



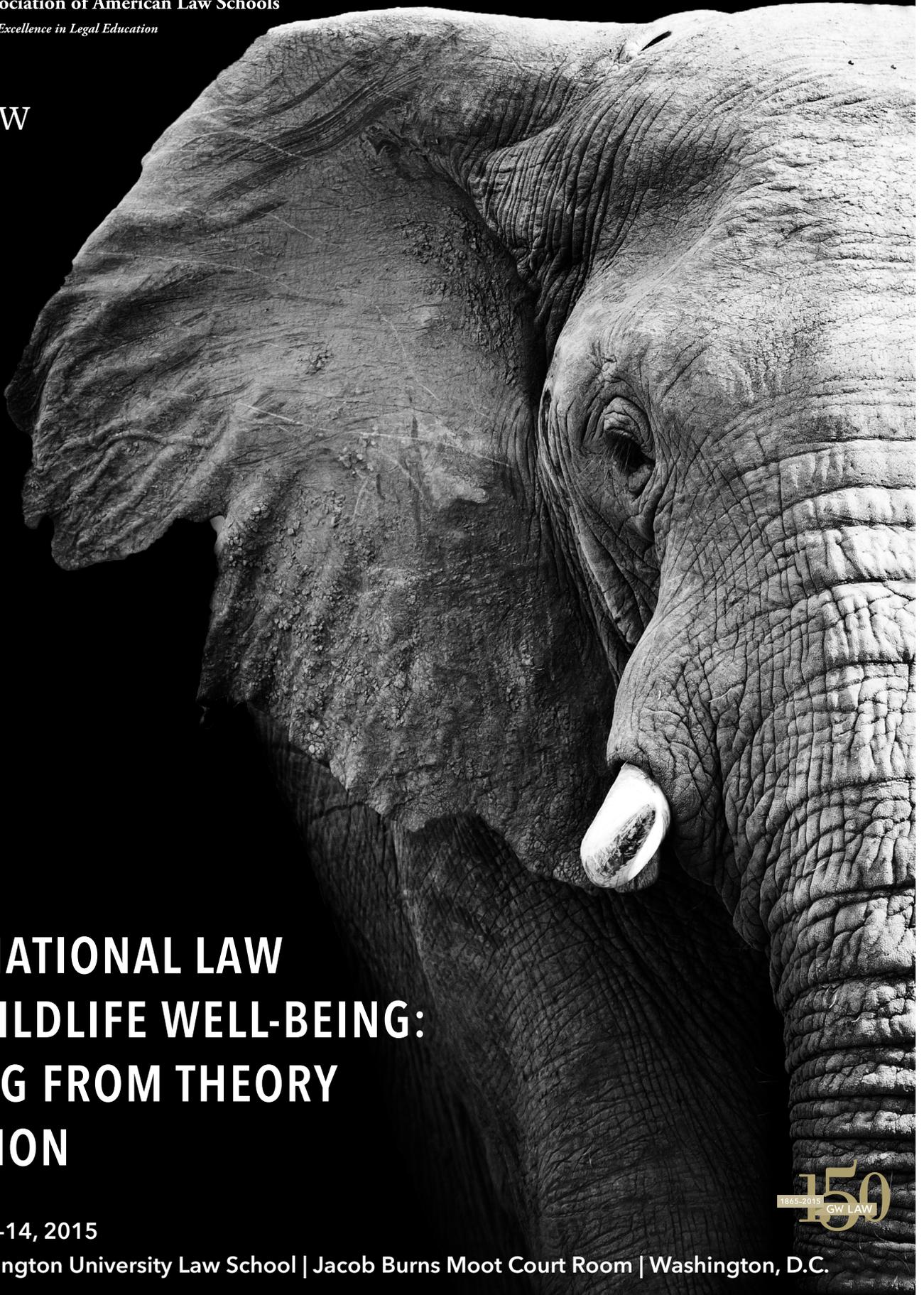
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INTERNATIONAL LAW AND WILDLIFE WELL-BEING: MOVING FROM THEORY TO ACTION

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International Law and Wildlife Well-being: Moving from Theory to Action

This workshop is designed to bring together animal, environmental, and international law experts to discuss how international law can more effectively address individual wildlife well-being. To date, international laws addressing animals have focused primarily on species conservation, and while such a focus is necessary, it is not sufficient. The overall goal is to put wildlife well-being issues on the international agenda and have them addressed more successfully such that acts of cruelty committed against wildlife are prevented and subsequent wildlife suffering can be obviated, or at least mitigated.

