

Pro Bono Program

Opportunities and Engagement

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The Pro Bono Network

Who can join the Pro Bono Network?

- Attorneys
- Paralegals
- Law Students
- General Supporters

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All backgrounds welcome!

- Practice areas
- Court admissions
- Legislative experience
- Skills/Talents outside law
- Language

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Why Pro Bono?

- Right thing to do
- Sharpens and broadens your skills
- Exposes you to new issues in law
- Improves networking opportunities
- Enhances job fulfillment
- Reminds you why you went to law school
- Gain meaningful experience (e.g. litigation)
- Builds office morale
- Enhances you & your firm's reputation
- Unique way to merge profession with passion
- Chance to make a real difference in an animal's life

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Program Opportunities – Projects

- Research & writing
- Filing amicus briefs
- Litigating cases
- Assisting with animal cruelty prosecution cases

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Program Opportunities – Public Assistance Requests

- **Hank**
- Activist guidance
- Non-profit organizations
- Domestic violence & “The Link”
- Vet Mal
- Trusts for companion animals
- Animal custody disputes
- Dangerous dog designations
- Landlord tenant issues: “no pets” policies
- Service animal issues



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Expanding Our Impact

- Partner with some of the largest & most well-respected law firms in world
- Firms use news video clips from pro bono cases for law firm recruitment videos
- Firms issuing press releases to promote their work
- 67,000+ pro bono hours, more than \$25 million in legal work to help animals

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Selling Sick Puppies



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Kansas Ag-Gag Challenge



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Cricket Hollow



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Robert Sawmiller

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And many more

- Coyote killing contests
- USDA records blackout
- Puppy laundering
- FOIA Cases

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Broaden Your Impact

- Rock your connections with elected officials, corporate leaders, celebrities, law firm leaders, influential community members, etc.
- Let your employer know of your interest in animal law
- Get your firm or business involved, we can offer resources to help
 - Brochures
 - Office Trainings
 - Pro Bono Week
 - Summer Associate Programs
- Animal law is emerging field, opportunity to support new legal precedent

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Other Volunteer Opportunities

- Utilize Nextdoor App to notify neighbors of animal or environmental issues
- Get offices/boards/local orgs to change their policies
- Fight local efforts to expand wildlife hunting
- Neighborhood Cleanups
- Disaster response – fires, oil spills, etc.



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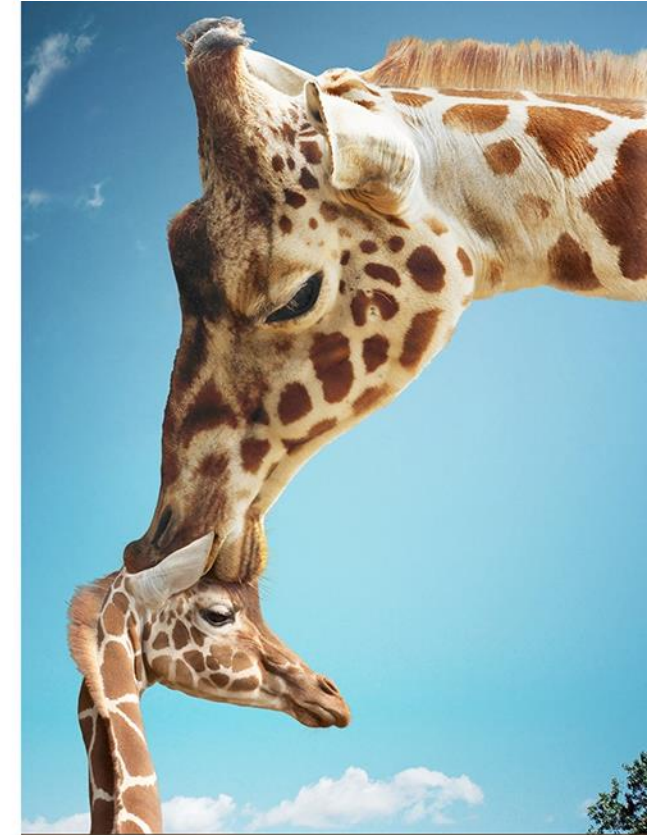
Volunteer Opportunities

