

**TIPS Animal Law Committee
Business Meeting Agenda
Thursday, March 29, 2018: 12-1 pm EDT
Via Teleconference**

The Animal Law Committee (“ALC”) convened a meeting by phone on March 29, 2018 at 12 pm EDT. The following ALC members attended by phone: Daina Bray (Chair), Jane McBride (Chair Elect), AJ Albrecht, Megan Amos, Rich Angelo, Molly Armus, Alex Cerussi, Jeremy Cohen, Sharon Coleman, Julie Fershtman, Jim Gesualdi, Barbara Gislason, Rebecca Huss, Megan Kennedy, Courtney Lee, Lenore Montanaro, Ariel Neumann, Elena Pavlova, Barbara Penny, Angela Peters, Leslie Rudloff, Lori Ruk, Akisha Townsend and Mary Westman.

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Ms. Bray convened the meeting at 12:00 pm EDT and welcomed the Committee members.
2. **Approval of March 1 Minutes:** Ms. Bray noted that the minutes of the ALC’s March 1, 2018 meeting had been circulated by email. Ms. McBride made a motion to approve the minutes, which was duly seconded and unanimously passed.
3. **Substantive Subcommittee Updates:**
 - a. **Animals in Agriculture:** Ms. Cerussi stated the subcommittee was planning on doing an article for the Summer 2018 newsletter.
 - b. **Companion Animals:** Ms. Neumann thanked Prof. Huss in advance for today’s lunch and learn presentation. She also noted the subcommittee was working on a puppy mill project and will keep the committee updated. The subcommittee is also planning on writing an article for the Summer 2018 newsletter.
 - c. **Policy & Alliances:** Mr. Angelo reported that there is a subcommittee call scheduled for Tuesday April 3. The subcommittee has finalized their letters to the animal law committees/sections of local and state bar associations, as well as a compilation of the committee’s resolutions, and will be sending them the week of April 2. Ms. Bray noted that the committee will be posting a list of these state & local animal law committees/sections on the ALC website.
 - d. **Wildlife:** The subcommittee is planning a Lunch & Learn Program to be given by Tara Zuardo, Wildlife Attorney at Animal Welfare Institute, during the ALC’s June 7 call.
4. **ALC Activities at Spring Section Conference in LA, May 2-5:** Ms. Bray reminded the committee that we will be having a meeting during this conference, Wednesday, May 2, 12:30 pm-1:30 pm PDT/3:30 pm-4:30 pm EDT. She encouraged committee members in the Los Angeles area to attend the meeting in person. She also noted the committee was planning a Dutch Treat Dinner, Friday, May 4, 7:15 pm PDT. Interested members should RSVP to Ms. Bray at dbray@ifaw.org.

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- 5. ALC Activities at Annual Meeting in Chicago, August 2-7:** Ms. Bray encouraged committee members to attend the meeting as there are multiple events planned. If members would like to attend or have any questions, please contact Ms. Bray (dbray@ifaw.org) or Prof. Huss (Rebecca.huss@valpo.edu):
- a. Fri., Aug. 3, 2018, 1:30 pm-3 pm CDT: the ALC is co-sponsoring a CLE Program with the Staff Counsel and Insurance Coverage Litigation Committees of TIPS: Animal Law for Insurance Lawyers—A Walk on the Wild Side
 - b. Fri., Aug. 3, 2018, 3 pm-4 pm CDT: ALC Excellence in Animal Law Award Reception
 - c. Sat., Aug. 4, 2018, 10:30 am-1:30 pm CDT: ALC Public Service Event with Safe Humane Chicago. Prof. Huss explained that committee members will help socialize dogs in Safe Humane Chicago’s Court Case Dogs Program. These special dogs have “done the time but not the crime” — they are victims of neglect or abuse who have been rescued by police and animal control and are associated with criminal court cases against their abusers. Safe Humane Chicago assesses them, engages volunteers and interns to socialize and train them to be irresistible family companions, transfers them to partner rescue groups, and provides them lifetime behavioral support.
 - d. ALC Meeting: to be scheduled
 - e. ALC Dutch Treat Dinner: to be scheduled
- 6. Upcoming CLEs on April 19:**
- a. 11 am-12:30 pm EDT, Grand Hyatt, New York City: Applying the Rule of Law to Protect Military Dogs, the Deserving Heroes of War, at the Annual Conference of the ABA Section of International Law. Ms. Bray Encouraged other committee members to attend.
 - b. 4:00 pm-5:45 pm EDT, Orlando: The Endangered Species Act on the International Stage, at the Spring Conference of the ABA Section on Environment, Energy and National Resources (SEER), register [here](#). Ms. McBride (jmcbriator@gmail.com) noted that the CLE the ALC is co-sponsoring focuses mainly on wildlife trafficking. She also said that committee members can register for just a single day.

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7. Resolution Planning:

- a. **Mandatory dog encounter training for law enforcement:** Ms. Albrecht (andreajoya@bestfriends.org) reported that they are drafting responses to an outline of research questions. Interested committee members should have received research questions if they were interested in assisting. She thanked Ms. Lee for all of the helpful input and resources.
- b. **Dogs in Military Housing:** Ms. Bray stated that this resolution is still being worked on and will focus on the breed discrimination issue in military housing. Ms. Barnett (katie@barnettlawoffice.com) is reaching out to military-related committee within the ABA.
- c. **Military Dogs Resolution with International Animal Law Committee:** content for this resolution will be discussed in a planning session following the April 19 CLE program. Interested committee members should reach out to Ms. Bray (dbray@ifaw.org).

8. Newsletter Report: Ms. Bray reminded members that the Winter 2018 internationally-themed newsletter came out on Friday. The deadline for the Summer 2018 newsletter is June 1.

9. Shelter Law Symposium with the National Animal Care & Control Association (NACA), October 10, 2018, Denver: Ms. McBride reported that ALC may present something on transport law and something possibly on ownership. The presentations would be from 12 – 5pm. Ms. McBride encouraged committee members to attend the conference.

10. Animal Law Summit: Ms. McBride said they were still figuring out the budget for the ALC to hopefully sponsor a reception. This year the event is in Atlanta, likely in September or October 2018.

11. Membership Update: Ms. Rudloff (LRudloff@pcrm.org) thanked Ms. Bray, Prof. Schaffner & Prof. Huss on their recruiting efforts. She reported that the ALC added about 33 total members this year.

12. ALC Business Meeting Schedule: Ms. Bray noted the meetings coming up:

- a. Wed., May 2, 12:30 pm-1:30 pm PDT/3:30 pm-4:30 pm EDT: at TIPS Spring Section Conference in LA and by telephone
- b. Thurs. June 7, 2018, 12-1 pm EDT, by telephone: Lunch & Learn presentation from Tara Zuardo, Wildlife Attorney at Animal Welfare Institute

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- c. Thurs. July 12, 2018, 12-1 pm EDT: Lunch & Learn presentation by Equine Law Subcommittee
- d. *Meeting to be scheduled in-person and by phone during ABA Annual Meeting in Chicago, Aug. 2-Aug. 7, 2018*

13. Lunch & Learn Presentation

Prof. Rebecca Huss presented on Recent Developments Relating to Service & Assistance Animals. Ms. Bray thanked Prof. Huss for her presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm EDT.