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Animals & Environmentalism: A Legal Perspective in the Wake of a Global Pandemic

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Christine Ball-Blakely is a staff attorney at the Animal Legal Defense Fund. Christine works to end the exploitation and systemic abuse of farmed animals. She employs environmental laws to hold the factory farming industry—and the government agencies responsible for regulating it—accountable. She believes that, together, we can build a just legal system that prioritizes the protection of animals, the environment, and marginalized communities over private profit.

Before joining the Animal Legal Defense Fund, Christine was a litigator for the federal government. She graduated with high honors from the University of Tennessee College of Law, where she served as president of the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund, acquisitions editor for the *Tennessee Law Review*, and student attorney in the Appellate Litigation Clinic. Christine received the *Tennessee Law Review* Editor's Award and the Legal Clinic Distinguished Student Award, and she is the author of *CAFOs: Plaguing North Carolina Communities of Color*. Before law school, Christine served in AmeriCorps and worked in the nonprofit sector.

Kathy Hessler is a clinical professor of law at Lewis & Clark Law School. She is the first faculty member hired to teach animal law full time in a law school. She received her J.D. from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary and her LL.M. from Georgetown University Law Center. She is the Director of the Animal Law Clinic and the Aquatic Animal Law Initiative, as well as the faculty advisor for the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund and *Animal Law Review* at Lewis & Clark.

Professor Hessler co-authored *ANIMAL LAW IN A NUTSHELL* (with Pamela Frasch and Sonia Waisman), *ANIMAL LAW – NEW PERSPECTIVES ON TEACHING TRADITIONAL LAW* (with Joyce Tischler, Pamela Hart, and Sonia Waisman) and the amicus briefs submitted in the *U.S. v. Stevens* and *Justice v. Gwendolyn Vercher* cases. She has written numerous law review and other articles and teaches and lectures widely across the U.S. and internationally and is working on a new book *AQUATIC ANIMAL LAW*.

Professor Hessler was a board member with the Animal Legal Defense Fund; helped found the Animal Law Committee of the Cuyahoga County Bar; was the chair and a founder of the Animal Law Section and the Balance in Legal Education Section of the American Association of Law

Schools (AALS). She was also a co-chair of the Clinical Legal Education Section of the AALS and is on the board of the Center for Teaching Peace.

Nick Fromherz serves as a senior attorney for the Global Law Alliance for Animals and the Environment (the Global Law Alliance), a collaboration launched in the fall of 2020 between the Center for Animal Law Studies and the Environmental Law Program at Lewis & Clark Law School. The Global Law Alliance is a champion for wild animals and wild spaces across the globe, working to protect animals and the environment through the development, implementation, and enforcement of international law. Law students (JD and LLM) actively participate in the work through two clinics within the Alliance.

Prior to joining the Global Law Alliance, Nick worked as an attorney for a public-interest law firm dedicated to conserving marine wildlife around the world. Combining this experience with his considerable time living and working in Latin America, Nick expands the Global Law Alliance's footprint in the Americas while building on its existing fisheries program and international wildlife practice.

Previously, Nick served as a Visiting Assistant Professor, teaching courses within Lewis & Clark's Environmental, Natural Resources, and Energy Law program. Since 2015, Nick has taught Administrative Law at Lewis & Clark Law School during several summer sessions as an Adjunct Professor.

Nick's scholarship has appeared in the *Stanford Environmental Law Journal*, the *Washington University Global Studies Law Review*, the *Ecology Law Quarterly*, the *West Virginia Law Review*, *Administrative Law Review*, and *Animal Law Review*. In addition, he has written a number of shorter opinion pieces – with a particular focus on Latin American political and environmental issues – in outlets like *Foreign Affairs* and the *International Policy Digest*.

Before transitioning to environmental work, Nick served as a litigation attorney for a law firm in California and spent three years clerking for federal judges (Judge Lawson of E.D. Mich. and Judge Terence Evans of the Seventh Circuit). Nick graduated as the valedictorian of his law-school class. Nick is a member of the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law. Away from work, Nick enjoys spending time with his family, reading, watching college sports, and exploring Bolivia's wild spaces. Nick works for the Global Law Alliance primarily from his home office in Bolivia.

Professor Erica Lyman boasts over fifteen years of experience in international environmental law, with a strong focus on wildlife protection issues. She is the Director of the Global Law Alliance for Animals and the Environment (the Global Law Alliance)—a collaboration launched in the fall of 2020 between the Center for Animal Law Studies and the Environmental Law Program at Lewis & Clark Law School. The Global Law Alliance is a champion for wild animals and wild spaces across the globe, working to protect animals and the environment through the development, implementation, and enforcement of international law. Law students (JD and LLM) actively participate in the work through two clinics within the Alliance.

