

2014 Animal Law Conference Agenda

Friday, October 17, 2014

4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

SALDF Happy Hour

At [Urban Studio](#), 935 NW Davis Street, Portland, OR 97209

Welcome:

- **Stephen Wells**, executive director, Animal Legal Defense Fund

Hosts:

- **Kelly Levenda**, staff attorney, Animal Law Program, Animal Legal Defense Fund
- **Dr. Nicole Pallotta**, student programs coordinator, Animal Law Program, Animal Legal Defense Fund

Members of Student Animal Legal Defense Fund (SALDF) chapters are invited to this pre-conference mingler. The SALDF Happy Hour allows students from around the continent who are interested in animal law to meet, share ideas and information, and build stronger SALDF programs. Take this opportunity to meet your peers at the start of an exciting weekend.

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Welcome Reception & Keynote Address by Will Potter

At [Urban Studio](#), 935 NW Davis Street, Portland, OR 97209

7:15 - 7:45 p.m.

Keynote Address:

- **Will Potter**, journalist and author, [GreenIsTheNewRed.com](#)

Welcome & Introductions:

- **Pamela Frasch**, assistant 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

The conference will officially kick off with an evening reception. We invite you to enjoy appetizers and drinks while networking with fellow conference attendees. And don't miss the opening Keynote Address by Will Potter!

Saturday October 18, 2014

All panel sessions will take place in the Wood Hall building at [Lewis & Clark Law School](#) on Saturday. Continental breakfast will be available on the lower level of Wood Hall, outside of the panel classrooms, from 7:30 - 9:15 a.m.

The documentary films, *Ghosts in Our Machine* and *Cowspiracy: The Sustainability Secret*, will be screened in McCarty Classrooms 3 & 4 during each panel time block beginning at 9:30 a.m. Film screenings are open to the public and do not require conference registration.

8:00 - 9:15 a.m.

Wood Hall, Room 7 - Ethics in Animal Law

- **Chris Green**, director of legislative affairs, Animal Legal Defense Fund
- **Russ Mead**, general counsel, Animal Law Coalition

Kick off the conference with an exciting, interactive session exploring some of the most challenging ethical dilemmas animal law attorneys face in both practice and volunteer positions. Animal law expert Russ Mead and ethics expert Brad Tellam will lead attendees through a series of hypothetical scenarios which will examine difficult situations and how to handle them effectively while adhering to the Model Code of Professional Responsibility. Attendees will receive Oregon ethics CLE credits for this session.

Wood Hall, Room 8 - Healthy Eating for You and the Animals: A Vegan Cooking Demo

- **Ethan Davidsohn**, sous chef, Bon Appetit, Lewis & Clark College

Join Ethan Davidsohn, Sous Chef at Bon Appetit, as he guides us through the preparation of a delicious vegan breakfast, and imparts his wisdom about healthy and creative vegan cooking. Grab some breakfast in the hall on your way to the talk!

9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Wood Hall, Room 7 - Animal Protectionists & Environmentalists: The Benefits of Collaboration

- **David Cassuto**, professor of law, Pace Law School; director, Brazil-American Institute for Law and Environment (BAILE)
- **Bruce Myers**, senior attorney, Environmental Law Institute
- **Joyce Tischler**, founder and general counsel, Animal Legal Defense Fund

Too often, animal protection and environmental protection advocates have operated with separate—and sometimes conflicting—agendas. That's changing, as the two movements are increasingly recognizing and acting on shared interests. Nowhere has this unity of interests become clearer than in the need to address the multifarious harms created by CAFOs (factory farming), and in the desire to build a

truly sustainable food system. Are we witnessing the emergence of a single movement that will advocate for pro-animal, pro-environmental—and, ultimately, pro-human—laws?

Wood Hall, Room 8 - Protecting Companion Animals: The Big Picture

- **Rich Avanzino**, president, Maddie's Fund
- **Jane Hoffman**, president and board chair, Mayor's Alliance for NYC's Animals

Companion animals play an increasingly significant role in the lives of most Americans, and yet we continue to struggle with how best to protect their interests. This panel explores the rapidly evolving field of companion animal law and policy with a particular emphasis on sterilization, adoption and breeding practices, breed bans, the no-kill movement, sheltering challenges, and related hot button issues.

