



Agenda
31st Annual Animal Law Conference
October 20 - 22, 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*

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.



Agenda

30th Annual Animal Law Conference: Building a Brighter Future

November 4 – 6, 2022

Friday, November 4th

6:00 – 8:30 pm PT

Welcome Reception

The conference will kick off with an evening reception in the Grand Ballroom, at the Hilton Portland Downtown. We invite you to enjoy appetizers and drinks while networking with fellow conference attendees. The reception will not be live streamed.

Welcome remarks by:

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

Stephen Wells, Executive Director, Animal Legal Defense Fund

Saturday, November 5th

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. PT

Registration Opens and Coffee Served

9:00 – 10:15 am PT

Special Welcome Video

Dr. Jane Goodall, DBE, Founder, Jane Goodall Institute; UN Messenger of Peace

Using Science for Progressive Legal Outcomes for Animals

Panel

Scientists and animal lawyers are important allies, and their creative partnerships prove that together they are a strong front for animal protection progress. This kick-off plenary session will explore the joint work of animal behavior experts and animal lawyers. The panelists will share details about exciting opportunities to bring science to animal law litigation and legislation, as well as to scholars and theorists.

Dr. Rebecca Ledger, Animal Behavior & Animal Welfare Scientist

Dr. Lori Marino, Founder and President, The Whale Sanctuary Project; Director, Kimmela Center for Science-Based Animal Advocacy

Christopher Rhone, Partner, Branch Macmaster

Moderator: Kathy Hessler, Assistant Dean, Animal Law Education; Director, Animal Law Education Initiative, The George Washington University Law School

10:15 – 10:45 am PT

Break

10:45 am – 12:00 pm PT

Animals Caught in Human Conflicts

Panel

Everything humans do impacts the natural world and mostly those impacts have a negative effect on the environment and animals. This panel will shed light on the plight of animals caught in violent human conflicts and how animals are trapped by war, are killed in the violence or when their habitat is destroyed and are used to fund war and terrorism.

Rachael Bale, Former Executive Editor of Animals, National Geographic

Gladys Kamasanyu, Chief Magistrate, Uganda Wildlife Court

Taylor Tench, Senior Wildlife Policy Analyst, Environmental Investigation Agency

Moderator: Erica Lyman, Clinical Professor of Law and Director, Global Law Alliance for Animals and the Environment, Lewis & Clark Law School

12:00 – 1:00 pm PT

Lunch

1:00 – 2:15 pm PT

Challenges and Opportunities Lawyers Face Today in Advocating for Farmed Animals

Panel

Animal advocates are at a pivotal moment to change the future for farmed animals. The plight of countless terrestrial and aquatic animals who are suffering in animal agriculture is a daunting challenge that must be addressed. This panel will focus on the role of legal professionals in farmed animal protection and discuss possible paths forward to bring about a better world for farmed animals in the next 30 years.

Leah Garcés, President, Mercy for Animals

Piper Hoffman, Senior Director of Legal Advocacy, Animal Outlook

Joyce Tischler, Professor of Practice, Animal Law, Lewis & Clark Law School; Founder, Animal Legal Defense Fund

2:15 – 2:45 pm PT

Break

2:45 – 4:00 pm PT

Deconstructing Personhood and Standing

Roundtable Discussion

What the legal status of animals is, or what it should be, is a key issue for the animal law movement. Recently these questions — particularly as they relate to legal personhood — have begun receiving greater attention in broader legal spaces and popular culture. Join our panelists as they explore the contested territory opened up by interrogating the legal status of animals. Along the way we will ask if there is a consensus regarding what personhood actually means, whether it has anything to do with property status, why status cases reach divergent outcomes, and if animals stand to gain from advocates tackling the personhood question.

