and state governments is unique and layered with complex forms of oppression and injustice. These relationships become more complicated with advocacy for companion animals, domestic animals, and wildlife who live on federally recognized reservations, when many tribal nations are still fighting for basic human rights, civil rights, and federal recognition. The panelists will discuss their approaches to collaborating with tribal nations to help them enforce their treaty rights; improve the lives of tribal members and the lives of animals who live on reservations, through a One Health perspective; and develop tribal nation-specific laws and programs that protect all beings who live within their jurisdictions.*

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m. PT**

Lunch

**1:00 – 2:15 p.m. PT**

## Animals in Harm's Way: Legal Arguments and Hands-on Intervention

*Plenary Panel*

Mary Corporon, Partner, *Christensen and Jensen*

Vanessa Shakib, Co-founder and Co-director, *Advancing Law for Animals*

Speaker/Moderator: David Rosengard, Managing Attorney, *Animal Legal Defense Fund*

*Join us as we discuss issues surrounding how the law deals with humans intervening in the face of animal maltreatment – whether from private or public actors. In addition to a discussion of the concepts implicated by these issues, this panel will spotlight a 2022 Utah piglet open rescue case, and a California case where law enforcement intervened to harm Cedar -- a beloved goat – despite the wishes of the human who raised him and the human who purchased him.*

**2:15 – 2:45 p.m. PT**

Break

**2:45 – 4:00 p.m. PT**

## Global Developments in Animal Personhood Jurisprudence

*Plenary Panel*

Hira Jaleel, Animal Law Teaching Fellow, *Center for Animal Law Studies, Lewis & Clark Law School*

Diego Plaza, Executive Director, *Center for Animal Law Studies CEDA Chile*

Speaker/Moderator: Cristina Kladis, Staff Attorney, *Animal Legal Defense Fund*

*Over the past few years, there has been a concerted effort in many countries to change the legal status of animals through litigation. However, cases attempting to obtain personhood status for animals have had varying levels of success. While courts in some jurisdictions have gone so far as to grant personhood to the entire animal kingdom, others have been slower to sanction animal personhood. This panel will examine some of these global developments, discuss what recent animal personhood cases do or do not accomplish for animals, and consider why personhood litigation has resulted in such diverse outcomes across the world.*

**4:00 – 4:15 p.m. PT**

Break

**4:15 – 5:15 p.m. PT**

Animals, Ethics, and the Attorney

*Plenary Panel*

Russ Mead, The Shared Earth Foundation Visiting Professor, *Center for Animal Law Studies, Lewis & Clark Law School*

Moderator: Alyssa Crowell, Law School Programs Attorney, *Animal Legal Defense Fund*

*Animal law often poses unique questions, challenges, and fact patterns for attorneys to work through, but how do the rules of professional responsibility apply? Join Russ Mead, leader in animal law and ethics, for an interactive, entertaining, and informative look at what to do – and not to do – when advocating on behalf of animals in the legal system. Russ will lead attendees through a series of hypothetical scenarios, which will examine ways to handle situations effectively while adhering to the Model Rules of Professional Responsibility.*

**5:15 – 6:30 p.m. PT**

Break

**6:30 – 8:30 p.m. PT**

Banquet Dinner, Awards Ceremony, and Keynote Presentation

Join us for a special keynote presentation featuring science journalist, Ed Yong, speaking from his book *An Immense World: How Animal Senses Reveal the Hidden Realms Around Us*. Books will be available for purchase and to be signed. The *Animal Legal Defense Fund Advancement in Animal Law Pro Bono Achievement Awards* will be presented before the keynote presentation.

**Sunday October 22, 2023**

All plenary and concurrent sessions on Sunday, October 22nd will take place at the Biltmore Los Angeles in the Biltmore Bowl Ballroom and the Heinsbergen room.

