

**TIPS Animal Law Committee  
Business Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday, May 2, 2018: 12:30 pm-1:30 pm PDT/3:30 pm-4:30 pm EDT  
In-person at the Loews Hollywood Hotel & via Teleconference**

The Animal Law Committee (“ALC”) convened a meeting in-person and by phone on May 2, 2018 at 12:30 pm PDT. The following ALC members attended in-person: Daina Bray (Chair); and Fran Arricale. The following ALC members attended by phone: AJ Albrecht; Megan Amos; Katie Barnett; Sharon Coleman; Patti Milito for Jim Gesualdi; Rebecca Huss; Courtney Lee; Bonnie Lutz; Elena Pavlova; Angela Peters; Leslie Rudloff; Lori Ruk; Nancy Volin; and Stefanie Wilson.

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Ms. Bray convened the meeting at 12:30 pm PDT/3:30 pm EDT and welcomed the Committee members.
2. **Approval of March 29 Minutes.** Ms. Bray noted that the minutes of the ALC’s March 29, 2018 meeting had been circulated by email. Ms. Arricale made a motion to approve the minutes, which was duly seconded and unanimously passed.
3. **ALC Dutch Treat Dinner at Spring Section Conference in LA:** Ms. Bray reminded the Committee of the ALC Dutch Treat Dinner this Friday May 4, at 7:15 pm PDT at Crossroads. If you are interested in attending, contact Ms. Bray ASAP ([dbray@ifaw.org](mailto:dbray@ifaw.org)).
4. **ALC Activities at ABA Annual Meeting in Chicago, August 2-5**
  - a. **Fri., Aug. 3, 2018, 8 am-9 am CDT/9 am – 10 am EDT:** There will be an ALC Business Meeting in person and via teleconference.
  - b. **Fri., Aug. 3, 2018, 1:30 pm-3 pm CDT:** Ms. Bray reminded the committee that at 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. Members are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions please contact Ms. Fershtman ([jfershtman@fosterswift.com](mailto:jfershtman@fosterswift.com)).
  - c. **Fri., Aug. 3, 2018, 3 pm-4 pm CDT:** In the afternoon, there will be ALC Excellence in Animal Law Award Reception. Members are encouraged to attend.
  - d. **Sat., Aug. 4, 2018, 10:30 am-1:30 pm CDT:** ALC Public Service Event with Safe Humane Chicago. We will help socialize dogs in Safe Humane’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. If you would like to attend or have any questions, please contact Ms. Huss ([Rebecca.huss@valpo.edu](mailto:Rebecca.huss@valpo.edu)).

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- e. **ALC Dutch Treat Dinner:** Ms. Bray noted that a Dutch Treat dinner will likely be scheduled during the Annual Meeting.
5. **Recap on CLEs held on April 19.**
- a. 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 in New York City, with International Animal Law Committee. Ms. Arricale updated the Committee on the successful CLE and invited anyone interested in joining ongoing work on this issue to contact her ([fjmarricale@aol.com](mailto:fjmarricale@aol.com)).
  - b. The Endangered Species Act on the International Stage, at the Spring Conference of the ABA Section on Environment, Energy and National Resources (SEER) in Orlando.
6. **Resolution Planning**
- a. **Mandatory dog encounter training for law enforcement.** The Working Group is continuing with research. Members interested in helping should reach out to Mr. Green ([cgreen@law.harvard.edu](mailto:cgreen@law.harvard.edu)) and Ms. Albrecht ([andreajoya@bestfriends.org](mailto:andreajoya@bestfriends.org)).
  - b. **Dogs in Military Housing. Housing.** Ms. Barnett said that she is waiting on feedback from the Military Committees. If any members have additional questions or are interested in working on this resolution, please contact Ms. Barnett ([katie@barnettlawoffice.com](mailto:katie@barnettlawoffice.com)).
7. **Newsletter Report:** Ms. Bray reminded subcommittee chairs and their members that materials for the Summer issue are due June 1.
8. **Shelter Law Symposium with the National Animal Care & Control Association (NACA), October 10, 2018, Denver.** If anyone has further questions, please contact Ms. McBride ([jmcbrirenator@gmail.com](mailto:jmcbrirenator@gmail.com)).
9. **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Animal Law Summit, Oct. 25-26, State Bar of Georgia, 104 Marietta St. NW, Atlanta, GA 30303.** Details on the date and location for the summit have been finalized. If anyone has further questions or comments, please contact Ms. McBride ([jmcbrirenator@gmail.com](mailto:jmcbrirenator@gmail.com)).
10. **Collaboration with National Judicial College (NJC).** Ms. Lyngar, Provost of the NJC, and Sandra Yamate, Chair Elect of the NJC, attended the meeting as a guest. Ms. Bray reported that the ALC is working on developing possible animal law topics for an NJC course, and Ms. Lyngar said that she looks forward to our ideas so she can help test

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them with judges to determine the most relevant topics. Members interested in working on this should contact Ms. McBride ([jmcbriator@gmail.com](mailto:jmcbriator@gmail.com)).