Karen Bradshaw (via video), Professor of Law and Mary Sigler Fellow, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University

Ariel Flint, Staff Attorney, Animal Legal Defense Fund

Macarena Montes Franceschini, PhD in Law, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain

Moderator: David Rosengard, Managing Attorney, Animal Legal Defense Fund

4:00 – 4:30 pm PT

Break

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Animals, Ethics, and the Attorney

Interactive Presentation

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

Moderator: Priscilla Rader Culp, Education Program Manager, Animal Legal Defense Fund

5:30 – 6:30 pm PT

Break

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. PT

Banquet Dinner, Awards Ceremony, and Keynote Presentation

7:00 – 7:15 p.m. PT

Animal Legal Defense Fund Advancement in Animal Law Pro Bono Achievement Awards

Tom Linney, Pro Bono Program Director, Animal Legal Defense Fund

7:15 – 7:20 p.m. PT

Champion for Animals Awards presented to Sarah Luick

Joyce Tischler, Professor of Practice, Animal Law, Lewis & Clark Law School; Founder, Animal Legal Defense Fund
Stephen Wells, Founder and CEO, Animal Legal Defense Fund

7:20 – 8:15 p.m. PT

Keynote Presentation and Q&A

Miyoko Schinner, Founder and CEO, Miyoko's Creamery
Introduction by: Stephen Wells, Executive Director, Animal Legal Defense Fund

Sunday, November 6th

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. PT

Registration Opens and Coffee Served

9:00 – 10:00 am PT

The Future of Animal Law Education & Youth Advocacy

Roundtable Discussion

The fields of animal law education and youth advocacy have exploded in the past thirty years. What began as less than a handful of animal law courses in 1992, has grown to more than 160 animal law courses at American Bar

Association accredited law schools today. While animal law education is still nascent by comparison to other fields, it is, at last, firmly on the map. Where do we go from here? This panel will discuss innovative approaches to advancing the future of animal law education on a global scale, across a variety of disciplines, through youth advocacy movements, and by integrating animal law education throughout the law school curriculum.

Kathy Hessler, Assistant Dean, Animal Law Education; Director, Animal Legal Education Initiative, The George Washington University Law School

Claire Howe, Executive Director, The Raven Corps

Rajesh Reddy, Director, Animal Law Program, Center for Animal Law Studies at Lewis & Clark Law School

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

10:00 – 10:30 am PT

Break

10:30 – 11:45 am PT

The Importance of Considering Animals in Political Campaigns

Panel

As recognition grows that animals are sentient and have their own interests, society is beginning to demand that animal welfare is considered not just in legislation but also in political campaigns. Many people are asking how their representatives in government think about animals and how they plan to protect them. The speakers on this panel will discuss how animals and animal issues play into legislative and political campaigns, looking at it from the point of view of an elected legislator, an elected prosecutor, and a lobbyist.

Assemblyman Dan Benson, New Jersey's 14th District, New Jersey Legislature

Hon. Emma Hurst MLC (video presentation), Member of the Legislative Council, Animal Justice Party, Parliament of New South Wales

Jake Kamins, Animal Cruelty Deputy District Attorney, Benton County District Attorney's Office

Solomon Malick, President, Peak Government Affairs

Moderator: Kim Kelly, Legislative Affairs Program Director, Animal Legal Defense Fund; Executive Director, Animal Legal Defense Legislative Fund

10:30 – 11:45 am PT

Crimes Against Animals: Innovative Outcomes for Animals and People

Panel

The animal law movement has for the most part been successful in showing people animal cruelty is a problem—the new challenge is to figure out the best path forward. A dynamic and evolving area of focus is creating targeted criminal justice outcomes to better help animal victims, prevent future crimes against animals, and build healthier and more resilient communities. This panel will look to the future with innovative work that is currently being done, including restorative justice, transformative justice, and mental health evaluations, through the lens of interspecies justice and One Health. A focus on outcomes leads back to prevention and resilience, bringing us full circle in effectuating positive change for animals in the criminal justice space.

