

Crimes Against Animals



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Animal Law Section*

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DESCRIPTION

Animal abuse covers varying offenses and varying groups of animals. In this on-demand CLE prosecutors and defenders discuss investigations, case studies, and updates. Also hear from a WSBA representative about battling compassion fatigue.

AGENDA

1 Prosecuting Animals at Large and Animal Cruelty: A Case Study

This session discusses and examines a case study, describing the mistakes and lessons learned in prosecuting a local cattle rancher from 2017-2022.

Tessa Scholl - Whitman County Prosecutor's Office, Colfax, WA

2 Prosecuting Animal Cruelty in the Wildlife Context

Most animal cruelty prosecutions involve domestic pets like cats and dogs, or neglected livestock such as horses, sheep and cattle. This session will explore prosecuting animal cruelty where the victims are undomesticated wild animals. Animal wildlife are frequent victims of cruelty, as shown by their treatment and rehabilitation at sanctuaries. This session will use real life investigations and cases to explore the issues and challenges raised by cruelty to wildlife, and how to effectively prosecute those cases.

Scott Halloran - Environmental Protection Division, Attorney General's Office, Seattle, WA

3 Animal Cruelty Investigations: A Primer and Considerations for Attorneys

The Humane Society of the United States has trained thousands of law enforcement officers across the country on the investigation and prosecution of illegal animal cruelty and fighting crimes. Trainers are former and current law enforcement and experts in enforcing animal protection laws. This course will review the link between animal abuse and violent crime, applicable state and federal laws, investigative techniques, search warrants, evidence collection, and prosecution preparation.

Ann Graves - The Humane Society of the United States' Law Enforcement Training Center (LETC), Washington, DC

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4 Case Updates

Learn the latest animal case law developments from state and federal courts in Washington from 2022-2023, along with gratuitous retrospective commentary from a jaded practitioner.

Adam Karp - Animal Law Offices, PLLC, Bellingham, WA

5 What's your Tic: Trauma in the Workplace, Imposter Syndrome, Compassion Fatigue

Practicing law involves a roller coaster of emotions both professional and personal. In this presentation, you will gain empowerment by identifying the emotional woes that can occur through the TIC and the tools to manage those presenting difficulties.

Adely Ruiz - Washington State Bar Association, Seattle, WA

6 2023 Legislative Updates in Animal Law

Hear about and understand recent changes to animal law.

Owen Sutanto - Vancouver Defenders, Vancouver, WA

7 Ethics and Professionalism in Animal Law

This segment of the CLE will cover specific ethical issues that may come up for attorneys when working on animal related cases and projects. All attorneys must abide by the rules of professional responsibility and ethics; however, animal law cases tend to cause unique circumstances to arise with animal law.

Leila Arefi-Pour - Vancouver Defenders, Vancouver, WA