Well-being is enhanced when acts committed by humans that inflict physical and/or emotional suffering on animals are prevented. This requires reconsideration of when animals in the wild should be taken, if at all, and for what purpose; how such taking should be accomplished to protect individual animals from harm; and, finally, what rules should govern captivity to maintain animal well-being. Many species of wildlife are protected under international law—whales under the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling; the approximately 5,600 animal species listed under appendices to CITES; the species listed under the Convention on Migratory Species and its agreements; and those listed under the Berne Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats. International agreements for the conservation of *species* of wildlife have little to say, however, about protecting *individual* wild animals from human cruelty.

This workshop will raise a broad range of issues including: entrapment and capture; whaling and hunting, including trophy hunting; holding wild animals in captivity, including in private and public zoos and aquariums; the use of wild animals in tourism; other forms of sports and entertainment; human-wildlife conflicts over land use; and, of course, international trade. The hope is for a second workshop that would then focus on drafting guidelines for improving international law and policy for wildlife protection—the creation of a wildlife well-being ethic.

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AGENDA

Friday, November 13, 2015

9-9:30 a.m. **Registration**

9:30-10:15 a.m. **Opening Keynote Address**

David Favre, The Nancy Heathcote Professor of Property and Animal Law, Michigan State University College of Law

Topic: Developing an Ethic of Conservation and Individual Wildlife Well-being

Animal welfare and environmental issues historically have been on separate tracks. In particular, wildlife issues are viewed most often in an environmental context with great concern about population levels but little concern for the well-being of individual animals. Professor Favre explains the need for an overarching ethics that will bring these issues together implemented by a new international treaty.

10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. **Environmental Conventions and International Organizations**

This panel explores challenges and opportunities for global improvements in animal well-being through existing legal instruments, including the Convention on Biodiversity, the World Heritage Convention, and the Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards.

MODERATOR:

Robert Glicksman, J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Professor of Environmental Law, George Washington University Law School

PARTICIPANTS:

Cathy Liss, President, Animal Welfare Institute

Tara Zuardo, Wildlife Attorney, Animal Welfare Institute

Topic: Trapping, Trapping Standards, and Wildlife Well-Being

Akisha Townsend Eaton, Senior Policy and Legal Resource Advisor to the United Nations Economic and Social Council for World Animal Net

Topic: CBD and Post 2015 Sustainable Development Agenda

Sue Fisher, Consultant on Marine Affairs, Animal Welfare Institute

Topic: World Heritage Convention and Wildlife Well-being

12:15-1:30 p.m. **Lunch**

1:30-3:15 p.m. **Environmental Conventions and International Organizations 2**

Continuing the theme of how existing international conventions may provide greater protection for animal well-being, this panel includes a case study on the precipitous decline in shark populations and how this global crisis may be addressed and the roles that the UNEP and UNDP play in combating illegal wildlife trade.

MODERATOR:

Rachelle Adam, Law Faculty, Hebrew University

PARTICIPANTS:

Randall S. Abate, Professor of Law, Florida A&M University College of Law

Topic: The Need to Integrate Animal Welfare Protections into Existing Environmental Conservation Mechanisms to Support a Global Ban on Shark Finning

Monika Thiele, Programme Officer, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Regional Office for North America

Topic: The Role of UNEP and Environmental Conventions in Combatting Illegal Wildlife Trade

Tim Scott, Policy Advisor on Environment with the Sustainable Development Cluster, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Topic: The Role of UNDP and Environmental Conventions in Advancing Wildlife Well-being

Friday, November 13, 2015 *(continued)*

3:30-6 p.m.

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species

This panel explores the challenges and opportunities under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) to provide greater protections for individual wildlife well-being through case studies focusing on polar bears and the international trade in beluga whales, Solomon Island dolphins, and reptiles and amphibians.

