

**Current Trends & Important Developments in Animal Law**



This program contains  
3.50 Substantive Hours  
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**Date:** Thursday, February 6, 2014 | 9:00 am to 12:20 pm  
**Location:** Westin Harbour Castle Conference Centre, 2 Harbour Square  
**Program Chair:** **Chantal Desloges**, Chantal Desloges Professional Corporation

The rights and legal standing of animals are governed by a mix of legislation and case law that applies to companion animals, wildlife, and animals that are raised and used for food, entertainment and research. Since Animal Law closely intersects with a number of practice areas, including criminal, tort, contract, municipal and constitutional law, it is important that you be able to identify the issues when they arise and know how to properly advise your clients. Learn about the relevant laws, organizations and government agencies and departments from an expert faculty of speakers who will also address the need for legislative reform and the latest judicial decisions. Don't miss this opportunity to hear about a rapidly growing area of law and its potential impact on your practice!

9:00 am **OPENING REMARKS**

9:05 am **INTRODUCTION TO ANIMAL LAW SECTION FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

9:10 am **WHAT IS ANIMAL LAW?**

- Understanding the historical development of Animal Law
- Introduction to the current major sources/pieces of legislation
- Who are the major players and what is their role?
  - shelters, societies, municipal government and committees, provincial/federal government
- Defining the need for legislative reform
- Question period

**Lesli Bisgould**, (Adjunct Professor 2013/14, University of Toronto, Animal Rights Law)

**Nicholas dePencier Wright**, Lawyer, Executive Director, Animal Justice Canada

**Peter Newell**, Vice-President, Toronto Humane Society

**Ziyaad Mia**, Adjunct Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School

10:40 am **NETWORKING BREAK**

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11:00 am **ANIMAL LAW IN PRACTICE**

Recent articles in the press and media have focused attention on the law as it applies to exotic animals, amusement parks and the proliferation of wildlife in urban areas. Hear about the **hot button issues** and **latest legal developments** in the following:

- The "IKEA Monkey" case
- The ownership and regulation of Exotic Pets
- Recent amendments to Toronto Municipal Code 349, Animals By-law
- Shark fin motion
- Marineland Libel case
- Wildlife in the cities
- Recent case law and what the courts are saying
- Overview of the available opportunities for lawyers to become more involved
- Implementation of consensus building to improve animal law and policy
- Question period

**Anna Pippus**, Director for Legal Advocacy , Mercy for Animals Canada

**Kevin Toyne**, Brauti Thorning Zibarras LLP

**Suzana Gartner**, Lawyer and Mediator, Animal Advocate

**Todd Orvitz**, Legal Counsel - City of Toronto

12:20 pm **PROGRAM CONCLUDES**

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