

2015 Animal Law Conference Agenda

Friday, October 16, 2015

4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

SALDF Happy Hour

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

Hosts:

Kelly Levenda, staff attorney, Animal Law Program, Animal Legal Defense Fund

Nicole Pallotta, PhD, student programs coordinator, Animal Law Program, Animal Legal Defense Fund

Priscilla Rader, 3L and SALDF co-director, Lewis & Clark Law School

Raj Reddy, 2L and SALDF conference coordinator and co-director, Lewis & Clark Law School

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

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

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

7:15 - 8:00 p.m.

Welcome & Introductions:

Pamela Frasch, assistant dean, Animal Law Program; executive director, Center for Animal Law Studies at Lewis & Clark Law School

Steve Wells, executive director, Animal Legal Defense Fund

Keynote Address: The Rise of Animal Law Down Under

Dr. Alex Bruce, associate professor, Australia National University College of Law

Introduction: Pamela Frasch, assistant dean, Animal Law Program; executive director, Center for Animal Law Studies at Lewis & Clark Law School

Animal law is exploding in Australia, and nationally known expert Dr. Alex Bruce brings us the latest on animal law developments from down under.

Saturday, October 17, 2015

Continental breakfast will be available in the Legal Research Building, from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.

8:00 – 9:00 am

McCarty Classroom 2 - Ethics in Animal Law (including one hour of ethics CLE credit)

Russ Mead, general counsel, Animal Law Coalition

Steve Johansen, professor of law and director, Legal Analysis and Writing Program, Lewis & Clark Law School

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 will join with legal ethics professor Steve Johansen to 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 1 hour of Oregon ethics CLE credits for this session.

Legal Research Center - How Can I Get a Job in Animal Law?

Jessica Blome, staff attorney, *Animal Legal Defense Fund*

Peter Brandt, senior attorney, Farm Animals, Animal Protection Litigation section, *The Humane Society of the United States*

Natasha Dolezal, director, Animal Law LL.M. Program, Lewis & Clark Law School

Lora Dunn, staff attorney, Criminal Justice Program, *Animal Legal Defense Fund*

Scott Heiser, director, Criminal Justice Program, *Animal Legal Defense Fund*

Jenni James, counsel, Legal Innovations Team, PETA Foundation

Nancy Perry, senior vice president, Government Relations, *ASPCA*

TJ Tumasse, manager of investigations, *Animal Legal Defense Fund*

Moderator: Pamela Hart, director, Animal Law Program, Animal Legal Defense Fund

Jobs! That's what's on everyone's mind. Come hear the experts as they lead roundtable discussions about job tips and opportunities in animal law.

9:10 - 9:15 a.m.

Legal Research Center (plenary) – Welcome to Lewis & Clark Law School

Congressman Earl Blumenauer (video message), U.S. House of Representatives (OR-3); J.D. '76, Lewis & Clark Law School; B.A. '70, Lewis & Clark College

9:15 - 10:00 a.m.

Legal Research Center (plenary) - Animal Law: A Global Movement

David Favre, professor of law and The Nancy Heathcote Professor of Property and Animal Law, Michigan State University College of Law

Pamela Frasch, assistant dean, Animal Law Program; executive director, Center for Animal Law Studies at Lewis & Clark Law School

Moderator: John Hopkinson, 3L, Lewis & Clark Law School

Animal law is a worldwide movement, with legal studies, conferences, symposia, and practitioners all around the globe. Our panelists will introduce us to the current state of animal law as a global phenomenon and update us on exciting partnerships and opportunities that are developing in this expanding field.

10:15 – 11:30 a.m.

McCarty Classroom 2 - International Trade and Transport of Animals

Katie Sykes, associate professor, Thompson Rivers University Faculty of Law

Dr. Alex Bruce, associate professor, Australia National University College of Law

Moderator: Priscilla Rader, 3L, Lewis & Clark Law School

International animal welfare standards can vary widely, causing tension and conflict when animals cross borders through commercial export and import. Professors Sykes and Bruce will address these issues and the bold new world of treaties past and present. They explore how these tools can both benefit and harm animals.

McCarty Classroom 3 – Beyond Litigation: Alternative Advocacy

Chris Green, executive director, Animal Law & Policy Program, Harvard Law School

Izzie Lerer, PhD, founder and CEO, The Dodo

Moderator: Jessie Brockway, 3L, Lewis & Clark Law School

Animal law is an integral part of the animal rights/protection movements, which seek to create broad social change. Thinking of our work in this light, and our function as changemakers, this panel will help us to develop long-term strategies to make animal protection a mainstream political issue.

