



Animal Law

Lewis & Clark
Law School

Portland, Oregon

Lewis & Clark Law School's Center for Animal Law Studies, in collaboration with the Animal Legal Defense Fund, is a one-of-a-kind, world-class program focused on a quickly evolving and exciting field of law.



The Leader in Animal Law

Animals are integral to every aspect of human society, whether they are recognized for their intrinsic worth, their role as companions, or the value they bring to the environment and the world economy. At Lewis & Clark, students have the opportunity to tailor an animal law curriculum specific to their interests and career aspirations—whether they want to conduct high-level policy work, practice law in a private firm, teach, or work for a nonprofit organization or government agency.

Lewis & Clark is proud to have played a critical role in the development of the field, including being home to many animal law “firsts”:

- First animal law program with full-time administrators, clinical faculty, and support staff*
- First animal law clinic with full-time animal law faculty*
- First animal law dean position*
- First animal law LL.M. degree*
- First summer animal law program*
- First animal law certificate program*
- First advanced animal law seminar*
- First postgraduate animal law fellow*
- First Student Animal Legal Defense Fund chapter
- First animal law journal
- First comprehensive national animal law competitions*: appellate moot court, closing argument, legislative drafting and lobbying
- Longest-running academic animal law conference

*Only at Lewis & Clark

The Program

The Center for Animal Law Studies was founded in 2008, and it is home to the Animal Law Program and animal law projects and activities of Lewis & Clark Law School. We educate and support law students and legal professionals interested in animal law through classes, conferences, scholarship, and clinical opportunities.

The J.D. Certificate in Animal Law

At Lewis & Clark, J.D. students have a choice. They can take a few animal law courses as part of a broader legal education, or they can specialize in animal law by earning an animal law certificate. To earn a certificate, students must complete the following requirements:

- Take both Administrative Law and Animal Law Fundamentals.
- Take eight additional credits of approved animal law courses.
- Write two substantial papers on approved animal law topics.

Students must additionally maintain an overall minimum grade point average of 2.70. For more details on the certificate program, including a list of qualifying courses, visit our website.

LL.M. Degree in Animal Law

The first of its kind, our post-J.D. master of laws (LL.M.) program is designed for U.S. and international law school graduates who desire to focus on animal law in practice, teaching, research, or public policy. The program is appropriate for recent law graduates or established lawyers who want to enhance their understanding of animal law for their current or future practice. Our LL.M. students have access to the same extensive course offerings as our J.D. students, along with opportunities

At left, the Center for Animal Law Studies team: Natasha Dolezal, Pamela Frasch, Kathy Hessler, and Lindsay Kadish



to enroll in the Animal Law Clinic, work on the *Animal Law* journal, join the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund chapter, and attend the Animal Law Conference and Law Review Symposium.

The program requires all LL.M. students to complete 26 semester hours of study and a paper on an animal law topic of their choice that is presented to the group for review and discussion as part of the Animal Law Graduate LL.M. Seminar course. A special summer course is offered to prepare international students for study in the United States (an additional 2 credits, for a total of 28 credits for international students). Requirements can be completed in as little as nine months or spread over two and a half years. Students can begin their studies in either the fall or spring semester with classes meeting during the day and evening. Summer classes are also available.

The Curriculum

The Center for Animal Law Studies offers the most extensive animal law curriculum in the world. This allows our students great flexibility in selecting their area of focus within animal law. In addition, a student may design an individual research project under the supervision of a faculty member or a reading group with fellow students. Following is a current list of courses and seminars available to J.D. and LL.M. students; contact us or visit our website for the most up-to-date course listings.

Courses

- Administrative Law
- Advanced Animal Law Clinic I and II
- Advanced Animal Law Seminar
- Advanced Legal Research: Animal Law
- Animal Cruelty: The Link to Domestic Violence Law and Policy†
- Animals in Agriculture: Law and Policy Seminar
- Animals in Commerce Seminar†
- Animals in Entertainment Seminar†
- Animal Law Clinic I and II



Pamela Frasch is the assistant dean of the animal law program and executive director of the Center for Animal Law Studies. Previously, Pamela was general counsel for the Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF). In 1996, she created the ALDF Criminal Justice Program, which has since assisted law enforcement and animal advocates in investigating and prosecuting thousands of animal abuse and neglect cases nationwide.