- Host outreach table/leaflet
- Petition drives
- Plant-based food giveaways & feeding the hungry
- Host party to benefit local nonprofit
- Serve on local boards
- Educate those in your church & civic groups
- Volunteer when traveling for work/vacation
- Film screenings



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Lobby

- Get to know your elected officials
- Make contact now
- Be respectful
- Follow on social media/sign up for emails
- Share our rankings report, let them know we can help

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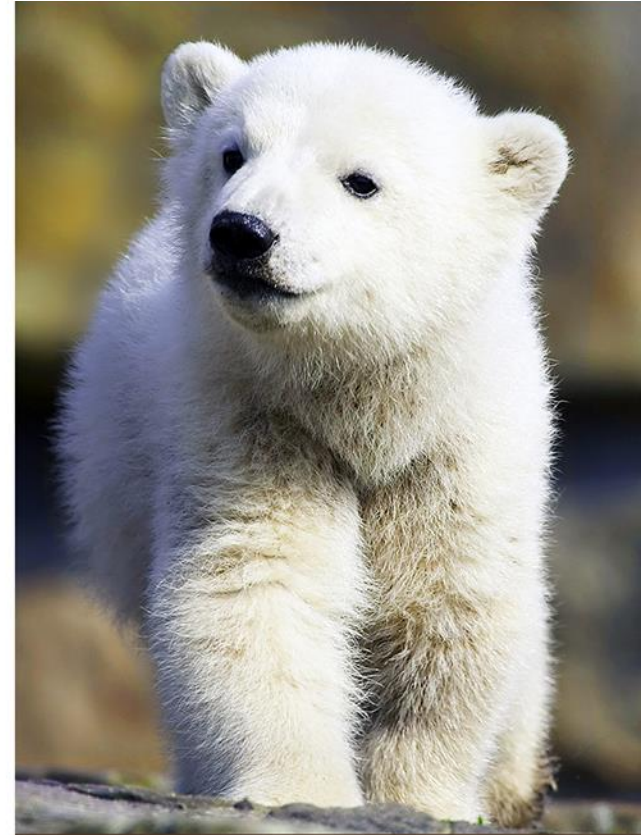
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Letters to the Editor

- Connect with local newspapers
- Powerful way to make your voice heard within larger community
- One of most widely-read sections
- Elected officials often take notice

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Build Your Resume

Submit law review articles to journals dedicated to animal law:

- Animal Law eJournal (Syracuse University College of Law)
- Animal Law Review (Lewis & Clark Law School)
- Global Journal of Animal Law (Åbo Akademi University Department of Law, Finland, available online)
- Journal of Animal & Environmental Law (University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law)
- Journal of Animal & Natural Resource Law (Michigan State University College of Law)
- Mid-Atlantic Journal on Law & Public Policy (Maryland State Bar Association [MSBA] Animal Law Section and the annual MSBA Animal Law Symposium)
- Journal of International Wildlife Law & Policy (Taylor & Francis)

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Speak out for Farmed Animals & National Justice for Animals Week

- Volunteer at nearby farmed animal sanctuary. Send us photos & share your experience #SpeakOutForFarmedAnimals
- Host guest speaker on farmed animals & the law
- Screen our Facebook Live event on Ag-Gag laws
- Sign our “Ag-Gag Hurts Animals” petition

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Student Support & Opportunities

- Form Student Chapters
- Free Tabling Materials
- Project Ideas & Grants
- Travel Grants
- Student Convention
- Animal Law Confs & Local CLEs

- Bar Associations & Conferences
- Writing Competition
- Clerkships
- Fellowships
- Scholarships

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Thank you!

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