Classroom 5 – Film Screenings

“Asia’s Illegal Animal Trade” (21 min.)

Day by day, hour by hour, our planet’s rarest creatures are being hunted, trapped and slaughtered to feed a global black market in wildlife products. For years, Patrick Brown has traveled across Asia to document the devastating impact of wildlife trafficking. Now he’d like to bring his work to a worldwide audience, by producing a campaigning photographic book called “Trading to Extinction.” It is a shocking tale of cruelty, crime and human greed. As with drug trafficking, money fuels the animal trade. Its tentacles wrap around the world, from the remote forests of Asia to the trafficking hubs of Beijing, Bangkok, London, Tokyo and New York. A poacher who kills a rhino and removes its horn in India gets \$350. That same horn sells for \$1,000 in a nearby market town. By the time it reaches Hong Kong, Beijing or the Middle East, the horn is worth \$370,000. Tiger bones are worth up to \$700 per kilo.

“Shark Bait” (47 min.)

Gordon Ramsay loves sharks, and this passion leads him on his most personal mission yet—to investigate the controversial dish, shark fin soup.

11:45 - 1:00 p.m.

Legal Research Center (plenary) - Factory Farming: A Worldwide Crisis

Dr. Andrea Gavinelli, head of Animal Welfare Unit, European Commission

Joyce Tischler, founder and general counsel, Animal Legal Defense Fund

Moderator: Peter Brandt, senior attorney, Farm Animals, Animal Protection Litigation section, The Humane Society of the United States

Factory farming is one of the most significant animal protection issues of our time and it is now practiced in many countries. The negative effects of this egregious system on the animals, the environment, and human health are similar in all places where factory farming is in place. Our panelists will tell us how advocates can support each other across national borders.

1:00 – 2:15 p.m.

Legal Research Center – Lunch

Speaker books available for sale in McCarty Classroom 4 (our merchandise and information room) during lunch.

2:15 - 3:15 p.m.

Legal Research Center (plenary) - China's Impact on Animal Protection

Dr. Song Wei, professor and director, Law Institute, University of Science and Technology of China

Dr. Peter Li, associate professor of East Asian politics, University of Houston-Downtown; China policy specialist, Humane Society International

Moderator: Pamela Frasch, assistant dean, Animal Law Program; executive director, Center for Animal Law Studies at Lewis & Clark Law School

China has the potential to be *the* game-changer on issues of animal welfare. Our experts deconstruct this looming reality by exploring current practices in China, the legal structure to protect animals, and what's in store for the future.

3:30 - 4:45 p.m.

McCarty Classroom 2 - Constitutional Protections for Animals

Dr. Gieri Bolliger, attorney and executive director, Stiftung für das Tier im Recht (Foundation for the Animal in the Law)

Kristen Stilt, professor of law and co-director, Islamic Legal Studies Program, Harvard Law School

Moderator: Raj Reddy, 2L, Lewis & Clark Law School

Animals now occupy a special place in the constitutions of a number of countries. Our panelists explain how these provisions came to be and what difference they make, if any, in the lives of animals. They also explore the feasibility of approaching or amending the U.S. Constitution in a similar way.

McCarty Classroom 3 - Ocean Wars: the Fight to Save Marine Life

Jenni James, counsel, PETA Foundation

Sue Fisher, marine mammal consultant, Animal Welfare Institute

Moderator: Aurora Paulsen, LL.M. candidate, Lewis & Clark Law School

Films like “The Cove” and “Blackfish” have raised awareness of the plight of ocean mammals and fish. Our expert panelists will tell us the heartbreaking truth of the state of our oceans, as well as the latest international developments to protect these highly endangered beings.

Classroom 5 – Film Screenings

“Moon Bear” (45 min.)

Watch the hard-hitting, undercover documentary showing the brutality of the bear bile industry across China, which recently won a top award at the Fifth China Ya’an International Panda, Animals and Nature Film Week. The documentary was made by three independent film-makers who devoted four years to its production, visiting small and large bear bile farms, revealing “legal” farms with conditions that are clearly breaking current regulations for such farms in China. It also includes an exclusive interview with Animals Asia Founder and CEO, Jill Robinson. The footage leaves no doubt as to the inherent cruelty of the bear bile trade and is a must-watch for those supporting the aims of the foundation and calling for change.