In addition to her duties with the Center for Animal Law Studies, Pamela is the author or coauthor of many articles and book chapters in the field and is coauthor of the first legal casebook in the field, *Animal Law: Cases and Materials*, now in its fourth edition (Carolina Academic Press, 2010) with a fifth edition forthcoming, and *Animal Law in a Nutshell* (Thomson West, 2011). She has taught survey and advanced courses in animal law at Lewis & Clark Law School since 1998 and is a frequent speaker internationally on a wide range of animal law topics.

- Animal Law Fundamentals
- Animal Law Graduate LL.M. Seminar I and II
- Animal Law Legislation: Internship
- Animal Law Litigation
- Animal Law Philosophy and Development*
- Animal Law Policy, Legislation, and Lobbying†
- Animal Law Review
- Animal Rights Law and Jurisprudence
- Companion Animals: Law and Policy Seminar*
- Comparative Animal Law Seminar†
- Crimes Against Animals: Law and Policy
- Endangered Species Act Seminar†
- Equine Law Seminar*
- First Amendment Issues in Animal Law Seminar†
- General Counsel Topics: Animal Law Seminar
- International Wildlife Law Seminar†
- Law of Humane Science†
- Moot Court: Environmental and Animal Advocacy
- Moot Court: NALC Closing Argument
- Moot Court: NALC Legislative Drafting and Lobbying
- Pacific Salmon Seminar†
- State Regulation of Animals Seminar†
- Transactional Approach to Animals Seminar†
- Wildlife Law

* offered every other year

† offered periodically

Summer School

Lewis & Clark offers the only summer program in animal law. During the summer, students can take advantage of two-week intensive courses taught by renowned animal law scholars and practitioners from across the country. We offer students both classroom and experiential learning environments to explore the legal theory, jurisprudence, and practical application of animal law.

Beyond The Classroom

Animal Law Clinic

The Lewis & Clark Animal Law Clinic works to develop the field of animal law and to establish and advance protection for non-human animals. The clinic trains students to become lawyers who are prepared to recognize and capably address animal law matters in their professional lives. It works cooperatively with people and organizations in a wide variety of settings, including research, mediation, negotiation, legislation, and transactional and policy work. Fostering the transition from law student to lawyer, the clinic explores ways to harmonize human and nonhuman animal interests and seeks to expand representation for those voices that cannot be heard and have no access to the legal system.

Scott Heiser, Class of 1987, is the director of the Criminal Justice Program of the Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF). Scott spent 17 years as a district attorney. During that time, he prosecuted many different kinds of criminal conduct, including capital murder cases. But he always found the animal cruelty cases to be the most compelling he handled. His passion for holding animal abusers accountable for their crimes led him to join ALDF to provide trial support, education, and outreach for law enforcement working to prosecute these cases. Scott is also an adjunct professor at Lewis & Clark Law School and teaches Crimes Against Animals.



The Center for Animal Law Studies is committed to the full range of academic and professional growth of its students; the clinic encourages students to pursue their passions, helps develop leadership and lawyering skills, and supports creative thinking. Under the supervision of Clinic Director Kathy Hessler, students focus on ethics in discourse and practice and learn methods of strategic decision making and respectful dialogue, irrespective of philosophical positions.

An advanced animal law clinic is available to select students who complete the clinic.

Internships

One of the many benefits of attending law school in the city of Portland is the opportunity to work with practicing lawyers in an internship while still attending classes. Through our animal law internship options, students can earn law school credit in a local, part-time placement supervised by an attorney. As an example, the animal law legislative internship exposes students to both the local and state-level legislative process. Participants have the opportunity to research, analyze, develop, and advance legislation.

Additionally, students have the opportunity to create internships in their area of interest and can work locally or develop remote working relationships.

Externships

During an animal law externship, J.D. and LL.M. students can earn credits by working full- or part-time for a law firm, government agency, company, legislative body, or public interest organization while being jointly supervised by a practitioner and a faculty member. Placement opportunities exist across the country and internationally. Students are encouraged to develop a placement that meets their individual goals and interests.

