

# 2017 Animal Law Conference Agenda

## Friday, October 13, 2017

**6:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

### **Welcome Reception**

*Hilton Portland Downtown, 921 SW 6th Avenue, Portland, OR 97204*

The conference will kick off with an evening reception and keynote. We invite you to enjoy appetizers and drinks while networking with fellow conference attendees.

**7:00 – 7:15 p.m.**

### **Welcome & Introductions**

**Dean Jennifer Johnson**, *Lewis & Clark Law School*

**Pamela Hart**, Animal Law Program Director, *Animal Legal Defense Fund*

**7:15 - 7:45 p.m.**

### **Keynote: 25 Years of the Animal Law Conference**

**Pamela Frasch**, Associate Dean, *Animal Law Program*; Executive Director, *Center for Animal Law Studies at Lewis & Clark Law School*

**Joyce Tischler**, Founder and General Counsel, *Animal Legal Defense Fund*

## Saturday October 14, 2017

**All panel sessions on Saturday will take place in the Grand Ballroom at the Hilton Portland Downtown.**

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**9:00 - 10:30 a.m.**

### **Not Your Average Factory Farmed Animal Panel: Fixing a Fouled-Up System**

Factory farming negatively impacts not only the animals who are exploited, but also nearby communities, farm workers, food safety, and the environment. Let's explore the big picture and the latest efforts to respond to this crisis.

**George Kimbrell**, Legal Director, *Center for Food Safety*

**Matthew Liebman**, Director of Litigation, *Animal Legal Defense Fund*

**Suzanne McMillan**, Content Director, Farm Animal Welfare Campaign, *American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals*

**Moderator: Pamela Hart**, Director of Animal Law Program, *Animal Legal Defense Fund*

**10:30 - 10:45 a.m. Break**

**10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

**Can Animals Be Victims of Crime?**

Animal cruelty prosecutions are expanding in number and scope. This creates opportunities to broaden who society considers to be worthy of meaningful protections, including those that flow to traditional victims in the legal system. Is the capacity to suffer enough to redefine what it means to be a victim? Join this panel as they imagine a world where all sentient beings are entitled to greater protection under the law.

**Diane Balkin**, Senior Staff Attorney, *Animal Legal Defense Fund*

**Meg Garvin**, Executive Director, *National Crime Victims Law Institute*; Clinical Professor, *Lewis & Clark Law School*

**Allie Phillips**, Author and Attorney; Founder, *Sheltering Animals & Families Together*

**Moderator: David Rosengard**, Staff Attorney, *Animal Legal Defense Fund*

**12:15 – 1:45 p.m.**

**Lunch**

**1:45 – 3:15 p.m.**

**Gender and Race Redux: Identifying and Fixing the Racist and Sexist Realities of the Animal Protection Movement**

Left unaddressed, systemic racism and sexism corrupts the animal protection movement. This panel is a call for broad based internal reflection, hard questions, and real solutions. If we care about animals, shouldn't we be equally compassionate toward human animals? The presenters will delve into the problem and explore next steps.

**Jennifer Fearing**, President, *Fearless Advocacy, Inc.*

**lauren Ornelas**, Founder and Executive Director, *Food Empowerment Project*

**Carolyn Walker**, Partner, *Stoel Rives LLP*

**Moderator: Joyce Tischler**, Founder and General Counsel, *Animal Legal Defense Fund*

**3:15 – 3:30 p.m.**

**Break**

**3:30 – 5:00 p.m.**

**Animal Sanctuaries - More Than Just a Place to Live**

Attorneys working to get animals out of harm's way often face difficulty finding places for those animals to live out the rest of their lives with dignity and respect. Animal sanctuaries address a crucial need, giving animals a place to live a more natural life. However, they play an equally important, but less recognized role in education, law, public policy, and rehabilitation, among others. This session will provide insights about the complex role of animal sanctuaries, and the vital nature of their work in developing principles of animal protection.

**Sarah Baeckler Davis**, Executive Director, *Humane Society of Naples*

**Marji Beach**, Education Director, *Animal Place*

**Ed Stewart**, President and Co-founder, *Performing Animal Welfare Society*

**Moderator: Priscilla Rader**, Education Coordinator, *Animal Legal Defense Fund*

**6:00 - 6:30 p.m.**

**Cocktail Reception**

*Grand Ballroom, Portland Hilton & Executive Towers*

**6:30-9:00 p.m.**

**Banquet Dinner 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

**Keynote Presentation: What a Fish Knows 7:30-8:15 p.m.**

In this dynamic, richly illustrated presentation based on his New York Times best-selling book *What a Fish Knows*, ethologist Jonathan Balcombe takes us under the sea, through streams and estuaries, and to the other side of the aquarium glass to reveal the surprising capabilities of fishes. Although they exceed thirty thousand species—more than all mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians combined—fishes are rarely considered by us to be individuals with thoughts, feelings, and experiences. Combining science with stories and the author's own personal experiences, Balcombe upends our common biases toward fishes as primitive and dull, showing them instead to be sentient, aware, social, and even Machiavellian. Books will be available for signing after the presentation.

