

REBECCA J. HUSS

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Professor of Law

Valparaiso University Law School, Valparaiso, Indiana

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (2018–2019)

Phyllis and Richard Duesenberg Chair in Law (2016–2019)

Michael and Diane Swygert Research Fellow (2014–2016)

Professor of Law (2004–2019)

Associate Professor of Law (2002–2004)

Assistant Professor of Law (1999–2002)

Visiting Professor of Law

Lewis & Clark Law School, Portland, Oregon (Summer 2011)

Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, Florida (Fall 2006)

The University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City, Iowa (Summer 2006)

Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana (Spring 2005)

RECENT COURSES

Business Associations, Non Profit Organizations, Mergers & Acquisitions, UCC: Sales, Legal Profession (Professional Responsibility), and Animal Law

ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS

Excellence in Animal Law Award from the Animal Law Section of the American Association of Law Schools (2019).

Jack A. Hiller Distinguished Faculty Award from Valparaiso University Law School (2018).

Excellence in the Advancement of Animal Law Award from the Animal Law Committee of the American Bar Association's Tort, Trial & Insurance Practice Section (2011).

Appointed as the Guardian/Special Master of the dogs seized in Civil Action No.: 3:07CV397 (E.D. Va. 2007) (the Bad Newz Kennels case).

For the work as Guardian/Special Master, was the recipient of four awards from federal agencies.

PUBLICATIONS

Pups, Paperwork and Process: Confusion and Conflict Regarding Service and Assistance Animals, (forthcoming 20 NEVADA L. J. ____ (2020)).

Canines at the Company, Felines at the Factory: The Risks and Rewards of Incorporating Service Animals and Companion Animals into the Workplace, 123 DICKINSON L. REV. 263 (2019).

Canines in the Classroom Redux: Applying the ADA or the IDEA to Determine Whether a Student Should be Allowed to be Accompanied by a Service Animal at a Primary or Secondary Educational Institution, 35 TOURO L. REV. 235 (2019) (Symposium).

Hounds at the Hospital, Cats at the Clinic: Challenges Associated with Service Animals and Animal-Assisted Interventions in Healthcare Facilities, 40 U. HAWAI'I L. REV. 53 (2018).

Canines in the Classroom: Issues Relating to Service Animals in Primary and Secondary Educational Institutions After Fry v. Napoleon Community Schools, 24 ANIMAL L. 53 (2017) (Symposium).

Ensuring Effective Tools for a Challenging Task: Amending the Animal Welfare Act's Animal Fighting Venture Civil Asset Forfeiture Provision, 78 U. PITT. L. REV. 399 (2017).

Legal and Policy Issues for Classrooms with Animals, in HOW ANIMALS HELP STUDENTS LEARN: RESEARCH AND PRACTICE FOR EDUCATORS AND MENTAL-HEALTH PROFESSIONALS (co-authored with Aubrey Fine) (2017).

Legal and Policy Issues for Animal Assisted Interventions with Special Populations, 21 APPLIED DEVELOPMENTAL SCIENCE 217 (2017).

Canines in the Classroom Revisited: Recent Developments Relating to Students' Utilization of Service Animals at Primary and Secondary Educational Institutions, 9 ALB. GOV'T L. REV. 1 (2016) (Symposium).

A Conundrum for Animal Activists: Can or Should the Current Legal Classification of Certain Animals Be Utilized to Improve the Lives of All Animals? The Intersection of Federal Disability Laws and Breed-Discriminatory Legislation, 2015 MICH. ST. L. REV. 1561 (2015) (Symposium).

Re-evaluating the Role of Companion Animals in the Era of the Aging Boomer, 47 AKRON L. REV. 497 (2014).

Canines (and Cats!) in Correctional Institutions: Legal and Ethical Issues Relating to Companion Animal Programs, 14 NEVADA L. J. 25 (2013).

Canines on Campus: Companion Animals at Postsecondary Educational Institutions, 77 MISSOURI L. REV. 417 (2012).