MODERATOR:

Joan Schaffner, Associate Professor of Law, George Washington University Law School

PARTICIPANTS:

Georgia Hancock, General Counsel, Animal Welfare Institute

Topic: The Wild Cetacean Trade and How CITES May Promote Cetacean Well-being

D.J. Schubert, Wildlife Biologist, Animal Welfare Institute

Topics: The Solomon Islands Dolphins and How CITES May Promote Cetacean Well-being; Reptile and Amphibian Trade Under CITES, Wildlife Disease, and Well-being

(10-minute break)

William (Bill) J. Snape III, Senior Counsel, Center for Biological Diversity; Fellow, American University Law School

Topic: Polar Bears, Conservation, and Well-being

Carroll Muffett, President and CEO, Center for International Environmental Law

Topic: CITES—How to achieve an Effective MEA

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Documentary and Q&A with Filmmaker Jonny Zwick *BREACH: The Documentary*

Iceland, Japan, and Norway still practice commercial whaling in defiance of the International Whaling Commission moratorium. Of these three, Iceland is the only country to hunt endangered fin whales, the second largest creature on earth. *BREACH* is the first feature-length documentary film to examine Iceland's whaling industry, exposing the nation's defiant participation in commercial whale hunting against a backdrop of worldwide protests and political intrigue.

Saturday, November 14, 2015

8:30-10 a.m.

CITES and Elephants

The international trade in elephant ivory and its devastating effects on populations, as well as the suffering of the individual elephant, have raised global awareness of these serious threats and of the failure of CITES to properly protect African elephants. This panel discusses options for providing greater international protections to address this critical situation threatening the elephant with extinction.

MODERATOR:

Rachelle Adam, Law Faculty, Hebrew University

PARTICIPANTS:

Jose de Arteaga, Elephants D.C.

Jen Samuel, Elephants D.C.

Holly K. Sheridan, Founding Partner, Sheridan Law; Elephants D.C.

Topic: Considering Distinctions Between CITES Appendix I and II Classifications for Elephants—A Call for Tighter Controls to Protect Elephants

Nickolaus Sackett, Legal Counsel, Social Compassion in Legislation

Topics: Zimbabwe Baby Elephants and How CITES Can Protect Their Well-being

Bill Clark, INTERPOL

Topics: Elephants and a Convention to Address Wildlife Well-being

10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. **World Trade Organization**

The 2014 decision of the World Trade Organization Appellate Body in the *Seal Products* case marks an important turn in the development of international animal welfare law within the context of the WTO and free trade. This panel considers how public morality should be judged by international panels, including how the decision may be used to reinforce a consensus toward ethical norms in the treatment of animals on an international level.

MODERATOR:

Joan Schaffner, Associate Professor of Law, George Washington University Law School

PARTICIPANTS:

Steve Charnovitz, Professor of Law, George Washington University Law School

Topic: The WTO and Public Morality

Jeffrey Smith, Environmental Law Fellow, McGill University; Visiting Professor of Law, Carleton University

Topic: Floating the Ark a Little Higher? International Animal Welfare Law After the Seal Products Case

Peter L. Fitzgerald, Professor of Law, Stetson University College of Law

Topic: The WTO and Animal Advocacy

D.J. Schubert, Wildlife Biologist, Animal Welfare Institute

Topic: The Pelly Smendment, the WTO, and Wildlife Well-being

12:15-1:15 p.m.

Lunch

1:15-3 p.m.

Oceans: Whaling and Fishing

In 1982, the IWC banned all commercial whaling as of 1986. Since then, however, Japan has killed more than 14,000 whales. On March 30, 2014, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) ruled that Japan's whaling in the Antarctic was not for scientific research and ordered Japan to stop whaling. Moreover, 640,000 tons of fishing gear is lost in the ocean every year with entanglement in "ghost" gear, killing a minimum of 136,000 pinnipeds and cetaceans each year, in addition to countless birds, turtles, and fish. This panel discusses developments in the wake of the ICJ case and other efforts to address cetacean well-being within the IWC as well as how international fishing agreements along with United Nations policy may address the bycatch crisis.

MODERATOR:

Rachelle Adam, Law Faculty, Hebrew University

PARTICIPANTS:

Patrick Ramage, Whale Programme Director, International Fund for Animal Welfare

Topic: Whaling Surfaces at the World's Highest Court

Sue Fisher, Consultant on Marine Affairs, Animal Welfare Institute

Topic: IWC, ICRW, and Cetacean Well-being

Kate O'Connell, Marine Wildlife Consultant, Animal Welfare Institute

Topic: Disentangling the Whales—How Bycatch Regulations and Sustainable Seafood Labeling Impact the Well-being of Marine Mammals

Elizabeth Hogan, Campaigns Manager for Oceans and Wildlife, World Animal Protection

Topic: Impacts of Derelict Fishing Gear on Marine Wildlife—Role of the UN and Legal Best Practices

3:15-5 p.m.