Jessica Chapman, Criminal Justice Program Fellow, Animal Legal Defense Fund

David Rosengard, Managing Attorney, Animal Legal Defense Fund

Philip Tedeschi, Executive Director, Institute for Human-Animal Connection; Clinical Professor, University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work

Moderator: Pamela Fransch, Founder, Center for Animal Law Studies at Lewis & Clark Law School

11:45 am – 12:15 pm PT

Break

12:15 – 1:30 pm PT

The Role and Future of Animal Sanctuary

Panel

Animal sanctuaries not only provide safety, enriching space, and care for animals, they also serve an important role in educating the public about the cruelty and neglect that the animals may have faced before coming to sanctuary. Panelists will provide a forward-looking vision for animal sanctuary, including the availability of sanctuary space for animals assisted through litigation, the important role of sanctuary for farmed animals, and re-imagining sanctuary for human and animal victims of domestic abuse and intimate partner violence.

Gwen Jakubisin, Executive Director, Lighthouse Farm Sanctuary

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

Cristina Stella, Staff Attorney, Animal Legal Defense Fund

12:15 – 1:30 pm PT

Challenges and Opportunities in Transitioning Away from Using Animals in Research

Panel

Within the arenas of law and science, there is much work that can be done to make advancements for the benefit of both animals and humans. Panelists will provide an overview of key aspects of the Animal Welfare Act and the Health Research Extension Act, the methods and outcomes of animal-based and animal-reduced science, protections for advocates seeking to acquire and disseminate information about research on animals, and what next steps might look like in the decades to come.

Christopher Berry, Managing Attorney, Animal Legal Defense Fund

Dr. Paul Locke, Associate Professor, Johns Hopkins University

Lenore Montanaro, Attorney and Writer

Moderator: Brian R. Hackett, Legislative Affairs Manager, Animal Legal Defense Fund



Agenda
29th Annual Animal Law Conference
Transforming Our Relationship with Animals
October 15 – 17, 2021

Friday, October 15th

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. PT/12:30 - 1:30 p.m. ET

What Animals Teach Us About Themselves

Pre-recorded Roundtable Discussion

Recent studies have made significant advances in our understanding of the cognitive skills, social lives, emotional capacities, and sentience of nonhuman animals. These findings challenge long-standing assumptions and demonstrate that we have underestimated the capacities of other animals. This roundtable discussion will share some of these studies and evidence as this year's conference theme calls us to re-examine and re-imagine our relationship with other animals.

Marc Bekoff, *Professor Emeritus of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Colorado*

Dr. Mary Lee Jensvold, *Associate Director and Primate Communication Scientist, Fauna Foundation*

Dr. Lori Marino, *Founder and President, The Whale Sanctuary Project*

Dr. K-lynn Smith, *Postdoctoral Researcher, Australian Institute of Health Innovation, Macquarie University*

Moderator: Joyce Tischler, *Professor of Practice, Center for Animal Law Studies at Lewis & Clark Law School*

11:00 – 12:30 p.m. PT/2:00 – 3:30 p.m. ET

Reforming the Common Law Foundations of Our Relationship with Animals

Panel presentation with live Q&A

The status of animals as legal property is an outdated common law construct that governs our legal—and in many ways social and cultural—relationships with animals. In cases challenging this status, attorneys have argued that we must dismantle the current common law and recognize a legal status that considers animals as living, feeling beings capable of a wide range of positive and negative experiences. Judges are starting to agree and beginning to take apart the construct. The speakers on this panel will discuss the recent cases and decisions that are most crucial to transforming the old foundation of our legal relationship with animals.

Owais Awan, *Attorney and Advocate of the High Court of Islamabad, Pakistan*

Jake Davis, *Staff Attorney, Nonhuman Rights Project*

The Honorable Elena Liberatori, *Head of Court No. 4 in Administrative and Tax Litigation, City of Buenos Aires, Argentina*

Moderator: Nicole Pallotta, *Senior Policy Program Manager, Animal Legal Defense Fund*

11:00 – 12:15 a.m. PT/2:00 – 3:15 p.m. ET

Factory Farming & The Fragility of Our Food System

Panel presentation with live Q&A

The current industrial animal agricultural complex, otherwise known as factory farming, is at an extremely critical juncture. This panel will examine the devastating effects and impacts upon animal protection, human health, worker safety, and ecosystem sustainability. It will also discuss the ways in which legal and regulatory efforts to protect the animal agriculture industry—including so-called “Real Meat” laws in the US and the EU’s Amendment 171—wage linguistic and semantic battles over the meaning of “meat” and “milk.”