Canines in the Classroom: Service Animals in Primary and Secondary Educational Institutions, 4 J. ANIMAL L. AND ETHICS 11 (2011).

Why Context Matters: Defining Service Animals Under Federal Law, 37 PEPP. L. REV. 1163 (2010).

The Pervasive Nature of Animal Law: How the Law Impacts the Lives of People and Their Animal Companions, 43 VAL. L. REV. 1131 (2009).

Why Animal Law Matters: Establishing an Animal Law Section in An Era of Emerging Issues 52-MAR RES GESTAE 37 (2009).

Lessons Learned: Acting as Guardian/Special Master in the Bad Newz Kennels Case, 15 ANIMAL L. 69 (2008).

Issues Relating to Companion Animals in Housing, in ANIMAL LAW AND THE COURTS: A READER (Taimie L. Bryant, Rebecca J. Huss & David N. Cassuto eds., 2008).

Rescue Me: Legislating Cooperation Between Animal Control Authorities and Rescue Organizations, 39 CONN. L. REV. 2059 (2007).

No-Pets Allowed: Housing Issues and Companion Animals, 11 ANIMAL L. 69 (2005).

Recent Developments in Animal Law, 40 TORTS, TRIAL & INS. PRAC. J. 233 (2005).

Valuation in Veterinary Malpractice, 35 LOY U. CHI. L. J. 479 (2004).

Separation, Custody and Estate Planning Issues Relating to Companion Animals, 74 U. COLO. L. REV. 183 (2003).

Valuing Man's and Woman's Best Friend: The Moral and Legal Status of Companion Animals, 86 MARQ. L. REV. 47 (2002).

Revamping Veil Piercing for All Limited Liability Entities: Forcing the Common Law Doctrine into the Statutory Age, 70 U. CIN. L. REV. 95 (2001).

EDUCATION

The University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City, Iowa

Master of Laws in International and Comparative Law, 1995

Thesis: *Comparison of International Commercial Dispute Resolution Methods from the Perspective of a United States' Client* (Completed May 1995)

University of Richmond School of Law, Richmond, Virginia

Juris Doctor *magna cum laude*, 1992

Class Rank 1/140

Member, *University of Richmond Law Review* and McNeill Law Society

Recipient of the Following Academic Performance Awards: J. Westwood Smithers Medal, Charles T. Norman Award, Michie Company Prize, Cudlipp Medal, Hornbook Award

Cambridge University, Cambridge, England
Emmanuel College, Summer 1990

University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa
Bachelor of Arts in Economics, 1989
Minor in International Studies
Graduated with Highest Honors
Waterloo Symphony Orchestra

Kansai University of Foreign Studies, Osaka, Japan
Studied International Economics and Japanese during the 1987-1988 Academic Year

OTHER PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Best Friends Animal Society, Kanab, Utah
General Counsel (July 2019 to Present)
Advise large animal advocacy organization on wide-range of topics including legal issues in the areas of contracts, torts, nonprofit, and animal law.

Wyeth (Formerly American Home Products Corporation), Overland Park, Kansas
Attorney for Fort Dodge Animal Health Division (May 1998 to July 1999)
Advised division on general corporate and business matters including contracting, distribution, and advertising issues.

Husch Blackwell (Formerly Blackwell Sanders), Kansas City, Missouri
Associate in the Corporate Department (Mar. 1996 to Apr. 1998)
Practiced in a firm of approximately 200 attorneys. Primary emphasis on general business issues including mergers and acquisitions. Focused on transborder acquisitions and contracting matters.

