

## What is animal law?

Animal law is the combination of statutory and case law that relates to or has an impact on nonhuman animals. Animal law permeates and affects most traditional areas of the law, including tort, contract, criminal, and constitutional law. It encompasses companion animals, wildlife, and animals used in entertainment, research, and raised for food.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN ANIMAL LAW INCLUDE:

#### ANIMAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND FELLOW

Be trained in strategic impact litigation for animals

#### STAFF ATTORNEY

Work for an animal protection organization

#### PRIVATE PRACTITIONER

Devote your practice to animal issues, including veterinary malpractice, companion animal trusts, and custody disputes

#### LOBBYIST

Advocate for animal-friendly legislation

#### PROSECUTOR

Work within the criminal justice system to enforce animal cruelty laws

#### VOLUNTEER

In the Animal Legal Defense Fund's Pro Bono Program

Despite animals' legal categorization as "property," they are living, feeling beings whose interests deserve consideration and protection.



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#### DID YOU KNOW?

There are over 160 law schools in the U.S. and Canada that have offered a course in animal law.

### Law student memberships

As a law student member, you will receive the Animal Legal Defense Fund's newsletter, The Animals' Advocate, which includes summaries of recent cases and other news, one issue of Animal Law Review, and our Law Student eNewsletter.

**To join, visit:**  
[aldf.org/studentmembership](http://aldf.org/studentmembership)



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# Student Chapters

OPPORTUNITIES FOR LAW STUDENTS TO GET INVOLVED IN ANIMAL LAW



**ALL OUR CLIENTS ARE INNOCENT**



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STUDENT CHAPTERS

Animal Legal Defense Fund Student Chapters are law student organizations affiliated with the Animal Legal Defense Fund that share its mission to protect the lives and advance the interests of animals through the legal system. They are a vital part of the growing animal law movement as forums for education and scholarship exploring the impact the law has on animals. Student chapters are in a unique position to be influential advocates for changing the law to better protect animals. **For more information: [aldf.org/studentchapters](http://aldf.org/studentchapters).** In 2000, only nine law schools offered animal law courses; today, the list has grown to more than 160. The first student chapter was established in 1992 at Lewis & Clark Law School; today, there are about 200 chapters at law schools throughout the U.S., including the top-ranked schools.

**For more information about forming a student chapter: [aldf.org/startachapter](http://aldf.org/startachapter)**

## Animal law course advocacy

Student chapters have been instrumental in having animal law courses added to their school's curriculum. If your law school does not currently offer an animal law class, start one! The Animal Legal Defense Fund can provide instructional guidance, including a resource packet that contains articles, sample syllabi, and a sample petition that can be used to show student interest in the proposed class.

**For more information: [aldf.org/animallawclass](http://aldf.org/animallawclass)**



## STUDENT CHAPTER PROJECTS

**HOSTING** speakers and symposia

**ADVOCATING** for Meatless Mondays or plant-based options in school cafeterias

**TABLING** on campus to raise awareness of animal protection issues

**VOLUNTEERING** to do legal research for nonprofit organizations

**SCREENING** films

**PARTICIPATING** in the Animal Legal Defense Fund's weeks of action, Speak Out for Farmed Animals Week and National Justice for Animals Week

**ATTENDING** animal law conferences and events



## RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES

### ANIMAL LAW ACADEMY

Learn about substantive and practical topics through webinars presented by experts in animal law.

### WRITING OPPORTUNITIES

Submit your paper for the Animal Legal Defense Fund Student Convention Law Student Scholarship Panel.

### CLERKSHIPS

Be trained by top experts in animal law in the Animal Legal Defense Fund's Litigation and Criminal Justice Programs.

### ADVANCEMENT OF ANIMAL LAW SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are awarded to student chapter members who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to animal law.

### PROJECT AND TRAVEL GRANTS

Student chapters can apply for funding to support their animal law projects or travel to animal law events.

### TABLING MATERIALS

Free materials from the Animal Legal Defense Fund to use at your chapter's meetings and events.

### STUDENT CONVENTION

Receive career advice from leaders in animal law and network with other student chapter members.

### PROGRAM GUIDE

The Animal Legal Defense Fund provides resources to help student chapters focus on a priority issue.

**Join us in the fight for justice. Be the legal voice for all animals.**