Convergence of Conservation and Well-being

This panel discusses a variety of issues concerning the convergence of conservation and individual wildlife well-being, including exploring what we mean by *species* and how that it affects animal well-being; how CITES may be enabling the exploitation of endangered animals rather than protecting them; the differences and similarities in the legal frameworks of environmental and animal law; and a proposed new UN animal policy including the adoption of a convention framework and the creation of a new agency to address animal issues globally and comprehensively.

MODERATOR:

David Favre, The Nancy Heathcote Professor of Property and Animal Law, Michigan State University College of Law

PARTICIPANTS:

Paul Boudreaux, Professor of Law, Stetson University College of Law; Editor, *Journal of International Wildlife Law and Policy*

Topic: What Do We Mean By Species And How Do Decisions Affect Animal Well-Being?

Jeff Pierce, Litigation Fellow, Animal Legal Defense Fund

Topic: Welcome to the Jungle—How CITES and Existing Federal Laws Designed to Protect Tigers, Lions, and other Endangered Big Cats are Actually Enabling their Exploitation

Kathy Hessler, Clinical Professor of Law, Lewis & Clark Law School

Topic: Environmental Law and Animal Law—Comparing Goals and Approaches

Sabine Breis, Director, Global Animal Law Project

Topic: A Global Approach to Animal Protection

5:5:30 p.m.

Closing Keynote Address

Dinah Shelton, Manatt/Ahn Professor Emeritus of International Law, George Washington University Law School

Topic: Wildlife as the Common Heritage of Humanity

Wildlife law at the international level is similar to the pre-1945 human rights situation—piecemeal regulation addressing only some aspects of the problem. The defects of current conventions and the fragmented approach of international law generally to species, habitats, conservation, and trade make the current law highly ineffective. Professor Shelton argues that unless the international community makes the shift to defining biodiversity and especially wildlife as the “common heritage” of humanity, it will be difficult to make progress with improving animal well-being.

5:30-6 p.m.

Summary: Themes and Future Work

This final panel traces the themes of the workshop and conclusions to be drawn from the successful as well as less successful case studies. The panel explores what common factors can be identified as critical for success and how we can use these findings to create effective and practical proposals addressing wildlife well-being.

Rachelle Adam and Joan Schaffner

PARTICIPANTS

Randall S. Abate is a Professor of Law, Director of the Center for International Law and Justice, and Project Director of the Environment, Development, and Justice Program at Florida A&M University College of Law. Professor Abate teaches several electives in environmental law and international law, constitutional law, and an animal law and policy seminar. He joined the Florida A&M law faculty in 2009 with 15 years of full-time law teaching experience at Vermont Law School, Widener Law School–Harrisburg, Rutgers School of Law–Camden, Florida Coastal School of Law, and Florida State College of Law. He has taught international and comparative environmental law courses in study abroad programs in Kenya, Canada, India, Argentina, Spain, and the Cayman Islands and has published and presented widely on environmental law topics. He is the editor of *What Can Animal Law Learn From Environmental Law?* (ELI Press, 2015) and *Climate Change Impacts on Ocean and Coastal Law: U.S. and International Perspectives* (Oxford University Press, 2015) and co-editor of *Climate Change and Indigenous Peoples: The Search for Legal Remedies* (Edward Elgar, 2013).

Rachelle Adam teaches environmental law at Hebrew University's law faculty, following a career as a legal advisor for Israel's Environment Ministry, where she worked extensively on international conventions. After serving as a government lawyer, Professor Adam became an advocacy lawyer and was co-founder of a leading community-based environmental organization (Ramot for the Environment) in Jerusalem. She received a doctorate in international biodiversity law. She is author of *Elephant Treaties, the Colonial Legacy of the Biodiversity Crisis* (UPNE Press, 2014). She is currently a member of the Compliance Committee of the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean, co-founder and head of ASIL's International Wildlife Law Forum, and has recently been appointed lead author for the chapter on "Responses" for Israel's report on *Ecosystems and Human Well-Being, a National Assessment*, now under preparation.

