

## Animal Law in Practice: A Collection of Case Studies



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### AVAILABLE MEDIA TYPES

Video & Audio MP3

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### DESCRIPTION

Spend the day with legal practitioners and Seattle University faculty from across the state who have experience handling various types of cases pertaining to Animal Law from veterinary malpractice to person injury, to administrative hearings involving animals. A case update on new animal law jurisprudence will also be provided.

### AGENDA

#### 1 **Inveterinary Malpractice**

This session is an introduction to long-established approaches, litigator tips, and key cases in handling a veterinary medical malpractice matter, using actual case illustrations.

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

#### 2 **Navigating Animal Ownership Disputes**

Whether on behalf of the plaintiff or the defendant, animal ownership/possession disputes can be complex and very fact specific. Using real case examples, explore key considerations in order to develop tailored case strategies. Learn about common legal issues that attorneys may encounter and how the law has developed (and continues to develop) in this area.

*Jessica Johnson - Jessica E Johnson, PLLC, Spanaway, WA*

#### 3 **Pets: Family or Property?**

This presentation will focus on the dichotomy of treating pets as property in divorce, but family in estate planning. It will include a discussion of recent cases on the treatment of animals through a family law case, and the basics of pet trusts established through testamentary tools.

*Morgan Madison - Madeira, PLLC, Tacoma, WA*

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### 4 Dog Bites

Case law plus practice tips for bringing and defending dog bite claims.

*Gemma Zanowski - Stritmatter Kessler Koehler Moore, Seattle, WA*

### 5 Administrative Cases Involving Animal Rights

A walk-through of how to handle an animal law case that is before an administrative hearing officer using an actual case illustration. The case to be discussed will be based on whether to uphold the decision by animal control as a potentially dangerous dog.

*Leila Arefi-Pour, Vancouver Defenders, Vancouver, WA*

### 6 Animals and Article 2

You could say that the law of personal property, or “chattels”, has been about animals from the beginning. Animals figure heavily in law school property classes, which often begin with the law of wild animals. Once animals become domesticated, however, Article 2 will provide the law governing their purchase and sale.

*Sidney DeLong - Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, WA*

### 7 Case Updates

This session provides the latest decisions of note from state and federal courts, trial through appellate level, in Washington State.

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