**Jonathan Balcombe**, Biologist & Author

**Introduction by: Kathy Hessler**, Clinical Professor of Law and Animal Law Clinic Director,  
*Lewis & Clark Law School*

## **Sunday, October 15, 2017**

**All concurrent panel sessions on Sunday will take place in the Grand Ballroom I & II at the Hilton Portland Downtown.**

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**8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Grand Ballroom II**

**Do-Goodery Animal Lawyering: Why the Rules of Ethics Still Apply to You!**

Start the morning with an inspiring and interactive seminar exploring some of the most challenging ethical dilemmas animal law attorneys face in both practice and volunteer positions. Animal law ethics expert Russ Mead will lead attendees through a series of hypotheticals, examining difficult scenarios and how to handle them effectively while adhering to the Model Code of Professional Responsibility. All this for one hour of Ethics CLE credit.

**Russ Mead**, General Counsel, *Animal Law Coalition*

**9:45 – 11:00 a.m. Grand Ballroom I**

**Animal Law Meets World: The Global Expansion of Animal Law**

Tier, Kafshë, Dýr, Zwierzę: whichever language you speak, the word “animal” is the subject of a growing body of law. Animal law experts around the globe are exploring the issues of import in their societies, and revolutionary developments are happening in Africa, Europe, and beyond. Attendees will leave this session with a deeper understanding of the profound challenges facing wild and domesticated animals in various countries.

**Ever Vimbai Chinoda**, Founder and Director, *Speak Out For Animals*

**Alice DiConcetto**, Comparative Animal Law Fellow, *Animal Law & Policy Program, Harvard Law School*

**Natasha Dolezal**, Director of International Animal Law and Deputy Director, *Center for Animal Law Studies at Lewis & Clark Law School*

**Moderator: Camila Cossio**, LL.M. Student, *Lewis & Clark Law School*

**9:45 – 11:00 a.m. Grand Ballroom II**

**Swimming Upstream: The Emergence of Aquatic Animal Law**

It is hard for some people to connect with land animals like cows and chickens, and it can be even more difficult to feel empathy for aquatic animals, who live in a world that feels so foreign to us. Our lack of empathy leads to inadequate legal protection for animals who are harmed by captivity and fishing. We have seen an increase in empathy for some aquatic animals, such as whales and dolphins. Can we open hearts and minds and start to include fish in our circle of compassion too?

**Kathy Hessler**, Clinical Professor of Law and Animal Law Clinic Director, *Lewis & Clark Law School*

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

**Moderator: Kelly Levenda**, Student Programs Attorney, *Animal Legal Defense Fund*

**11:00 – 11:15 a.m. Break**

**11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Grand Ballroom I**

**Don't Get Mad -- Sue!! The Latest in Animal Law Litigation**

A perennial favorite at the Animal Law Conference, we bring the most recent animal law developments to you. These presenters will critique precedent-setting state and federal animal law litigation that advocates need to know now.

**Peter Brandt**, Senior Attorney, Farm Animals, *The Humane Society of the United States*

**Tony Eliseuson**, Senior Staff Attorney, *Animal Legal Defense Fund*

**Caitlin Hawks**, Director of Litigation, *PETA Foundation*

**Moderator: Pamela Frasch**, Associate Dean, *Animal Law Program*; Executive Director, *Center for Animal Law Studies at Lewis & Clark Law School*

**11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Grand Ballroom II**

**Challenges and Opportunities for Animals under the New Administration and Current Congress**

The new administration and current congress have introduced some radical shifts in federal and international policy. So, how will animals fare in the coming years? These seasoned political movers and shakers will give us the lay of the land.

**Tracie Letterman**, Vice President of Federal Affairs, *Humane Society Legislative Fund*

**Nancy Perry**, Senior Vice President, *American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals*

**Moderator: Raj Reddy**, Visiting Professor, *Lewis & Clark Law School*

**12:30 p.m. Grand Ballroom I**

**Closing Remarks**

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