Paul Boudreaux, Professor at Stetson Law, teaches and writes on topics of law and geography, including environmental law, natural resources law, property, and land use law. His particular areas of interest in recent years have included endangered species protection, water quality, suburban sprawl, and urban redevelopment. During the 2009-10 academic year, he served as the LeRoy Highbaugh Sr. Research Chair. He received a JD at the University of Virginia School of Law, where he was Executive Editor of the *Virginia Law Review* and was selected for the Order of the Coif. He later was awarded an LLM degree from Georgetown University Law Center. Before law school, he received a bachelor's degree at the University of Virginia, studied economics as a graduate fellow at the University of Wisconsin, and edited a newsletter on consumer credit law. After clerking for the late Judge George Revercomb

of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, he worked at the U.S. Department of Justice, where he litigated civil cases in federal courts across the nation for more than a decade.

Sabine Brels is a French lawyer with a specific background in international animal law. After earning an LLM in international wildlife law, she received a PhD in animal welfare law. She has been a consultant for various organizations, such as the WWF and the Convention on Biological Diversity (UNEP). She is currently the Director of the Global Animal Law Project, which can be found online at www.globalanimallaw.org.

Steve Charnovitz teaches at the George Washington University Law School and writes on international trade, international law, U.S. foreign relations law, and environmental sustainability. He received both a BA and JD from Yale University and an MPP from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Before joining GW Law in 2004, he practiced law for six years at the firm now known as Wilmer Hale in Washington, D.C. From 1995 to 1999, he was Director of the Global Environment and Trade Study, located at Yale University. From 1991 to 1995, he was Policy Director of the Competitiveness Policy Council, which issued four reports to the Congress and president. Professor Charnovitz serves on the editorial boards of the *Journal of International Economic Law*, the *World Trade Review*, *Cosmopolis: A Review of Cosmopolitics*, and the *Journal of Environment & Development*. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the American Law Institute and the author, co-author, or co-editor of three books and more than 200 articles, essays, or book reviews.

Bill Clark has worked in wildlife law enforcement for more than 35 years and has been closely associated with INTERPOL's efforts to suppress wildlife crime for 22 years, including four years as Chairman of its Wildlife Crimes Group. With INTERPOL, he has coordinated five major multi-country law enforcement operations against ivory traffickers and has been involved with a large number of individual cases. He has flown many hours of anti-poaching patrol for the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) Airwing and continues to work closely with the KWS Security Department. He has worked on ivory cases, bird smuggling cases, and similar violations for the Israel Nature and Parks Authority, and he has served as an Israeli delegate to CITES for more than three decades. He is trained as a wildlife biologist and has had many articles published in peer-reviewed journals, including *Science*, *Conservation Biology*, *Scientific American*, and *Proceedings of the National Academy of Science*. He has been honored with numerous awards, including being knighted as chevalier de l'Ordre du Merite by the President of Senegal and the 2010 Clark R. Bavin Award for Wildlife Law Enforcement.

Jose de Arteaga is an advocate/volunteer with Elephants D.C. He worked in the areas of human services, labor relations, and social justice for several years prior to joining Landmines Blow! In addition, he served as a probation and parole agent for the state of Wisconsin and as a counselor for Genesis Behavioral Services. He received a BS in criminal justice at the University of Wisconsin School of Social Welfare and a JD at the University of Wisconsin Law School. He currently works as a Program Manager for the District of Columbia Department of Human Services in Washington D.C. In 2009, Mr. de Arteaga won the Hope Award, presented by Restoration Ministries, for his work as a child advocate.

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David Favre, The Nancy Heathcote Professor of Property and Animal Law at Michigan State University College of Law, was a founding board member of the Animal Legal Defense Fund and the incorporator and board member of the Species Survival Network. He teaches property, international environmental law, wildlife law, and animal law; has written books and articles concerning animal cruelty, wildlife law, the use of animals for scientific research, and international control of animal trade, CITES and animal rights; and was a co-organizer of the second Global Conference on Animal Law in Barcelona, Spain. His books include *Animal Law and Dog Behavior*; *Animal Law: Welfare, Interest, and Rights*; and *International Trade in Endangered Species*. He also has presented to international audiences on these topics.

Peter L. Fitzgerald, Professor at Stetson Law, is a specialist in domestic and international commercial law and policy, with an additional focus on the emerging field of international animal law. He has a wide-ranging background as a practitioner, educator, and advisor to governments regarding international transactions and trade regulation. Professor Fitzgerald has served as a Visiting Academic Advisor to the Law Commission of England and Wales on their Wildlife Law Reform Project for the British Parliament; as a MacCormick Fellow at the University of Edinburgh School of Law; as a Visiting Fellow at the University of Cambridge Lauterpacht Centre for International Law; and as a Fulbright Distinguished Scholar to the United Kingdom. He is also a Fellow of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce,

which was established in London in 1754. He is the author of *International Issues in Animal Law* and a co-author of a series of other books on international economic law. He has written numerous articles addressing international business transactions and trade relations.