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Networking Reception

Conference attendees are invited to enjoy pre-dinner drinks & appetizers in the Legal Research Center building of [Lewis & Clark Law School](#). Speaker books available for sale in McCarty Classroom 4 (our merchandise and information room) during the reception.

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Banquet Dinner and Keynote Address

The evening will continue with a banquet dinner and keynote address in the Legal Research Center building of [Lewis & Clark Law School](#).

7:00-8:15 p.m.

Evening Program

Awards Ceremony

Pamela Hart, director, 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.

Keynote Address: The Mission to End Bear Bile Farming

Jill Robinson, founder and CEO, Animals Asia

Introduction: Joyce Tischler, founder and general counsel, Animal Legal Defense Fund

Jill Robinson's work to end the horror experienced by moon bears who are "farmed" for their bile is inspiring. She will share their moving stories with us.

Sunday, October 18, 2015

Continental breakfast will be available in the Legal Research Building, from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

McCarty Classroom 2 - What's New in Litigation & Legislation: Worldwide Edition

Carter Dillard, director of litigation, Animal Legal Defense Fund

Carney Anne Nasser, legislative counsel, Animal Legal Defense Fund

Moderator: Jenny Jamison, 3L, Lewis & Clark Law School

A perennial favorite at the Animal Law Conference, this year, the panel will expand the scope of this session to also cover developments in litigation and legislation outside the U.S.

9:15 – 10:00 a.m.

Legal Research Center (plenary) - Protecting Africa's Wildlife

The Honorable Justice Joel M. Ngugi, High Court of Kenya; head, Judiciary Transformation Secretariat; director, Judiciary Training Institute Nairobi

Bryce Clemence, anti-poaching coordinator, Save Valley Conservancy; director, Environmental Stewardship Trust

Moderator: Natasha Dolezal, director, Animal Law LL.M. Program, Lewis & Clark Law School

Africa's wildlife is fighting for survival. The effort to save many species requires the coordinated expertise of everyone who cares about these majestic creatures. Our panelists represent the highest levels of the Kenyan Judiciary, as well as law enforcement and education in Zimbabwe. We will learn about the challenges they face, and how the international community can assist.

10:15 – 11:30 a.m.

McCarty Classroom 2 - The Changing Landscape of Animal Testing Around the World

Moe Honjo, doctoral candidate, Department of Law, Hitotsubashi University

Dr. Gareth Lahvis, assistant professor of behavioral neuroscience, Oregon Health and Science University

Moderator: David Rosengard, LL.M. candidate, Lewis & Clark Law School

Millions of animals continue to be used in research and testing (R&T) throughout the world. This panel will explore how our growing awareness of emotional and physical capacities of animals is causing profound changes to occur throughout R&T.

McCarty Classroom 3 - Protecting Wildlife in their Native Habitats

Dr. Heron Gordilho, professor of law, Federal University of Bahia

Kartick Satyanarayan, CEO and co-founder, Wildlife SOS

Moderator: Nancy Perry, senior vice president, Government Relations, ASPCA

Protection of wild animals depends, in large part, on maintaining the health of the often-fragile ecosystems in which they live. Our distinguished speakers will analyze this problem and provide examples of efforts in India and South America to protect sensitive wildlife habitats from loss and degradation.

Classroom 5 – Film Screenings

“The Last Rhino” (48 min.)

The rhinoceros is one of Africa’s iconic animals, but greed and corruption, myth and superstition have brought the rhino to the brink of extinction. For millennia its best protection, the rhino’s horn, has become its worst enemy. Rhino horn is now worth more than gold and demand for it is at an all-time high. What caused the global epidemic and how does it threaten the survival of a species?

11:30 a.m.

Vegan Voodoo Doughnuts are served!

Join us for the closing plenary and some tasty doughnuts in the Legal Research Center building.

11:45 - 12:30 p.m.

Legal Research Center (plenary) - Europe Leads the Way to a Brighter Future for Animals

Adam Roberts, CEO, Born Free USA and Born Free Foundation

Marita Giménez-Candela, professor, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

Moderator: Chris Berry, staff attorney, Animal Legal Defense Fund

What do we see for the future of animal law as a global movement? Europe is where the most significant improvements have been codified into the laws and regulations. Will Europe continue to be the leader, and what can we learn from that region?

12:30 - 12:45 p.m.

Closing Remarks

Pamela Frasch, assistant dean, Animal Law Program; executive director, Center for Animal Law Studies at Lewis & Clark Law School