

**TIPS Animal Law Committee
Business Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 7, 2018: 12:00 pm-1:00 pm EDT
Via Teleconference**

The Animal Law Committee (“**ALC**”) convened a meeting by phone on June 7, 2018 at 12 pm EDT. The following ALC members attended by phone: Daina Bray (Chair); Jane McBride (Chair Elect); AJ Albrecht; Molly Armus; Richard Angelo; Sharon Coleman; Jim Gesualdi; Chris Green; Pat Guter; David Hopkins; Meredith Hou; Tom Krepitch; Courtney Lee; Elena Pavlova; Barbara Penny; Angela Peters; Joan Schaffner; and Stefanie Wilson.

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Ms. Bray convened the meeting at 12:00 pm EDT and welcomed the Committee members.
2. **Approval of May 2 Minutes:** Ms. Bray noted that the minutes of the ALC’s May 2, 2018 meeting had been circulated by email. Ms. Albrecht made a motion to approve the minutes, which was duly seconded and unanimously passed.
3. **ALC Activities at Annual Meeting in Chicago, August 2-5**
 - a. Fri., Aug. 3, 2018, 8 am-9 am CDT: ALC Business Meeting
 - b. 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. Ms. Bray said that she would like to market the CLE to local lawyers in the Chicago area and encouraged local committee members to share the CLE. Mr. Hopkins said he was a member of the IL State Bar animal law section and that he was willing to help market this CLE and could help in various ways. Ms. Bray thanked Mr. Hopkins and noted she would circle back with him.
 - c. Fri., Aug. 3, 2018, 3 pm-4 pm CDT: ALC Excellence in Animal Law Award Reception. Ms. Bray announced that Yolanda Eisenstein will be honored this year with the ALC Excellence in Animal Law Award. She also noted that Best Friends Animal Society will be sponsoring the reception. Ms. Bray encouraged ALC members to attend in the event in Chicago.
 - d. Fri. Aug. 3, 2018, 7:45 pm CDT: ALC Dutch Treat Dinner : Ms. Bray reported that the place is still to be determined. She also stated that the ALC will be inviting IL State Bar and Chicago city bar members. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to dbray@ifaw.org.
 - e. Sat., Aug. 4, 2018, 10:30 am-1:30 pm CDT: ALC Public Service Event with Safe Humane Chicago. Ms. Bray thanked Ms. Huss for her hard work on this. The ALC will help socialize dogs to prepare them for adoption. Space is limited so committee members interested in attending should RSVP to Ms. Campos (norma.campos@americanbar.org) ASAP.

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4. Substantive Subcommittee Updates:

- a. International Issues: Ms. Bray reported that she, along with Prof. Schaffner & Marcy are working hard on small side project to raise funds to rescue dogs from the Chinese meat trade. The funds are for flights, health certificates, etc. and they have rescue groups lined up to take the dogs. Ms. Bray stated they are hoping the dogs will be here at the end of June. She also reported that they are getting really close to their goal. Committee members interested in contributing to this fundraiser can email Ms. Bray.
- b. Policy & Alliances: Mr. Angelo reported that the subcommittee is still working on outreach to local & state bar associations. They have a phone call scheduled next week to finalize outreach & get everything out by the end of the month.
- c. Wildlife: On July 12, the Wildlife subcommittee will be hosting a lunch & learn; Tara Zuardo from the Animal Welfare Institute will be presenting.