Animal Law Review

Animal Law is the nation's first law review devoted entirely to the discussion of legal issues relating to animals. It is the leading journal in this rapidly growing field. *Animal Law* has been ranked in the top 100 specialty law reviews, is frequently cited by practicing attorneys, and has been featured in newspapers such as *USA Today*, the *Oregonian*, and the *New York Times*. The journal is published twice a year, and both J.D. and LL.M. students may apply to join the staff. Students can volunteer with the journal or do work for credit.

Animal Law Review Symposium

Animal Law also hosts a yearly symposium that brings together the leading voices in animal law as well as other legal scholars,

practitioners, and students. Papers presented at the symposium are published in a special edition of *Animal Law*, adding to the dialogue and promoting cutting-edge legal scholarship.

National Animal Law Competitions

The Center for Animal Law Studies organizes the nation's only moot competitions in the field of animal law. The competitions have three distinct components: the appellate moot court competition, the closing argument competition, and the legislative drafting and lobbying competition. Upper-level J.D. students may participate in any of the three. With the help of experienced faculty coaches, Lewis & Clark teams consistently excel in all events, having won or placed highly in each of the competition's components over the past several years.

Student Organizations

SALDF

Lewis & Clark was the first law school to host a student chapter of the national Animal Legal Defense Fund. SALDF is devoted to enhancing the welfare and legal status of all nonhuman animals by educating members and others about the issues and laws that affect animals and by working to influence positive change. At the law school, SALDF's principal activities include coordinating pro bono and volunteer activities, hosting speaking opportunities for prominent animal law scholars and practitioners, and assisting in planning the longest-running academic animal law conference.

PILP

Through a hugely successful annual auction, the Public Interest Law Project (PILP) funds stipends for selected law students who work during the summer in the public interest law field, which includes several animal law placements such as Animal Legal Defense Fund, In Defense of Animals, the Humane Society of the United States, International Fund for



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Animal Welfare, Great Ape Project, and Defenders of Wildlife. PILP also assists with funding to relieve the debt burden for graduates who pursue public interest work.

Animal Law Conference

The Animal Law Conference is the longest-running academic conference to address the subject of animal law. For more than 20 years, and now in collaboration with the Animal

Legal Defense Fund (ALDF), the mission of the conference has been to enrich the legal advocacy for animals through sharing ideas, knowledge, and practical skills, as well as providing educational and networking opportunities. Today, the conference has become one of the largest and most popular of its kind, featuring some of the most respected voices in the field.

Faculty and Staff

Natasha Dolezal, J.D. Lewis & Clark Law School, is director of the Animal Law LL.M. Program, overseeing all aspects of the program. She teaches the animal law legislative drafting and lobbying course. Natasha was previously the associate director for state relations at Oregon Health & Science University. She began her legal career in the Oregon Legislature as a senator's legislative assistant and then transitioned to a position as a deputy district attorney prosecuting felony and misdemeanor crimes, including animal abuse cases. Natasha's interest in animal law began while studying wildlife conservation in Kenya, performing conservation genetics research on various species and training, and caring for assistance/service dogs at a nonprofit.

Pamela Frasch, J.D. William Mitchell College of Law, is assistant dean and executive director of the Center for Animal Law Studies. She directs and develops the Animal Law Program, teaches animal law courses, and has written and spoken extensively in the animal law field. She is coauthor of the first legal casebook on animal law and coauthor, with Kathy Hessler, of *Animal Law in a Nutshell*. Prior to joining Lewis & Clark, Pamela was associated with the Animal Legal Defense Fund, where she founded its criminal justice program and served as its general counsel.

Tami Gierloff, J.D. University of Washington, is assistant dean and professor and director of the law library. Tami is responsible for the overall administration of the law library.