Jessica Blome, *Partner, Greenfire Law, PC*

Hannah Connor, *Senior Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity*

Iselin Gambert, *Professor of Legal Research and Writing, The George Washington University Law School*

Moderator: Daniel Waltz, *Senior Staff Attorney, Animal Legal Defense Fund*

12:45 – 1:45 p.m. PT/3:45 – 4:45 p.m. ET

Keynote Presentation: Animal Thought, Emotion, and Culture

Keynote presentation with live Q&A

*Humans think, experience emotions, and develop cultures. Turns out, so do many other species. Drawing on his two most recent books, *Becoming Wild* and *Beyond Words*, Carl Safina will discuss cognition, emotion, and culture in non-human beings. He will show and talk about what makes us human and what makes many other species who they are. He will also talk about what is at stake in this living world, for us and for all our co-voyaging species.*

Carl Safina, *Ecologist and Author, Becoming Wild*

Moderator: Pamela Hart, *Executive Director, Center for Animal Law Studies at Lewis & Clark Law School*

Saturday, October 16th

9:30 – 11:00 a.m. PT/12:30 – 2:00 p.m. ET

Litigating for Change: Challenges, Opportunities, and Victories

Panel presentation with live Q&A

While litigation has long been a tool for animal protection, it is increasingly presenting innovative opportunities for change. Panelists will discuss recent animal law litigation through the lens of first-hand experience, with an emphasis on practical insight.

Christopher Berry, *Managing Attorney, Animal Legal Defense Fund*

Caitlin Hawks, *Deputy General Counsel for Litigation, PETA Foundation*

Will Lowrey, *Legal Counsel, Animal Outlook*

Moderator: Anthony Elisueson, *Litigation Program Director, Animal Legal Defense Fund*

9:30 – 10:45 a.m. PT/12:30 – 1:45 p.m. ET

From the U.S. to Australia: Animal Protection Legislation Across the World

Panel presentation with live Q&A

Using legislation to protect animals is a worldwide effort. This panel will cover animal protection legislation with an international focus, to learn how work to protect animals in the United States Congress compares with similar efforts across the globe – from the United States to Canada, and from the European Union to Australia.

Alice DiConcetto, *Founder, Animal Law Europe*

Marty McKendry, *Senior Advisor - Parliamentary Strategy (Senator Marty Klyne & Senator Pierre Dalphond), Canada*

Tess Vickery, *Policy Advisor to the Hon. Emma Hurst MLC, Animal Justice Party*

Moderator: Alicia Prygoski, *Senior Legislative Affairs Manager, Animal Legal Defense Fund*

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. PT/2:15 – 3:15 p.m. ET

Implementing a One Health Approach to Protect Humans, Animals, and the Environment

Pre-recorded roundtable discussion

One Health is a movement to link human, animal, and ecosystem health. Calls for a global, trans-disciplinary approach resound in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, which laid bare the extent of our exposure to zoonotic disease spillover. From wild animal markets, to roadside zoos, to the wildlife trade, the link between human health and our exploitation of wild animals is clear. This panel will discuss the risks and regulatory responses to zoonotic disease in an effort to prevent future pandemics.

Dr. Peter Li, *Associate Professor, University of Houston*

Erica Lyman, *Clinical Professor of Law and Director, Global Law Alliance for Animals and the Environment, Lewis & Clark Law School*

Amanda Whitfort, *Professor, University of Hong Kong*

Moderator: Nick Fromherz, *Senior Staff Attorney and Adjunct Professor, Global Law Alliance for Animals and the Environment, Lewis & Clark Law School*

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. PT/2:15 – 3:15 p.m. ET

Transforming the Lives of Animals by Building Stronger Communities

Pre-recorded roundtable discussion

Panelists from diverse backgrounds and cultures will share ways in which they are advocating for animals, while building community and sometimes challenging conventional norms. This session will provide a glimpse into the future of animal advocacy.