11. **New TIPS Content Management and Member Services Standing Committee.** The Committee discussed the issues posed by the new Standing Committee. We submitted the following response to the Standing Committee based on that discussion:

Is the ALC a thought leader in animal law?

We do think that the ALC is a thought leader in animal law, and that it is viewed as a “go-to” source of information for practitioners in animal law. We see evidence of this from the questions and queries that we get from around the country and world, and from interest in our CLE programs and publications. While there are many state and local bar associations with animal law sections, the ALC is unique and well-positioned as a national gathering point for animal lawyers. We think that the ALC has been effective at raising the profile of animal law within TIPS, the ABA and the legal profession.

What could TIPS do to support the ALC in being a thought leader?

To the extent that TIPS could support the following, we think this would be helpful to the ALC in reaching a broader audience and further emerging as a thought leader:

- Because the ALC’s subject matter is quite different and distinct from the subject matter of other TIPS General Committees, it is challenging for us when TIPS CLE Programs are only available for people who pay to attend an entire conference, as the Spring Section Conference is now structured. The ALC has been successful in putting on CLE programs at the ABA Annual Meeting—where an attendee can register for \$95 and attend one CLE program—but it is usually too heavy a lift for our target attendees to pay the fee to attend the whole Spring Section Conference, when most of the subject matter is not relevant for our members anyway. Many of our members are small/solo practitioners, work for nonprofits, or do animal law on the side, so high registration fees are prohibitive. Now that the Annual meeting will not be as big a focus for TIPS, we are concerned about our ongoing ability to put on CLE programs at in-person meetings, and wonder if a flexible solution can be found. If an animal law CLE program could be sold as a stand-alone ticket at a TIPS meeting, we think we could bring in more local attendees. We know that TIPS has to do what is best for all of the General Committees and for TIPS, so not sure what is possible here, but thought we would raise this for consideration.
- Implementing technology to allow virtual attendance at CLEs: if a CLE at a TIPS meeting could be recorded or offered live as a webinar, we could reach more lawyers with our programming.

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- Supporting General Committees in external outreach during TIPS meetings: the effort on this one is probably required more from the ALC than TIPS. We think that by interacting more with state/local bar associations and lawyer groups while we are attending TIPS meetings, we can further raise the ALC's profile. We will work on developing ideas for outreach well in advance, so that we can try to work things out around TIPS scheduling.

What do we see as emerging issues that TIPS should address, animal law or otherwise?

Many "hot topics" in animal law are not necessarily of interest to all of TIPS. There is an area of overlap for the ALC with the Cannabis Law Task Force: veterinary marijuana issues. For example, California has a veterinary marijuana bill this year. The bill would allow vets to "discuss" marijuana use for animals with clients without violation of practice law, i.e. discipline, so that an adult could purchase marijuana for their animal from a licensed marijuana dealer. The Veterinary Medical Board would be required to adopt "guidelines" by July 1, 2019 and post on their website. It passed its first policy committee and is now in Assembly Appropriations. We'd love for the ALC to get involved with the Cannabis Task Force if we could be helpful.

**12. ALC Business Meeting Schedule.** Ms. Bray noted the remaining meetings for this year:

- a. Thurs. June 7, 2018, 12-1 pm EDT, by telephone
- b. Thurs. July 12, 2018, 12-1 pm EDT: Lunch & Learn presentation from Tara Zuardo, Wildlife Attorney at Animal Welfare Institute
- c. Fri., Aug. 3, 2018, 8 am-9 am CDT: by telephone and in-person, ABA Annual Meeting, Chicago

**13. Other Business.** Ms. Bray announced several TIPS appointments for next year:

- a. Alex Cerussi and Lenore Montanaro appointed as Young Lawyer Representatives to the Animal Law Committee for 2018-2019
- b. Meredith Hou and Megan Amos appointed as Law Student Vice Chairs 2018-2019
- c. Daina Bray appointed as ALC Council Representative 2018-2019

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PDT/4:30 EDT.