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## MORNING

**7:30 a.m.**  
**Check-in • Walk-in Registration • Distribution of Coursebooks  
• Coffee and Pastry Service**

**8:25 a.m.**  
**Welcome and Introduction by Program Co-Chairs**  
*Elizabeth Lorraine Elliott — Attorney at Law, Normandy Park*  
*Erica Knauf Santos — Knauf Santos Law PLLC, Seattle*

**8:30 a.m.**  
**If Animals are Property, How Can Lawyers Help Them —  
Current Practice and Visions for the Future**

Through the use of case studies, Bruce will explain the role that the property status of animals plays in contemporary litigation for animals. The presentation will include discussion of (1) several exemplar animal protection lawsuits and (2) the true nature of the property status of animals and the reasons given to change or maintain it.

*Bruce Wagman — Schiff Hardin LLP, San Francisco*

**9:30 a.m.**  
**Advancing the Concept of Animal Rights in Today's Legal  
System**

The American legal system generally seeks to maintain the status quo, the status quo in our case being the exploitation of animals as property. Animal rights advocates want to gain recognition of the interests of and establish rights for other animals. How do we, as legal professionals, work effectively to bring about change in our legal system?

*Joyce Tischler — General Counsel, Animal Legal Defense Fund, Cotati, CA*

**10:30 a.m.**  
**Break**

**10:45 a.m.**  
**National Judicial Animal Law Update**

Expanding the traditional annual survey of notable Washington animal law decisions to include the rest of the country. Obtain a nationwide perspective on successful approaches, failed outcomes, and litigation trends developing in numerous judicial fora.

*Adam P. Karp — Animal Law Offices, Bellingham*

## AFTERNOON

**11:45 a.m.**  
**Lunch on Your Own**

**1:00 p.m.**  
**Legislative Update**

Discussion of state legislation to protect animals as well as a look at when it's appropriate to take animal protection issues directly to the people through the citizen's initiative process. Review of current legislative work in Washington State and a look at our agenda for ballot work for the 2010 election year.

*Jennifer Hillman — Director of Ballot Issue Campaigns, The Humane Society of the United States, Seattle*

**2:00 p.m.**  
**Speaking of Animals: Using Expert Witnesses as Spokespersons  
For Animal Victims and Perpetrators.**

Evaluating expert opinion testimony in animal cases from evidentiary, procedural, substantive, and practical standpoints, using illustrative examples from such areas as veterinary forensics, standard of care, animal sentience and capacity to suffer, valuation, breed identification, paternity, and ballistics.

*Adam Karp — Animal Law Offices, Bellingham*

**3:00 p.m.**  
**Break**

**3:15 p.m.**  
**Ethical Issues with Expert Witnesses**

Packed with information on: Prepping an expert witness without crossing the line; Confidentiality and Privileged Communication with experts; and Avoiding Conflicts of Interest.

*Elizabeth Lorraine Elliott — Attorney at Law, Normandy Park*

**3:45 p.m.**  
**Panel Discussion**

*Jim Ha — Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist and Research Associate Professor, University of Washington, Seattle*

*Ann Howie, LICSW, ACSW — Human Animal Solutions, Olympia*

*Patricia Talcott, D.V.M., Ph.D. — Toxicologist, Associate Professor College of Veterinary Medicine, Washington State University, Pullman*

**4:45 p.m.**  
**Complete Evaluation Forms • Adjourn**

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