**8:30 – 9:00 a.m. PT**

## Registration and Coffee Service

**9:00 – 10:15 a.m. PT**

### Emerging Frontiers in Animal Advocacy

#### *Plenary Panel*

Jennifer Jacquet, Associate Professor, Department of Environmental Studies; Director, XE-Experimental Humanities and Social Engagement, *New York University*

Speaker/Moderator: Rajesh Reddy, Assistant Professor of Law and Animal Law Program Director, *Center for Animal Law Studies, Lewis & Clark Law School*

Jeff Sebo, Director of the Animal Studies M.A. Program; Director of the Mind, Ethics, and Policy Program; Co-director of the Wild Animal Welfare Program, *New York University*

**Andrés Jiménez Zorrilla**, CEO, *Shrimp Welfare Project (SWP)*

*As animals have historically seen their interests marginalized by the legal system, advocates have long had to map new and novel pathways to secure their protection. This, the trailblazing spirit of animal advocates, is as true today as it was at the movement's founding. This panel of academics, advocates, and attorneys will survey the current landscape and point to some emerging frontiers in animal advocacy today that can lead to brighter horizons for animals tomorrow.*

**10:15 – 10:30 a.m. PT**

Break

**10:30 – 11:45 a.m. PT**

### Animals at the United Nations: Sustainable Development and Climate Goals

#### *Concurrent Roundtable Discussion*

Daina Bray, Clinical Lecturer in Law, *Yale Law School*

Pamela Frasch, Founder, *Center for Animal Law Studies, Lewis & Clark Law School*

Moderator: Hira Jaleel, Animal Law Teaching Fellow, *Center for Animal Law Studies, Lewis & Clark Law School*

*The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet. At its heart are the 17 sustainable development goals (SDGs), which are an urgent call for action by all countries to address pressing issues through global partnership. In this pursuit of Sustainable Development for all nations, the United Nations has long prioritized care for the environment through the tackling of climate change and preservation of aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems. As the UN convenes in 2023, policymakers seek ways to incorporate animal welfare into SDGs, recognizing the importance of animal welfare as key to improving human and environmental health. This panel will provide a brief history of the SDGs and identify ways in which animal welfare language and goals can be integrated into them.*

**10:30 – 11:45 a.m. PT**

## Local Activism for Animals: What Can You Do?

*Concurrent Panel*

Rebeka Breder, Founder, *Breder Law*

David B Casselman, Founder and CEO, *Ecoflix*

Aaron Leider, Animal Activist and Plaintiff in the Billy the Elephant Lawsuit

Speaker/Moderator: Matt Rossell, Campaigns Manager, *Animal Legal Defense Fund*

*The sheer magnitude and prevalence of animal exploitation in society can cause advocates to feel overwhelmed. One antidote to feelings of powerlessness and despair is to “think small.” By acting close to home, we can positively impact the individual animals who share our communities and create “trickle up” effects that enact and inspire large-scale social change. This panel will explore ways that you can apply your legal expertise and personal conviction to help animals locally. We’ll explore impactful actions for legal professionals acting as individuals and as part of a dedicated legal practice.*

**11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. PT**

Break

**12:15 – 1:30 p.m. PT**

## The Power of Pro Bono Work to Facilitate Change for Animals

*Concurrent Roundtable Discussion*

Tarak Anada, Partner, *Jones Walker*

Brian Saunders, Associate, *Quinn Emmanuel*

Moderator: Andrea Rodricks, Pro Bono Managing Attorney, *Animal Legal Defense Fund*

*The need for pro bono work is evident as every year billions of animals across the country are subjected to near-unimaginable cruelty. Our system of law depends on access to protection, and those without a voice deserve representation. The Animal Legal Defense Fund works closely with a network of pro bono law professionals to advance the field and practice of animal law. This roundtable discussion will shed light on pro bono work by focusing on cutting-edge cases including protecting free speech in food marketing and freeing wild animals from inhumane captivity.*

**12:15 – 1:30 p.m. PT**

## Animal Law Education: Innovations, Impacts and Opportunities

*Concurrent Roundtable Discussion*

Matthew Liebman, Associate Professor and Chair of the Justice for Animals Program, *University of San Francisco School of Law*

Megan Senatori, Associate Director and Adjunct Professor, *Center for Animal Law Studies, Lewis & Clark Law School*; Co-founder & President, *Sheltering Animals of Abuse Victims*

Speaker/Moderator: Pamela Hart, Executive Director and Assistant Dean, *Center for Animal Law Studies, Lewis & Clark Law School*

*With more than 160 ABA-accredited law schools now offering a course on the subject, the study of animal law is no longer considered a fringe or niche field. Where do we go from here? This panel will explore innovations and opportunities in animal law education, such as: intersectionality, expanding degree options to non-lawyers, integrating DEI initiatives into the classroom, outreach to other professionals, experiential learning opportunities, and more. Although animal law may no longer be considered a fringe field, new discoveries and innovations that begin in the classroom can create positive impacts for animals in the real world.*