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EDUCATION

Lewis & Clark Law School, Portland, OR
J.D.

2006

Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA
B.A. in Biology and Psychology

2001

Dean's List

Research Assistant in conservation genetics

Studied wildlife conservation and management, The School for Field Studies,
Kenya

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lewis & Clark Law School, Portland, OR
Kenya Legal Project

2014 – Present

Developed syllabus, course structure and co-taught the first animal law course in Kenya.

National Animal Law Competitions: Legislative Drafting and Lobbying

2013 – 2014

Developed syllabus and taught course in the fall and coached the two national competitors through the competition in the spring.

Graduate Animal Law LL.M. Seminar

2012 – Present

Developed syllabus, course structure and co-taught course focused on research, writing and career development.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Center for Animal Law Studies at Lewis & Clark Law School, Portland, OR
Director, Animal Law LL.M. Program

2012 – Present

Responsible for managing the LL.M. program, student recruitment, mentoring and advising, and program development. Assist in developing and managing the Animal Law Summer Program, organizing and hosting the annual Animal Law Conference, as well as teaching and researching in areas of animal law.

Oregon Health & Sciences University, Portland, OR

Associate Director of State Government Relations

2010 – 2012

Assisted in carrying out and communicating the state legislative agenda through lobbying state legislators, along with city, county and government officials.

Multnomah County District Attorney's Office, Portland, OR

Deputy District Attorney

2007 – 2010

Prosecuted and negotiated felony and misdemeanor caseload. Prepared and presented cases for trial, grand jury, interviewed witnesses, argued motions, arraignments, release hearings and probation violations.

Oregon State Legislature – Senator Ginny Burdick, Salem, OR

Legislative Assistant

2006 – 2007

Reviewed and researched legislation pending before Judiciary committee and advised Senator on possible action. Wrote testimony, amendments, press releases, constituent correspondence and floor speeches. Instrumental in the passage of SB 1017 – A bill recognizing the link between animal abuse and human violence by encouraging many professionals to report suspected animal abuse and child abuse to relevant authorities and professionals.

PUBLICATIONS

Kenya Legal Project

II Global Animal Law Conference, Barcelona, Spain (forthcoming 2015)

Animal Law – A Global Phenomenon, with Pamela Frasch and Kathy Hessler
Global Journal of Animal Law, January 2014.

PRESENTATIONS

What Can We Do to Protect Animals Overseas?

Presented with Kathy Hessler, Animal Law Conference, Portland, OR – October 2014

How Can I Get a Job Advocating for Animals?

Panelist at the Animal Law Conference, Portland, OR – October 2014

Kenya Legal Project

II Global Animal Law Conference, Barcelona, Spain – July 2014

Animal Law Legal Education in the United States, with Kathy Hessler

Riara Univeristy Law School, Nairobi, Kenya – May 2014

Animal Law for Veterinarians, with Kathy Hessler

University of Nairobi School of Veterinary Medicine, Nairobi, Kenya – May 2014

World's First LL.M. in Animal Law: A Unique Academic Opportunity for European Animal Lawyers

The Animal Turn and the Law Conference, Basel, Switzerland – April 2014

Animal Law for Veterinarians

University of Nairobi School of Veterinary Medicine, Nairobi, Kenya – May 2013

International and Comparative Perspectives – Experiences from the United States in Animal Law

National Judicial Dialogue on Environmental and Wildlife Crimes, Amboseli
National Park, Kenya – December 2014

ADDITIONAL WRITING

“Animal Lawyers Without Borders: Why I followed my heart and my name to Kenya for animals,” Our Hen House, April 2, 2014.

<http://www.ourhenhouse.org/2014/04/animal-lawyers-without-borders-why-i-followed-my-heart-and-my-name-to-kenya-for-animals/>

INTERVIEWED

“FBI Makes Animal Cruelty A Top-Tier Felony To Help Track Abuse, Sue Manning, Associated Press, October 1, 2014.

“Standing up for Kenyan wildlife” The Oregonian, May 9, 2014. Online version: http://www.oregonlive.com/pets/index.ssf/2014/05/pet_talk_lewis_clark_animal_la_1.html

Podcast interview with Mariann Sullivan and Jasmin Singer on April 19, 2014, for Our Hen House about the growing international field of animal law and the Kenya Legal Project. http://www.ourhenhouse.org/?powerpress_pinw=35742-podcast

Radio interview with Dr. Lori Kirshner on January 5, 2014, for Animals Today Radio, about the trends and recent events in animal law education and the Center for Animal Law Studies new LL.M. in Animal Law. <http://www.animalstodayradio.com/audio/010514.mp3>

“Lewis & Clark is epicenter for animal law” The Oregonian, September 28, 2013. Online version: http://www.oregonlive.com/pets/index.ssf/2013/09/pet_talk_lewis_clark_advanced.html

INVOLEMENTS

Fences for Fido

Cat Adoption Team

Golden Bond Rescue

Oregon State Bar Section on Animal Law

Animal Law program committee member Lewis & Clark Law School

Board Member, National Alliance on Mental Illness (2009 – 2010)