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McCarty, Classroom 4 - Screening of *Cowspiracy: The Sustainability Secret*

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11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Wood Hall, Room 7 - Destroying Wildlife: The War on Carnivores

- **Camilla Fox**, executive director, Project Coyote
- **Daniel Rohlf**, professor of law and of counsel, Earthrise Law Center, Lewis & Clark Law School

Each year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services program, along with various states, kills hundreds of thousands of native carnivores, including coyotes, bears, and mountain lions. This fallacious practice ignores the intrinsic value of these animals, as well as their critically important role in supporting healthy, natural ecosystems. Learn what is being done to counter this carnage.

Wood Hall, Room 8 - Fighting the War Against Ag Gag

- **Chris Green**, director of legislative affairs, Animal Legal Defense Fund
- **Justin Marceau**, associate professor, University of Denver, Sturm College of Law

Undercover investigations at factory farms and slaughterhouses continue to expose blatant violations of animal welfare & food safety laws. The evidence gathered by animal protection groups reveals intentional cruelty and brutal “customary practices” occurring on an appallingly regular basis. Over the past four years, two dozen state legislatures have introduced “ag-gag” bills to protect factory farms by criminalizing undercover investigations at agricultural facilities. This panel will discuss the legislative and litigation strategies the animal protection movement has responded with to protect farmed animals, public health, and the First Amendment.

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12:45 - 1:55 p.m.

Lunch

Lunch will be served in the Legal Research Center building at [Lewis & Clark Law School](#).

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Wood Hall, Room 7 - Human Consumption and Population Growth: Are These the Biggest Threats to Animal Rights?

- **Carter Dillard**, director of litigation, Animal Legal Defense Fund
- **Stephanie Feldstein**, population and sustainability director, Center for Biological Diversity

Could humans enjoy a healthy and safe environment, as well as the benefits of wilderness, by reducing human population, liberating nonhumans and their habitat from human influence, and restoring biodiversity? This panel will explore what human, animal, and environmental rightists should focus on to achieve their shared ends.

Wood Hall, Room 8 - The Animals Down Under: What Can We Learn from Animal Law in Australia?

- **Dana Campbell**, adjunct professor, Lewis & Clark Law School
- **Katrina Sharman**, director, Voiceless

The global trade in meat and animal products directly impacts Australia's livestock industry, and even its iconic kangaroos, in staggering numbers and shockingly inhumane ways. This panel will discuss the implications of, and America's participation in, the live export of animals overseas as well as the harvesting of Australia's national symbol for pet food and leather, to see what we here can learn and do.

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3:45 - 5:15 p.m.

Wood Hall, Room 7 - Trends in Criminal Animal Law in the U.S. and Canada

- **Diane Balkin**, contract attorney, Criminal Justice Program, Animal Legal Defense Fund
- **Peter Sankoff**, professor, University of Alberta, Faculty of Law

It is important for animal advocates to understand how advances in criminal animal law are impacting the movement. Our panelists will address critical trends in both

U.S. and Canadian anti-cruelty law with an overview of recent statutory amendments and a discussion of the seminal cases decided or ongoing in both countries.

Wood Hall, Room 8 - Our Duty Towards Animals: A Religious Perspective

- **Christine Gutleben**, senior director, Faith Outreach Program, Humane Society of the United States
- **Rev. Gary Kowalski**, minister emeritus, First Unitarian Universalist Society of Burlington, Vermont

Religion is often perceived as being at odds with animal protection principles. Faith-based thinkers, however, are playing a key role in redefining how our duty toward animals is examined and practiced. Learn how religions can incorporate a more holistic and animal-friendly view of the world and all creation.

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5:15 - 6:00 p.m.

Reception

Drinks & Appetizers in the Legal Research Center building of [Lewis & Clark Law School](#).

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Banquet Dinner & Keynote Address

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7:00 - 8:15 p.m.

Welcome & Introductions

- **Pamela Frasch**, assistant dean, Animal Law Program; executive director, Center for Animal Law Studies at Lewis & Clark Law School
- **Jennifer Johnson**, dean and Erskine Wood Sr. Professor of Law, Lewis & Clark Law School

Awards Ceremony

- **Pamela Hart**, director, Animal Law Program, Animal Legal Defense Fund
- **Tom Linney**, pro bono coordinator, Animal Law Program, Animal Legal Defense Fund

The Animal Legal Defense Fund will present the 2014 Advancement in Animal Law Pro Bono Achievement Awards. Awards will also be presented for the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund Chapter of the Year.

