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# The Business of Animal Law:

## The Global Impact of Animals and the Law

Seminar presented by the UIA Animal Law Commission in collaboration with the UIA Agri-Food Law Commission, UIA Criminal Law Commission, UIA Health Law Commission and UIA U.S. National Committee

**FRIDAY,  
JULY 19  
& SATURDAY,  
JULY 20, 2024**



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# Introduction

**Animal Law is International Law – Criminal, Environmental, Food, Health, and more.** The laws regulating the food we eat, the medicine we take, the water we drink, and even the air we breathe all depend on biodiversity – the variety of life on the planet. Today, more than ever, animal law will shape our future.

This seminar, the first UIA International Animal Law Commission Seminar, is about the business of animal law and its impact on agriculture, economics, health, science, and technology – and how to apply a business model to law and policy initiatives that result in measurable progress. It is about thinking and working globally, collectively, and compassionately. Global opinion, exemplified in the United Nations Resolution on the animal welfare-environment-sustainable development nexus, the One Health approach, and the UN Sustainable Development Goals, reflects the increasing realization that human health and well-being are intrinsically connected to the health and well-being of the planet's flora and fauna. Our current food production methods, destruction of biodiversity, and consumption of natural resources are unsustainable. Many of the world's most critical issues – protecting human rights, eradicating

poverty, maintaining a healthy environment, and feeding the world – are determined by our use and treatment of animals. Lawyers who understand the importance of this relationship and apply it to their clients' businesses will lead the legal profession into the future.

This seminar aims to bring international lawyers from every discipline together to chart a common path forward for international animal law. We have assembled a group of legal experts from North, South, East, and West to share their knowledge and learn from others.

Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain technology, climate change, ESG, food safety, organized crime, and scientific advances are some of the topics that will be discussed in this important seminar.

This conference is for every lawyer in every practice, and we invite you to join us. **We look forward to seeing you in New York in July 2024!**

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## FRIDAY, JULY 19

### 07:30 – 08:30 MORNING YOGA/MEDITATION

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### 08:30 – 09:00 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS & WELCOME COFFEE/TEA

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### 09:00 – 09:15 WELCOME AND OPENING OF THE SEMINAR

- **Jacqueline SCOTT**, *UIA President, Fortney & Scott, LLC, Washington, DC, USA – or her Representative*
- **Yolanda EISENSTEIN**, *President of the UIA Animal Law Commission, Santa Fe, NM, USA*
- **Anthony TU-SEKINE**, *Seward & Kissel LLP, New York, NY, USA*

### 09:15 – 10:30 ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FOR GOOD: HELPING ANIMALS AND THEIR LAWYERS

The focus of Artificial Intelligence (AI) has been on the human potential for good and disaster, but animal advocates and technology experts have been using AI to explore new depths of our understanding of animals and collaborating on ways to use AI for good. Also, animal lawyers have new tools through AI to support their courtroom and advocacy efforts. This session presents current topics in AI, the use of technology to help animals, and the role lawyers may play in channeling these developments for good.

**MODERATOR:** ▪ **Janice F. MULLIGAN**, *Past President of UIA Health Law Commission, Mulligan Law, San Diego, CA, USA*

#### SPEAKERS:

- **Yolanda EISENSTEIN**, *President of the UIA Animal Law Commission, Santa Fe, NM, USA*
- **Ian MCDOUGALL**, *Executive Vice President & General Counsel for LexisNexis, London, UK*
- **Jamie McLAUGHLIN**, *Vice President of the UIA Animal Law Commission, Portland, OR, Chicago, IL, USA*

### 10:30 – 10:45 COFFEE BREAK

### 10:45 – 12:00 THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM IS A COW: AGRICULTURE’S IMPACT ON THE PLANET

More than 15 years ago, in 2006, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization published *Livestock’s Long Shadow* to raise awareness of the “very substantial contribution of animal agriculture to climate change and air pollution, to land, soil and water degradation and reduction of biodiversity.” Today the environment is in greater crisis, and the agriculture business plays a significant role, although often minimized or omitted from the discussion. This panel highlights the realities of agriculture, food safety, and security, and the governments, policies, and litigation driving the industry.