Alexis C. Fox, Class of 2009, serves as the Massachusetts state director for the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). Alexis works on a variety of animal protection issues, including the facilitation of animal protection legislation. She is also an adjunct professor at Emerson College, where she teaches a class on leadership in the communications department. Before joining HSUS, Alexis was a legal fellow with the Foundation to Support Animal Protection. She also clerked for HSUS, Animal Legal Defense Fund, and the National Center for Animal Law. Alexis is a member of the Cornelius Honor Society, and her writing has appeared in *Animal Law*. Prior to attending Lewis & Clark, Alexis worked and volunteered for various animal protection organizations.

She also teaches first-year legal research, provides reference assistance to library users, and teaches Advanced Legal Research: Animal Law.

Kathy Hessler, J.D. Marshall Wythe School of Law (College of William and Mary), LL.M. Georgetown University Law Center, is a clinical professor and the director of the Animal Law Clinic. She is the first faculty member hired to teach animal law full-time in a law school. Kathy previously taught in clinical programs at Case Western Reserve University Law School, Cornell Law School, the University of Dayton Law School, the Capital University School of Law, and Georgetown University Law School. Kathy is a founder of the Animal Law Section of the American Association of Law Schools. She is coauthor, with Pamela Frasch, of *Animal Law in a Nutshell* and has written articles for law reviews and bar publications.

Lindsay Kadish, B.A. University of Arizona, is the director of operations for the Center for Animal Law Studies. She runs the daily operations of the center and manages the summer program, the annual Animal Law Conference, and the National Animal Law Competition. Lindsay joined the Center for

Animal Law Studies after working with Lewis & Clark's Business Law Program. Prior to joining the staff at Lewis & Clark, Lindsay was the assistant director of the Global Initiatives in Management program at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University.

Visiting Professors and Adjunct Faculty

In addition to its full-time faculty, the law school draws visiting professors and adjunct faculty members from the nation's leading academics and practitioners involved in animal law. The seminars they teach reflect their special expertise and practical experience. Some of our regular adjunct faculty include the following people:

- Scott Heiser**, Animal Legal Defense Fund
- Ramona Ilea**, Pacific University
- Paul Locke**, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- Russ Mead**, Animal Law Coalition
- Nancy Perry**, The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
- Joyce Tischler**, Animal Legal Defense Fund
- Steve Wise**, The Nonhuman Rights Project



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Alumni in Animal Law

As the leader in animal law, Lewis & Clark has a strong network of alumni involved in this growing field. The list below presents some of those alumni and the positions they hold.

Michelle Pawliger '13, Animal Welfare Institute, farm animal policy associate

Holly Gann '12, Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), horse slaughter campaign manager

Stefan Heller '12, Animal Legal Defense Fund, litigation fellow

Kayci McLeod '12, HSUS, assistant general counsel

Matthew Dominguez '11, HSUS, public policy manager for farm animal protection

Jessica Johnson '11, ASPCA, senior grassroots advocacy manager

Mark Jordan '11, Nonprofit Support Services, small firm

Pete Castleberry '10, Castleberry Elison, solo practitioner

Tara Zuardo '10, Animal Welfare Institute, wildlife legal associate

Andrew Freeman '09, Washington County, deputy district attorney

Sarah Baeckler '08, North American Primate Sanctuary Alliance, director

Kim McCoy '07, One World One Ocean Foundation, executive director

Natasha Dolezal '06, Lewis & Clark Law School, director animal law LL.M. program

Geoff Orme-Evans '06, Humane Society International, environmental and climate change specialist

Tami Santelli '06, HSUS, state director of Maryland

Peter Brandt '04, HSUS, senior attorney for the animal protection litigation section

Kathy Hall '03, equine law, solo practitioner

Jonathan Lovvorn '01, HSUS, senior vice president of animal protection litigation and investigations

Laura Ireland '01, Lincoln County Animal Shelter, manager

Sam Edwards '95, Green Mountain College, professor

Nancy Perry '95, American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), senior vice president of government relations

Dana Campbell '88, Voiceless, CEO

Geordie Duckler '87, The Animal Law Practice, solo practitioner

About the Center for Animal Law Studies

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Information

For more information about the Animal Law Program, please visit our website at www.CenterforAnimalLawStudies.org. For specific questions about the program, contact:

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The law school encourages applications from persons in groups historically underrepresented in the legal profession.

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