



Animal Law Symposium: Shifting Legal Landscapes in a New Administration
May 1-2, 2025

Thursday, May 1

9:00 a.m. PT / 12:00 p.m. ET – Welcome Remarks

Chris Green

9:00 – 10:15 a.m. PT / 12:00 – 1:15 p.m. ET - Panel 1

FDA in Flux: Regulatory Approaches to Cell-Based Meat, Antimicrobial Drug Use in Farmed Animals, and Avian Flu Outbreaks

As technology advances, food shortages occur, and public health concerns grow, the Food and Drug Administration plays a crucial role in overseeing the safety, regulation, and labeling of many aspects of farmed animal industries. With a new presidential administration settling into office, there is a renewed focus on the FDA's evolving regulatory landscape and how its policies will impact food safety, animal welfare, and public health. This panel will discuss the regulation of cell-based meat, oversight of antibiotic use in farmed animals, and how current farming conditions contribute to zoonotic disease outbreaks, like avian flu.

Eric Schulze, PhD., Founder, *GoodHumans Strategy & Design*

Steven Roach, MA, Safe & Healthy Food Program Director, *Food Animal Concerns Trust*

Dr. Crystal Heath, DVM, Executive Director, *Our Honor*

Moderator: Amanda Howell, Managing Attorney, *Animal Legal Defense Fund*

10:15 – 10:30 a.m. PT/1:15 – 1:30 p.m. ET – Break

10:30 – 11:45 a.m. PT / 1:30 – 2:45 p.m. ET - Panel 2

New Frontiers in Legal Standing

Federal courts continue to refine the boundaries of who can bring a lawsuit, and recent case law has reshaped long-standing doctrines of Article III legal standing. The broader significance of these evolving legal thresholds in federal litigation remains to be seen. This panel will explore emerging developments in aesthetic injuries, informational injuries, and organizational standing, analyzing how these changes impact access to justice for litigants and advocacy groups.

Mary Hollingsworth, Visiting Clinical Professor of Law and Director of the Animal Law & Policy Clinic, *Harvard Law School*

Zeynep Graves, Senior Attorney, *Center for Biological Diversity*

Delcianna Winders, Director of Animal Law and Policy Institute and Associate Professor of Law, *Vermont Law and Graduate School*

Moderator: Daniel Waltz, Managing Attorney, *Animal Legal Defense Fund*

Friday, May 2

9:00 a.m. PT / 12:00 p.m. ET – Welcome Remarks

Caitlin Hawks

9:00 – 10:15 a.m. PT / 12:00 – 1:15 p.m. ET - Panel 1

Voices in Peril: The Struggle for Access to Information and the First Amendment

Access to information is critical for animal activists, journalists, and advocates, yet legal and institutional barriers often stand in the way. For journalists and advocates, the importance of transparency, First Amendment protections, and government accountability are paramount. This panel will focus on the obstacles journalists face in protecting their sources and reporting on animal issues, the role of FOIA activism in uncovering hidden truths, and recent legal battles fought to access public records important to animal activists.

Asher Smith, Director of Litigation, *PETA Foundation*

Lisa Zycherman, Deputy Legal Director and Policy Council, *Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press*

Will Lowrey, Legal Counsel, *Animal Partisan*

Moderator: Caitlin Hawks, Chief Programs Officer, *Animal Legal Defense Fund*

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Looking Ahead: Legal Challenges Facing Animals and the Environment

Key court cases and policy shifts are reshaping the legal landscape for environmental and animal protection. With a new presidential administration settling into office comes the potential for rollbacks of legal protections for the environment and animals, including those under the National Environmental Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Air Act, and the Clean Water Act. This panel will examine new regulatory changes that impact the environment and animals, recent litigation at the intersection of climate and animal agriculture, and legal efforts to strengthen environmental regulations for the animal agriculture industry.

Eric Glitzenstein, Director of Litigation, *Center for Biological Diversity*

Daina Bray, Legal Director, *Law Environment & Animals Program, Yale Law School*

Emily Miller, Staff Attorney, *Food and Water Watch*

Moderator: Chris Green, Executive Director, *Animal Legal Defense Fund*