Maad Abu-Ghazalah, *Founder and Executive Director, Daily Hugz Sanctuary, Palestine*

Akisha Townsend Eaton, *Managing Attorney, Animal Legal Defense Fund*

Hugo Echeverria, *Professor, Universidad Hemisferios, Ecuador; Co-Chair, Research Group on Rights of Nature and Animal Rights, International Association of Constitutional Law*

Shawna Gray, *Clinical Social Worker; Ceg-A-Kin Nakoda Nation*

Moderator: Kathy Hessler, *Clinical Professor of Law and Animal Law Clinic Director, Center for Animal Law Studies Lewis & Clark Law School*

12:45 – 2:00 p.m. PT/3:45 – 5:00 p.m. ET

Representing Victim Voices: Courtroom Animal Advocate Programs

Panel presentation with live Q&A

For animals harmed by criminal cruelty, the unusual legal issues, disproportionate complexity, and animal-specific needs implicated by their cases make giving voice to the animals' interests particularly important. Five years ago, Connecticut opened a new front in this effort with the passage of Desmond's Law, which enables pro-bono attorneys and law students to appear in court on behalf of animal victims of cruelty. In subsequent years interest in such Courtroom Animal Advocate Program laws has grown across the nation. Join [our speakers] for a discussion touching on the past, present, and future of CAAP laws — and their transformative potential for legal advocacy in cruelty cases.

Senator Raymond J. Lesniak, *Founder & President, Lesniak Institute for American Leadership*

David Rosengard, *Managing Attorney, Animal Legal Defense Fund*

Jessica Rubin, *Clinical Professor of Law and Director of the Legal Practice Program, University of Connecticut School of Law*

Moderator: Kathleen Schatzmann, *Strategic Legislative Affairs Manager, Animal Legal Defense Fund*

12:45 – 2:00 p.m. PT/3:45 – 5:00 p.m. ET

Preserving the Human-animal Bond and Preventing Neglect by Facilitating Access to Care
Panel presentation with live Q&A

Animal neglect takes many forms, and can be conflated with unwillingness to provide care to an animal. Panelists will use case studies to demonstrate how enforcement agencies, in their community caretaking role, can utilize various means of responding to reports of animal neglect in the effort to preserve a healthy human-animal bond before the circumstances have criminal implications. This panel will discuss community approaches to meet the challenge of preserving the bond through access to veterinary care, food distribution, education, and community outreach.

Linda Fielder, *Investigations Manager, Animal Legal Defense Fund*

Ed Jamison, *CEO, Operation Kindness*

Emily Lewis, *Senior Staff Attorney, Animal Legal Defense Fund*

Moderator: Megan Senatori, *Associate Director, Center for Animal Law Studies at Lewis & Clark Law School*

Sunday, October 17th

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. PT/11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. ET

Legal Ethics and the Animal Lawyer
Interactive legal ethics session for attorneys

Attorneys must navigate unique, often complicated, legal questions in animal law every single day. Russ Mead, animal law ethics expert, will lead attendees through a fun, engaging hypothetical story while examining the challenges and dilemmas that can occur as an animal protection lawyer. The Model Code of Professional Responsibility will be applied and one hour of ethics credit will be available.

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

Moderator: Priscilla Rader Culp, *Education Program Manager, Animal Legal Defense Fund*

8:30 - 9:40 a.m. PT/11:30 a.m. - 12:40 p.m. ET

Empowering Global Ambassadors for Animals One LLM Degree at a Time
Panel presentation with live Q&A

In 2012, the Center for Animal Law Studies at Lewis & Clark Law School launched the world's only advanced legal degree in animal law, the Animal Law LLM. An LLM degree allows domestic and

international lawyers to gain a deeper understanding of and specialize in a particular area of law. Panelists will share how they are using their Animal Law LLM to advance legal protections for animals and substantively address issues and opportunities such as: wildlife trafficking, depopulation, campaigning & litigating for animals, advocacy, education, and more.