Building Bridges Between Animal Protection & Conservation

- **Stephen Wells**, executive director, Animal Legal Defense Fund

Keynote Address

- **Kierán Suckling**, executive director, Center for Biological Diversity

Sunday, October 19, 2014

All panel sessions will take place in the Wood Hall building at [Lewis & Clark Law School](#) on Sunday. Continental breakfast will be available on the lower level of Wood Hall, outside of the panel classrooms, from 7:30 - 9:15 a.m. The Sunday program concludes at 1:00 p.m. Lunch will not be served on Sunday.

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8:00 - 9:15 a.m.

Room 7 - How Can I Get a Job Advocating for Animals?

- **Natasha Dolezal**, director, Animal Law LL.M. Program, Lewis & Clark Law School
- **Pamela Frasch**, assistant dean, Animal Law Program; executive director, Center for Animal Law Studies at Lewis & Clark Law School
- **Pamela Hart**, director, Animal Law Program, Animal Legal Defense Fund
- **Tom Linney**, pro bono coordinator, Animal Law Program, Animal Legal Defense Fund

The speakers on this panel have a combined 40 years experience helping students find jobs in animal law. Whether it be non-profit, governmental, private practice, or corporate employment, these experts will provide the tools and information you need to start your career in animal law.

9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Wood Hall, Room 7 - Civil Litigation & Legislation Update: What's Hot

- **Jessica Johnson**, senior grassroots advocacy manager, Government Relations, ASPCA
- **Matthew Liebman**, senior staff attorney, Animal Legal Defense Fund

The field of animal law is developing at a blazing speed, and it can be hard to stay on top of the latest, and most important developments. This panel will explore exciting state and federal animal law legislation and litigation that advocates need to know now.

Wood Hall, Room 8 - What Can We Do to Protect Animals Overseas?

- **Natasha Dolezal**, director, Animal Law LL.M. Program, Lewis & Clark Law School
- **Kathy Hessler**, director and clinical professor of law, Lewis & Clark Law School

Animal law is a global phenomenon. What can we do as North American animal lawyers and students to combat animal abuse in other countries? The Kenya Legal Project is one example that addresses this question by creating a unique partnership of law students, lawyers, and professors from the U.S. and Africa to work on the issues of wildlife poaching and trafficking. Panelists will discuss this project as well as other pressing global issues impacting animals.

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Wood Hall, Room 7 - Animal Testing: How Can Environmental and Animal Advocates Work Together?

- **Marianne Engelman Lado**, managing attorney, Northeast Office, Earthjustice
- **Dr. Paul Locke**, associate professor, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Historically, the regulation of toxics has divided animal protectionists, who focus on ending the use of animals in testing chemicals and products, and environmentalists, who advocate for more animal testing to yield better information to assist regulators in controlling toxics. Is there common ground? What are the challenges and opportunities?

Wood Hall, Room 8 - How Documentaries are Changing Animal Advocacy

- **Keegan Kuhn**, director, “Cowspiracy: The Sustainability Secret”
- **Liz Marshall**, director, producer, writer, “The Ghosts in Our Machine”

Documentaries with animal advocacy messages have burst into mainstream culture. Liz Marshall’s “Ghosts in Our Machine” is opening people’s eyes to the animal ‘ghosts’ our society prefers not to think about. The buzz is building about Kip Anderson and Keegan Kuhn’s film “Cowspiracy: The Sustainability Secret,” which examines the environmental issues associated with animal agriculture and the curious silence about this topic by environmental organizations. Join “Ghosts...” and “Cowspiracy” filmmakers as they discuss their films and explore how documentaries are transforming the movement.

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12:45 - 1:00 p.m.

Wood Hall, Rooms 7 & 8 - Closing Remarks

1:15 - 2:45 p.m.

McCarty, Classroom 3 - Screening of *Ghosts in Our Machine*

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If you didn't have time to view the documentary films during the conference weekend, don't miss your last chance to see them! Both film screenings are open to the public and do not require conference registration.