Sue Fisher trained as an attorney in the United Kingdom. Since 1994, she has worked in policy/advocacy roles at animal protection and wildlife conservation NGOs in the United Kingdom and the United States. Her primary focus is the conservation of whales and management of whaling by the International Whaling Commission and the regulation of trade in endangered species by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora. She is the Secretary of the Species Survival Network, a coalition of more than 80 conservation/animal protection organizations worldwide working on wildlife trade issues. Ms. Fisher is currently a consultant on marine issues for the Animal Welfare Institute.

Robert L. Glicksman is the J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Professor of Environmental Law at the George Washington University Law School. A graduate of Cornell Law School and a former chaired professor at the University of Kansas School of Law, Professor Glicksman is a nationally and internationally recognized authority on environmental, natural resources, and administrative law. He is the co-author of numerous books, including the four-volume treatise *Public Natural Resources Law* (West, 2nd ed., 2007), two casebooks on environmental law and administrative law, and *Modern Public Land Law in a Nutshell* (West, 4th ed., 2012). He is also the co-author of *Statutory Analysis in the Regulatory State* (Foundation Press, 2014). Professor Glicksman has written extensively on climate change, public land management, environmental enforcement, environmental federalism, and various administrative law topics relating to environmental and public natural resources law.

Kathy Hessler, Clinical Professor of Law at Lewis & Clark Law School, earned a JD from the College of William and Mary Marshall-Wythe School of Law and an LLM from Georgetown University Law Center. Professor Hessler worked at Legal Services of Northern Virginia, had a teaching fellowship at Georgetown University Law Center, and has taught at the law schools of Case Western Reserve University, Cornell, the University of Dayton, and Capital University. Professor Hessler was previously a board member with the Animal Legal Defense Fund and is a past Chair and Founder of the Animal Law Section of the American Association of Law Schools and the Balance in Legal Education Section. She is a co-author (with Pamela Frasch and Megan Senatori) of the amicus brief submitted in the *U.S. v. Stevens* case on behalf of 45 law professors who teach animal law. In addition, she is co-author of *Animal Law in a Nutshell* (with Pamela Frasch, Sarah Kutil, and Sonia Waisman) and has written numerous other law review and other articles..

Elizabeth Hogan, Campaigns Manager for Oceans and Wildlife, World Animal Protection, is a campaigner focused on marine wildlife entanglement, whaling policy, marine wildlife in captivity, and illegal wildlife trade. She previously worked with the International Fund for Animal Welfare on protective policies for the North Atlantic Right Whale. Ms Hogan is a contributing author to two books on corporate social responsibility. She holds a degree in foreign service from Georgetown University and a dual master of science degrees in marine and coastal natural resources and in sustainable development from the University for Peace in Costa Rica and American University in Washington, D.C., respectively. She speaks Spanish and Portuguese.

Cathy Liss is President of the Animal Welfare Institute and has worked for the organization for more than 30 years. She has a background in wildlife management, biology, and animal science. She has served as a member of the National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee (a consultative body to the Secretary of Agriculture) and as a member of the U.S. Technical Advisory Group on Humane Trap Standards (charged with developing the U.S. position on international trap standards). She has lobbied for local, state, and federal laws against cruel traps and lobbied for the European Union Regulation against leghold traps.

Carroll Muffett is President and CEO of the Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL), a nonprofit organization that works to protect the environment, promote human rights, and ensure a just and sustainable society. Before joining CIEL, Mr. Muffett served as Executive Director of the Climate Law and Policy Project and as Deputy Campaigns Director at Greenpeace USA, where he was instrumental in the organization's campaigns on global warming, forests, and ocean biodiversity. From 2000 to 2006, he was International Counsel and Senior Director for International Conservation at Defenders of Wildlife, helping to win international protections for great white sharks, wild birds, and high-value timber species such as mahogany. He is a member of IUCN's Commission on Environmental Law, the Board of Editors for the *International Journal of Wildlife Law and Policy*, and the Board of Directors of the Climate Accountability Institute. From 2000 to 2014, he served on the Board of the Species Survival Network. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School and Georgetown University School of Foreign Service.