# Programme

**MODERATOR:** ▪ **Daina BRAY**, *Senior Litigation Fellow, Senior Research Scholar & Project Manager, Climate Change & Animal Agriculture Litigation Initiative, Yale Law School, New Haven, CT, USA*

#### SPEAKERS:

- **Holly BAINBRIDGE**, *Staff Attorney, FarmSTAND, Washington, DC, USA*
- **Michael REESE**, *Reese LLP, New York, NY, USA*
- **Daina BRAY**, *Senior Litigation Fellow, Senior Research Scholar & Project Manager, Climate Change & Animal Agriculture Litigation Initiative, Yale Law School, New Haven, CT, USA*

### 12:00 – 13:00 CAN INTERNATIONAL LAW AND COLLABORATION SAVE THE WILD?

*Saving the wild – protecting endangered species, preserving biodiversity, and safeguarding economies and cultures dependent on those species – is a global problem, but developing global solutions has been challenging. This session presents international perspectives on wildlife trafficking and conservation. It will explore the challenges and impacts of wildlife trafficking, the potential efficacy and limits of international treaties to combat it, and the role of individual state laws and their impact on demand for trafficked wildlife. This panel discusses the cultural, criminal, financial, and human consequences of the wildlife trade and the legal efforts to stop it.*

**MODERATOR:** ▪ **Caroline GRIFFIN**, *Vice-Chair, Board of Directors, Animal Welfare Institute, Baltimore, MD, USA*

#### SPEAKERS:

- **David FAVRE**, *Professor of Law, East Lansing, MI, USA*
- **Robin JACOBSON**, *General Counsel and Chief Legal Officer, Animal Welfare Institute, Washington DC, USA*
- **Jim KARANI RIUNGU**, *General Counsel at Lawyers for Animal Protection in Africa (LAPA), Nairobi, Kenya*

### 13:00 – 14:00 NETWORKING LUNCH

### 14:00 – 14:30 WELLNESS IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

▪ **John FORELLI**, *Certified yoga instructor and meditation guide, Santa Fe, NM, USA*

### 14:30 – 15:15 THE ROLE OF ANIMALS IN COURT AND LIFE

*Companion animals now play a key role in human health and wellbeing. That role has now found its way into the law and courtroom. Dogs now appear in court as comfort animals. Our human devotion to animals has added concern for the animal in family law custody cases. Judges are now being asked to take a “best interest” approach to what, heretofore, had been considered personal property. In this session our panelists present a judge with “real-life” situations created by these two new legal dynamics.*

**MODERATOR:** ▪ **Janice F. MULLIGAN**, *Past President of UIA Health Law Commission, Mulligan Law, San Diego, CA, USA*

#### SPEAKERS:

- **Debra VEY VODA-HAMILTON**, *Hamilton Law and Mediation, North Carolina and New York, NY, USA*
- **Maritza RODRIGUEZ**, *Rodriguez Law Firm LLC, Newark, NJ, USA*

### 15:15 – 15:30 COFFEE BREAK AND STRETCH/MEDITATION

▪ **John FORELLI**, *Certified yoga instructor and meditation guide, Santa Fe, NM, USA*

### 15:30 – 16:30 ANIMAL RIGHTS/HUMAN RIGHTS

*Do animals have rights? Do they have a right not to suffer for human purposes? It is a fitting question that this seminar covers. Animal abuse does not occur in isolation. Whether institutional, negligent, or deliberate, animal cruelty is a human problem in which humans are also victims. This session brings together international lawyers in animal, criminal, and human rights law to discuss the complex legal, ethical, and social issues involved in cruelty.*

**MODERATOR:** ▪ **Rebecca CRISTER**, *Postdoctoral Fellow, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, Baltimore, MD, USA*