Bianka Atlas, *Independent Scholar, New Zealand*

Hira Jaleel, *Senior Associate, Axis Law Chambers Pakistan*

Jim Karani, *Director, Lawyers for Animal Protection in Africa (LAPA)*

Diego Plaza, *President, Fundacion Justicia Interespecie Chile*

Moderator: Tara Cooley, *Teaching Fellow, University of Connecticut School of Law*

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. PT/1:00 - 2:00 p.m. ET

Investing in Change for Animals & The Climate

Pre-recorded roundtable discussion

The private sector is a major player in influencing behavior change towards animals. Leaders in this sector will share how they're transforming the world through investing in and leading plant-based companies. In this session, panelists will discuss trends, opportunities, challenges, and the unique legal hurdles experienced by the plant-based market sector of businesses and investors.

Sebastiano Cossia Castiglioni, *Founder and Chair, Vegan Capital SA*

Stanley Chase, *Founder, Louisville Vegan Jerky Co.*

Lisa Feria, *General Partner & CEO, Stray Dog Capital*

Moderator: Carter Dillard, *Senior Policy Advisor, Animal Legal Defense Fund*

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. PT/1:00 - 2:00 p.m. ET

Challenging the Necessity of Animal Experimentation: Approaching the Turning Point

Roundtable Discussion - L

Scientific and medical experiments conducted on animals are often invasive, painful, and fatal. Experiments are often justified with claims that they are necessary for human health and scientific advancement. But innovations in research technology and methodology are challenging this claim of necessity and proving that we do not need to subject animals to experiments to achieve advances in science and medicine. This roundtable will discuss how replacing animal experimentation with non-animal alternatives will result in more effective and relevant human-specific results, and how law and policy can shift the invalid assertion that we have no choice but to experiment on animals.

Dr. Aysha Akhtar, *President and CEO, Center for Contemporary Sciences*

Elizabeth Baker, *Regulatory Policy Director, Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine*

Sue Leary, *President, Alternatives Research and Development Foundation*

Moderator: Stacey Gordon Sterling, *Animal Law Program Director, Animal Legal Defense Fund*

11:30 - 12:45 p.m. PT/2:30 - 3:45 p.m. ET

Bar None: The American Bar Association's Role in Expanding Justice for Animals

Panel presentation with live Q&A

The American Bar Association (ABA) is at the forefront of shaping policy and public opinion regarding our relationship with animals. Through innovative resolutions addressing a wide array of contemporary issues, the ABA is challenging assumptions that its motto of "pursuing justice" is limited to humans. This panel will discuss this evolution and how ABA resolutions are making a positive difference for the common good, including for animals and the environment. The panel also highlights how one such resolution is paving the way for what would be the world's first treaty to consider the welfare of animals and discusses how attendees can advance this cause.

Daina Bray, Climate Change and Animal Agriculture Senior Litigation Fellow and Project Manager, Law, Ethics & Animals Program, Yale Law School

David Favre, Professor of Law, Michigan State University

Joan Schaffner, Associate Professor of Law, George Washington University Law School

Moderator: Raj Reddy, Global Animal Law and Animal Law Advanced Degree Program Director, Center for Animal Law Studies at Lewis & Clark Law School

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Using Humane Education to Redefine Our Relationship with Animals

Panel presentation with live Q&A

Humane education seeks to build empathy and to find holistic solutions to injustices impacting people, animals, and the environment. The panel will explore how important topics such as overpopulation and climate change can provide an avenue for discussing our complicated relationship with animals; highlight direct work with children around the world, and showcase existing resources for incorporating humane education into curricula and community discussions. Presenters will point to existing humane education laws in the United States and how to strengthen their impact.

Meena Alagappan, Executive Director, Humane Education Advocates Reaching Teachers (HEART)

Nandita Bajaj, Executive Director, Population Balance; Co-Director, Fair Start Movement

Shawn Sweeney, Associate Vice President of Communications, The Jane Goodall Institute

Moderator: Liberty Mulkani, Project Management Program Director, Animal Legal Defense Fund