5. Resolution Planning:

- a. Dogs in Military Housing: Ms. Bray reported that Ms. Albrecht and Ms. Barnett are working on making final substantive edits based on comments received from different ABA committees, including the ABA Standing Committee on Legal Assistance for Military Personnel. Once that is complete, the draft resolution will be circulated to the ALC for review. The goal is to get the resolution to the TIPS delegates by early July, so it can be on the council meeting agenda in August. Ms. Barnett will work with Prof. Schaffner on the cover letter to the TIPS delegates. The goal is to have this resolution presented to the House of Delegates at the Midyear meeting.
- b. Mandatory Dog Encounter Training for Law Enforcement: Mr. Green reported that the resolution itself has been drafted and they are now working on the report. He stated that they are relying a lot on Ms. Lee's law review article and that he is planning on reaching out to her to gather information for the report. Ms. Lee stated she was happy to help. After some discussion, it was agreed that the committee should stagger the resolutions it presents, and that this resolution should be presented to the TIPS Council at the fall meeting.
- c. Military Dogs Resolution, led by International Animal Law Committee: Ms. Bray reported that this resolution is still in the planning stage and that Ms. Arricale will circle back with the working group soon. ALC could be a sponsor and the International Animal Law Committee would be the lead – the international hook would be that the resolution is a global recommendation for all international

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militaries that deploy working dogs. Mr. Hopkins suggested that the resolution include something about well-being of the dog (a concept seen in family law). There was discussion about how much of the resolution should be aspirational or how much should build off already existing law. Committee members interested in working on this resolution should reach out to Ms. Bray (dbray@ifaw.org) or Ms. Arricale (fjmarricale@aol.com).

6. **Newsletter Report:** Prof. Schaffner reported that the Summer issue is currently being edited and that it should be available at the end of the month or early July. Prof. Schaffner also encouraged committee members to provide suggestions about the newsletter and anything they would like to see. Additionally, any members interested in contributing an article should contact Prof. Schaffner (jschaf@law.gwu.edu). Ms. Bray noted that Ms. Amos had written an article about the ALC's Puerto Rico animal shelter fundraiser and it was recently published in TortSource. She encouraged members to check it out.
7. **Shelter Law Symposium with the National Animal Care & Control Association (NACA), October 10, 2018, Denver:** Ms. McBride (jmcbriator@gmail.com) is the lead on this event.
8. **Animal Law Summit, October 25-26, Atlanta:** This is an annual event to discuss pressing animal law issues in both states and countries. Ms. McBride stated that she would like the ALC to sponsor a reception at the event.
9. **Membership Update:** A membership survey has been created. It will be used to figure out what the ALC could be doing better to engage with our members. Ms. McBride is currently reviewing the survey. It will be sent out soon and committee members are encouraged to respond.
10. **Collaboration with National Judicial College:** The goal is to have animal law included in the curriculum. Ms. Bray reported that representatives from the National Judicial College joined our May meeting. Interested committee members can contact Ms. McBride (jmcbriator@gmail.com) for more information.
11. **Publication Ideas:** Ms. Bray encouraged committee members to reach out to her with any thoughts or ideas for publications (dbray@ifaw.org).
12. **Discussion: Pro Bono and Animal Law Referrals:** Ms. Bray stated that often the ALC gets a requests for litigation help on animal law cases. Prof. Schaffner reported that they also have gotten requests for advocacy and legislative support. There was a discussion about whether the committee should have an informal pro bono project to provide support to those requests or how else the ALC should facilitate these types of requests.

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Ms. Fershtman noted that the Michigan Bar Association has the Animal Legal Lifeline, a number where people can leave messages, and the person who runs the lifeline then sends the request out to members. The ALC could encourage local and state bar associations to have something similar since any issues are going to be jurisdiction specific.

13. **ALC Business Meeting Schedule:** Ms. Bray noted the meetings coming up:
- a. Thurs. July 12, 2018, 12-1 pm EDT, by telephone: Lunch & Learn presentation from Tara Zuardo, Wildlife Attorney at Animal Welfare Institute: *Ending the War on Wildlife—Using Legal Tools to Reform APHIS-Wildlife Services*
 - b. Fri., Aug. 3, 2018, 8 am-9 am CDT: by telephone and in-person, ABA Annual Meeting, Chicago

14. **Other Business:** None.

Meeting adjourned at 12:57 pm EDT.