

# Animal Law Forum 2021

Sept. 24 – Nashville Zoo

**Program Producer:** Robert Simpson DVM, JD, Kingston Animal Hospital

**Total Credits:** 5 General, 1 Dual



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. Other topics include ethical considerations for animals and the law, legislative updates, laws governing farmed animals and more. Zoo admission and lunch are included with the program.

8 – 8:30 a.m. CDT      **Registration/Welcome**

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.      **Conservation Efforts at the Nashville Zoo**

This session will focus on 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

Rick Schwartz, President and Chief Executive Officer Nashville Zoo

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.      **Legislative Update**

An update on federal, state, and international advancements in animal related law and policy.

Shannon Romain, Tenn. Secretary of State, Charitable Solicitations and Gaming

10:30 – 10:45 a.m.      **Break**

10:45 – 11:45 a.m.      **Farmed Animals and the Law**

The legal landscape for farmed animals is a rapidly evolving space, with many current issues that we see playing out across the pages of both newspapers and legal journals. This session will cover current topics including food labeling, slaughterhouse regulation and anticonfinement laws.

Daina Bray, Mercy For Animals

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

1:45 – 2:45 p.m.     **Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency – Animals are Our Business**  
This interactive panel will consist of an overview of wildlife conservation in Tennessee, a brief history of the Agency, and the evolution of the state's wildlife laws, including applicable cases and legislative initiatives. There will be a discussion of the issues surrounding possession of live wildlife with examples taken from Agency wildlife law enforcement cases.  
Chris Richardson, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency  
Thomas Moncrief, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency  
Tracey Boyers, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency

2:45 – 3:45 p.m.     **Veterinary and Legal Ethics: A Case Based Approach**  
**DUAL** This session will use examples of veterinary malfeasance to discuss veterinary medical and legal ethics.  
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3:45 – 4 p.m.     **Break**

4 – 5 p.m.     **First Bite Rule Unleashed – Handling Cases Involving Injuries Caused by Animals**  
This session will provide tips on handling cases involving injuries caused by animals and some unique scenarios under Tennessee law.  
Julie Bowling, Tennessee Farmers Insurance Companies