

Animal Law Forum 2019

May 17 – Nashville Zoo



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This unique opportunity will provide updates on trends and advancements in animal law while allowing participants to network and enjoy the fun and activities the zoo offers. We will be joined by the organization's President and Chief Executive Officer and the board's general counsel, who will discuss conservation efforts and laws affecting procurement and care for zoo animals. Additional topics will include animal considerations by judiciary, ethics, legislative updates affecting the practice area and the humanization of animals.

8 – 8:30 a.m.  **Registration, Breakfast (provided)**

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. **Legal Concerns for Veterinarians**
Robert Simpson DVM, JD – Kingston Animal Hospital, P.C., Kingston


9:30 – 10:30 a.m. **Wild Works – Conservation Efforts at the Nashville Zoo**
Rick Schwartz, President and CEO of the Nashville Zoo, and Lauren Curry, Legal Counsel to the Zoo Board of Directors, will speak about the conservation efforts of the Nashville Zoo, the accreditation process the Nashville Zoo undergoes, as well as the legal needs the Zoo encounters operationally as well as in the procurement and care for its animals.
Lauren Curry – Sherrard Roe Voigt & Harbison, Nashville
Rick Schwartz – President and Chief Executive Officer Nashville Zoo, Nashville

10:30 – 10:45 a.m.  **Break**

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. **Legislative Updates**
Shannon Romain – Attorney at Law, Nashville

11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.  **Lunch (provided); Zoo Activities**

1:15 – 2:15 p.m. **Treat Thy Animal as Thyself? A Legal Narrative**
(Dual) *The historical treatment of animals as personal property has been – and continues to be – challenged in various contexts. This presentation weaves together stories about the development and application of legal rules governing the treatment of nonhuman animals.*
Joan Heminway – The University of Tennessee College of Law, Knoxville

2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  **Break**

2:30 – 3:30 p.m. **Judicial Considerations Regarding Animals**
This interactive panel will feature considerations by judiciary when dealing with cases both directly and tangentially addressing animal welfare, and court initiatives involving animals.
Daina Bray – Mercy For Animals, Nashville (Moderator)
Hon. James H. Todd – Hagan & Todd, Nashville
Hon. Renard A. Hirsch – Smith & Hirsch, Nashville
Hon. Sheila Calloway – Davidson County Juvenile Court, Nashville