EXPERIENCE

Senior Vice President 2011-present

Government Relations

American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Lead national animal protection policy program, supervising a staff of 20 legislative specialists focused on local, state and federal reforms to protect animals. Oversee an annual agenda of more than 50 legislative vehicles to protect equines, keep people and their pets together, support enforcement of laws against cruelty and neglect, crack down on animal fighting and puppy mills, and incentivize higher welfare standards for farm animals. Since its founding in 2011, the program has secured more than 250 animal welfare reforms.

Vice President 2005 – 2011

Government Affairs

The Humane Society of the United States

Led national program for legislative and regulatory campaigns, identifying key priority issues and opportunities, hiring and training policy experts to advance reforms in every state and at the federal level. Spearheaded and directed more than 20 successful statewide ballot campaigns targeting wildlife protection, farm animal welfare, puppy mills, animal fighting, and animal cruelty.

Director 2000-2005

Government Affairs

The Humane Society of the United States

Directed legislative and regulatory campaigns at the state and national levels, implementing key priorities and identifying opportunities, hiring and training policy experts to advance reforms in every state and at the federal level. Coordinated statewide ballot campaigns targeting wildlife protection, farm animal welfare, puppy mills, animal fighting, and animal cruelty.

Director of Grassroots Advocacy

1995-2000

Government Affairs

The Humane Society of the United States

Developed ballot campaigns, identifying and building networks of volunteers, training key staff in signature gathering and media work, serving as spokesperson, and fundraising. Directed organization's cultivation of volunteers for advocacy networks, published HUMANElines newsletter, instructed Lobby 101 courses, and conducted coalition and media outreach.

Professor 1991-1992

Santa Rosa Junior College, Santa Rosa, CA

Taught courses in public speaking, debate, and business communication, and coached intercollegiate speech and debate teams.

Professor 1990-1991

Pasadena City College, Pasadena, CA

Taught courses in public speaking, debate, and business communication, and coached intercollegiate speech and debate teams.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Professorial Lecturer in Law 2002 – present

George Washington University Law School Animal Law Seminar

Visiting Professor of Law Summer 2004 – 2010

Lewis & Clark Law School

Animal Law Summer Intensive

Adjunct Faculty 2004

Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University *Animal Law and Policy*

EDUCATION

J.D. Environmental Law & Natural Resource Policy, Lewis & Clark Law School,

Environmental Certificate, Steven Manas Scholar Award

1995

M.A. Communications, California State University, Northridge 1992

B.A. Wellesley College 1986

AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2018 Women Inspiring Change Honoree, Harvard Law School https://orgs.law.harvard.edu/womeninspiringchange/2018-honorees-2/

2012 and 2017 Dedication in Teaching Awards, George Washington University Law School

2008 Pioneering Spirit Award, Center for Animal Law Studies & Animal Legal Defense Fund

1994 and 1995 National Champion, Pace Environmental Law Moot Court Competition, Pace University Law School

1994 Co-founded Animal Law Journal, Lewis & Clark Law School

1993 Founded Animal Law Conference, Lewis & Clark Law School

1992 Founded First Student Animal Legal Defense Fund, Lewis & Clark Law School

1990 First place and Top Speaker Award, representing United States in first Sino-U.S. Debate Tournament, Xi'ian, China

PUBLICATIONS

A Quarter of a Century of Animal Law: Our Roots, Our Growth, and Our Stretch Toward the Sun, 25.3 ANIMAL L. (2019)

Animal Law in Court and Congress: A Roundtable with Practitioners, 60 J. LEGAL EDUC. 285 (2010)

Case Study on Cruelty to Farm Animals: Lessons Learned From the Hallmark Meat Packing Case, 108 MICH. L. REV. FIRST IMPRESSIONS 117 (2008) (with P. Brandt)

California Proposition 2: A Watershed Moment for Animal Law, 15 ANIMAL L. 149 (2009) (with J. Lovvorn)

Throwing Caution to the Wind: The Global Bear Parts Trade, 6 ANIMAL L. 129 (2000) (with A. Roberts)

The Fruits of Our Labor: Results from the First Session of the 105th Congress, 4 ANIMAL L. 137 (1997)

The Oregon Bear and Cougar Initiative: A Look at the Initiative Process, 2 ANIMAL L. 203 (1995)

SELECTED LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS and TESTIMONY

Testimony before the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining, Long-Term Management Options for the Bureau of Land Management's Wild Horse and Burro Program, July 12, 2019

The Landscape for Farm Animal Protection Reforms, Shamayim V'Aretz Institute, March 16, 2019

Capitol Hill Policy Developments for Wild Horse and Burro Protection, Michigan State University, College of Law, March 1, 2019

Finding a Way Forward for Wild Horses and Burros: Opportunities and Obligations, Bureau of Land Management Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board, presentation October 11, 2018

Challenges and Strategies Related to Equine Welfare, Animal Grantmakers 2017

Challenges and Opportunities in Advocating for Animals Under the New Administration and Congress, 25th Annual Animal Law Conference 2017

Direct Democracy and Animal Protection, Harvard Law School 2016

Keynote Address: Persistence and Progress in Animal Law, 20th Annual Animal Law Conference 2012

Hot Topics in Animal Law: Legislation & Litigation, Animal Law Conference 2010 (with M. Liebman)

Testimony before the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary, September 15, 2010, Prohibiting Obscene Animal Crush Videos in the Wake of United States v. Stevens

Testimony before the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, November 6, 2009, Hearing on H.R. 2811, A Bill to Amend Title 18, United States Code, to include Constrictor Snakes of the Species Python Genera as an Injurious Animal