Jeff Pierce is a Litigation Fellow at the Animal Legal Defense Fund, where he focuses primarily on wildlife issues and the Endangered Species Act. His work is published online and in the Environmental Law Institute's recent book examining what animal advocates might learn from the environmental movement. Mr. Pierce graduated from Stanford Law School (2013), where he served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Animal Law and Policy* and conducted legal research on animal law issues on behalf of Compassion Over Killing. During the

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Kate O'Connell has a combined background in international relations and biology. She has worked on whale and dolphin issues since the 1980s. From Argentina to Sri Lanka, she has taken part in a variety of non-lethal field studies, organizing training programs for young biologists in several countries. In addition to being an NGO observer at meetings of several international treaty organizations such as CITES, the InterAmerican Tropical Tuna Commission and the International Whaling Commission, she served for many years as the NGO representative on the International Review Panel of the AIDCP, a treaty for the protection of dolphins in the eastern Pacific Ocean. A Marine Wildlife Consultant for the Animal Welfare Institute, Ms. O'Connell is also a member of the American Translators Association.

Patrick Ramage, Whale Programme Director for International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW), leads IFAW's efforts to protect our planet's great whales from commercial whaling and the many other threats they face worldwide. In addition to ongoing campaign activities in Japan, Iceland and Norway, Mr. Ramage's whale programme team supports IFAW projects as diverse as humpback whale research in Zanzibar; a Floating Classroom educational project in Dominica, West Indies; and world-class whale research conducted by IFAW's state-of-the-art sailing vessel, *Song of the Whale*. He has worked on international environmental issues for more than two decades and has led IFAW delegations to more than a dozen International Whaling Commission meetings. He has served as an accredited representative to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, the U.N. Conference on Population and Development, the World Trade Organization, and the Arctic Council. A frequently quoted conservation advocate, he has testified before the U.S. House Foreign Affairs and Natural Resources Committees.

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Joan Schaffner, Associate Professor of Law at the George Washington University Law School, received a BS in mechanical engineering and a JD from the University of Southern California and a MS in mechanical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She teaches civil procedure, remedies, and sexuality and the law and directs the GW Animal Law Program. She has presented on animal law panels at conferences worldwide and has written extensively on animal law issues, including “Valuing Nature in Environmental Law: Lessons for Animal Law and the Valuation of Animals” in *What Can Animal Law Learn From Environmental Law?* (ELI Press, 2015) and *Introduction to Animals and the Law* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2010). Professor Schaffner is Past Chair and Newsletter Vice-Chair of the American Bar Association Tort, Trial, and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS) Animal Law Committee; Founding Chair and Chair (2015) of the AALS Section on Animal Law; and Fellow, Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics. In 2013, she received the Excellence in the Advancement of Animal Law Award from TIPS.

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Tim Scott serves as Policy Advisor on Environment with the Sustainable Development Cluster of the Bureau for Policy and Programme Support of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in New York. He is responsible for ensuring synergies between the work of the Environment and Natural Capital Team, including efforts to combat the illegal trade in wildlife, and UNDP’s broader work on the social, economic, and governance dimensions of sustainable development. Mr. Scott has worked for more than 15 years with UNDP, as well as with the public sector and civil society on issues of sustainable development and the intersection between environmental sustainability, economic growth, and social progress. His previous UNDP assignments include a focus on green economy (2012-2014), climate change (2011-12), human development reports (2004-11), the MDGs, trade, and economic management (2001-04). He has published articles on environment and development theme, including climate change, migration, and human security.

Dinah Shelton, Manatt/Ahn Professor Emeritus of International Law at the George Washington University Law School, joined the faculty in 2004 after her tenure as Professor of International Law and Director of the Doctoral Program in International Human Rights Law at the University of Notre Dame Law School. Professor Shelton is the author or editor of three prize-winning books, including *Remedies in International Human Rights Law* (awarded the 2000 Certificate of Merit, American Society of International Law) and the three-volume *Encyclopedia of Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity* (awarded a Best Research book award by the New York Public Library). She is a member of the Board of Editors of the *American Journal of International Law* and is a Vice President of the American Society of International Law. In 2006, she was awarded the Elizabeth Haub Prize in Environmental Law. In 2009, she became the first woman nominated by the United States to become a member of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

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