Professor Lyman has a rich history of practicing and teaching international environmental law, with a focus on international wildlife issues. In 2005, she joined the International Environmental Law Project (IELP) at Lewis & Clark Law School as its first staff attorney. Professor Lyman has gained a reputation for identifying creative strategies that also promote the integrity of treaty regimes. Professor Lyman's international wildlife law practice focuses on the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), the Convention on Migratory Species, the International Convention on the Regulation of Whaling, and other international institutions that impact wildlife conservation. In recent years, Professor Lyman has expanded her work to include a focus on implementation of international commitments, supporting the revision and development of national legislation and addressing enforcement challenges. In this capacity, Professor Lyman works directly with governments and other stakeholders to strengthen national frameworks for combating wildlife trafficking. Professor Lyman has worked in Malawi, Angola, Kenya, Morocco, Ivory Coast, Senegal, Benin, Togo, Mali, Niger, Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Liberia, Ghana, Gambia, and Guinea.

Although a significant focus of Professor Lyman's work is in the field of international wildlife law, she also works on broader issues, such as habitat conservation, climate change, human rights, and trade and the environment. Professor Lyman's work on climate change included legal support to the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) in the lead-up to the Paris Agreement.

Professor Lyman teaches two clinic courses. She teaches an International Animal and Environmental Law Clinic for JD students who are interested in developing the practical skills and substantive knowledge required to tackle contemporary wildlife and other international environmental challenges. Professor Lyman also teaches the International Wildlife Law Clinic for Animal Law LLM students who are interested in wildlife issues and desire to enhance their skill set in order to work in wildlife conservation and international animal protection after receiving their degrees.

In addition to her clinic courses, Professor Lyman teaches an innovative course in international wildlife law that brings the complex politics of international law-making to the classroom through in-class exercises that draw on the "hot" topics of international wildlife law, including trophy hunting, Japanese whaling, polar bear conservation in light of climate change, and other contemporary issues. The design of the class promotes creative problem-solving and complex critical thinking and digs into the underlying politics and policy choices reflected in international wildlife law.

Professor Delcianna (Delci) Winders is a clinical professor of law at Lewis & Clark Law School, where she directs the Animal Law Litigation Clinic (ALLC)—the nation's only clinic focused exclusively on animal law litigation.

Professor Winders' animal law and administrative law scholarship has appeared in the *Denver Law Review*, *Florida State Law Review*, *Ohio State Law Journal*, *NYU Law Review*, and *Animal Law Review*. She has also published extensively in the popular press, including *The Hill*, *National Geographic*, *Newsweek*, *New York Daily News*, *Salon*, and *U.S.A. Today*.

Prior to joining the Lewis & Clark faculty, Winders was vice president and deputy general counsel for the PETA Foundation, the first academic fellow of the Harvard Animal Law & Policy Program, and a visiting scholar at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University.

Winders received her BA in Legal Studies with highest honors from the University California at Santa Cruz, and her JD from NYU School of Law.

Following law school, Winders clerked for the Hon. Martha Craig Daughtrey on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and practiced animal law in a variety of settings. She has also taught animal law at Tulane University School of Law and Loyola University New Orleans College of Law.

Winders has been interviewed by numerous major news outlets, gives frequent presentations, and was featured in *O, The Oprah Magazine* as one of "Six Women Who Dare."

Tracy McGonigle advises and represents individuals in animal rights/welfare matters. Tracy's Animal Law practice includes representing individuals at administrative hearings and in appeals from Dangerous Dog Proceedings throughout Illinois; representing individuals in civil actions under the Humane Care for Animals Act; ownership disputes, Replevin actions, declaratory judgment actions and bailment or Innkeepers Act actions, as well as lecturing at speaking engagements. She has represented Illinois as the Illinois delegate at the International Animal Law Summits 2015-18.

Tracy was the Executive Director of the national organization, Hooved Animal Humane Society (HAHS), from 2011 – 2020, and represents other animal welfare 501(c)(3) organizations, such as Wright Way Rescue on all business and non-profit matters. As part of her role as Executive Director of HAHS, Tracy managed a team of over 25 Approved Humane Investigators who investigated violations of the Humane Care for Animals Act, 510 ILCS 70/1, et seq. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of On Angels Wings Pet Rescue.

She uses her vast experience in managing non-profit 501 (c)(3) corporations to advise her non-profit clients on all organizational issues and lectures regionally on non-profit law.

Tracy has extensive Appellate experience with both civil and criminal appeals and has practiced in Illinois state and federal courts, including the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of Illinois. Her Property / Real Estate practice includes representing buyers and sellers in residential real estate closings, zoning, residential and commercial transactions, and contract drafting and negotiations. Tracy also practices employment law, advising business clients on employment matters and representing employers and employees in employment related disputes in administrative as well as trial and appellate courts.