#### SPEAKERS:

- **Alice DI CONCETTO**, *Chief Legal Advisor, The European Institute for Animal Law & Policy, Brussels, Belgium*
- **Etienne LESAGE**, *President of the UIA Criminal Law Commission, Lesage Avocats, Paris, France*
- **Amy P. WILSON**, *Animal Law Reform South Africa, Johannesburg, South Africa*

### 16:30 – 18:30 COCKTAIL RECEPTION

*Kindly offered by SEWARD & KISSEL LLP*

One Battery Park Plaza, New York, NY 10004

**Talk and Book Signing:** **Mark ROWLANDS (US/UK)**, *Philosopher and author of *Can Animals be Persons*, bestseller *The Philosopher and the Wolf*, and most recently, *World on Fire**

## SATURDAY, JULY 20

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### 09:15 – 10:00 ANIMALS IN SCIENCE

*When science and animals become entangled, so do law and ethics. From China's creation of a chimera to the use of pig organs for human transplants, this session will likely present more questions than answers. The panelists will discuss animals used in scientific research, animal patents, the economics of animals in pharmaceuticals, and the myriad law and policy issues. The panelists will consider today's advances and what the future may hold.*

**MODERATOR:** ▪ **Barbara J. GISLASON**, *UIA Chief Editor – Juriste International, Law Office of Barbara J. Gislason, Fridley, MN, USA*

#### SPEAKERS:

- **Rebecca CRISTER**, *Postdoctoral Fellow, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, Baltimore, MD, USA*
- **Andrew GROSSO**, *President of the UIA Biotechnology Law Commission, Andrew Grosso & Associates, Washington, DC, USA*

### 10:00 – 11:15 EMERGING TOPICS IMPACTING INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND ANIMALS

*This session focuses on emerging business topics that have direct or indirect intersections with animal welfare, with a focus on technology and international regulatory developments. Some topics include international environmental, social and governance regulation, blockchain and cryptocurrency.*

**MODERATOR:** ▪ **Jamie McLAUGHLIN**, *Vice President of the UIA Animal Law Commission, Chicago, IL, US*

#### SPEAKERS:

- **Amanda HOWELL**, *Managing Attorney, Animal Legal Defense Fund, Portland, OR, USA*
- **Cynthia VON SCHLICHTEN**, *General Counsel, Farm Sanctuary, New York, NY, USA*
- **Kathy HESSLER**, *Assistant Dean of Animal Law, George Washington University, Washington, DC, USA*

### 11:15 – 11:45 COFFEE BREAK AND MEDITATION

▪ **John FORELLI**, *Certified yoga instructor and meditation guide, Santa Fe, NM, USA*

### 11:45 – 12:45 THE FUTURE

*Mark Rowlands and Yolanda Eisenstein close out the seminar with a philosophical and legal look at the possibilities and challenges ahead for animals and humans. Joining them are legal experts from stakeholder countries that will play a major role in the work ahead to save the planet and its inhabitants.*

- **Josphat NGONYO**, *Founder and Executive Director of Africa Network for Animal Welfare (ANAW), Nairobi, Kenya*
- **Amal K. GANGULI**, *Senior Advocate and President, UIA India Chapter, New Delhi, India*
- **Alice DI CONCETTO**, *Chief Legal Advisor, The European Institute for Animal Law & Policy, Brussels, Belgium*

### 12:45 – 13:00 CLOSING REMARKS

- **Yolanda EISENSTEIN**, *President of the UIA Animal Law Commission, Santa Fe, NM, USA*
- **Jamie McLAUGHLIN**, *Vice President of the UIA Animal Law Commission, Chicago, IL, US*



# General Information

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LAW STUDENT**	<input type="checkbox"/> EUR 90/USD 100	

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- Attendance at all working sessions
- Welcome cocktail on July 18
- Lunch on July 19
- Seminar documentation
- Coffee breaks on July 19 & 20
- Cocktail reception on July 19

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\*\* Please send a copy of your student card to benefit from the special rates. Please note that the Law Student registration is limited to 20 students.

Please note that the number of places at the seminar is limited. The organisers reserve the right to refuse registrations in the event of excess applications.

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