Perkins Coie, Seattle, Washington
Corporate Finance and Business/Tax/International Departments
Associate (October 1992 to July 1994), Summer Associate from May 1991 to August 1991
General corporate practice in a firm of approximately 330 attorneys. While in both departments, worked on international matters with partners throughout the firm.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND BAR LICENSES

American Association of Law Schools – Animal Law Section
Chair (2010), Chair-Elect (2009), Executive Committee (2008, 2015–2017)
American Bar Association – Tort, Trial and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS)
TIPS Animal Law Committee: Vice Chair (2008–2011, 2014–2019),
Immediate Past Chair (2013–2014), Chair (2012–2013), Chair-Elect (2011–2012), Chair-Elect
Designee (2010–2011), Co-Chair, Companion Animal Subcommittee (2009–2011)
TIPS Robert B. McKay Law Professor Awards Committee: Chair (2017–2019),
Chair-Elect (2016–2017), Member (2015–2016)
TIPS Law in Public Service Committee: (2013–2019)
Indiana State Bar Association – Special Committee on Animal Law Co-Chair (2009–2010)

Admitted to Practice:

Kansas (September 1996) (inactive status)
Missouri (April 1996)
Iowa (June 1995)
Washington (November 1992) (inactive status)

SELECTED RECENT LAW SCHOOL SERVICE

Director of the Honors Program (May 2016–May 2019)
Co-Director of the Honors Program (August 2014–May 2016)
Faculty Advisor for Law Review (May 2017–May 2019)
Chair of the Tenured Faculty (May 2016–June 2018)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Shake on It: Negotiating Animal Contracts, 2019 Best Friends National Conference, Best Friends Animal Society (Dallas, Texas, July 26, 2019)

Differing Definitions: Service and Assistance Animals, 10th Annual Animal Law Conference, Illinois State Bar Association (Chicago, Illinois, March 1, 2019)

How the Law Can Help (or Hinder) the Ability to Keep Elders and Their Companion Animals Together in Their Homes, Human-Animal Interaction: Impacts and Issues of Pet Ownership for Community Dwelling Older Adults, Gerontology Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting (Boston, Massachusetts, November 15, 2018)

The Differing Definitions of Service and Assistance Animals Under Federal Law, Hot Topics in Animal Law, Indiana State Bar Association & Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law (Indianapolis, Indiana, September 21, 2018)

The Role of the Guardian/Special Master in the Bad Newz Kennels Case & The Federal Animal Welfare Act's Animal Fighting Provisions, Notre Dame Law School, SALDF Organization Event (South Bend, Indiana, March 6, 2018) and Lewis & Clark Law School, SALDF Organization Event (Portland, Oregon – Presentation via Videoconferencing, February 15, 2018)

Assistance Animals: Case Law and Regulation – What You Need to Know and A Rare Look into the Bad Newz Kennels Case: Ten Years Later, Central and Southern Illinois Animal Law Conference, Illinois State Bar Association (Carbondale, Illinois, February 9, 2018)

Challenges in the U.S. Relating to Service and Assistance Animals, CBABC Animal Law – Professional Development Joint Conference 2018 (Vancouver, B.C., Canada, February 3, 2018)

The Bad Newz Kennels and Role of Guardian/Special Master & The Federal Animal Welfare Act's Animal Fighting Prohibition Provisions and Limitations, Educational Event for the Monroe County Humane Association (Bloomington, Indiana – Presentation via Videoconferencing, October 25, 2017)

Air Carrier Access Act and Assistance Animals on Campus, Assistance Animals: What You Need To Know, American Bar Association (Webinar, May 9, 2017)

Understanding Your Role on the Board of a Non-Profit Organization, Dive Warning: Things You Should Know Before Leaping into the Pool of a Non-Profit Board and Find Yourself Over Your Head, American Bar Association, Tort, Trial and Insurance Practice Section Conference (Chicago, Illinois, April 27, 2017)

Why Context Matters: Service and Assistance Animals, Guest Lecturer, Animal Law Course, Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law (Indianapolis, Indiana – Presentation via Videoconferencing, February 9, 2017)

Issues Relating to Service Animals in Schools: What Happens After the Decision in Fry v. Napoleon Community Schools, Animals as Living Accommodations, American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting (San Francisco, California, January 6, 2017)

Civil Asset Forfeiture and Cost of Care Assessments Under the Animal Welfare Act, Relocating Animals Under the AWA, AWA at Fifty Conference, Harvard Animal Law & Policy Program (Cambridge, Massachusetts, December 3, 2016)

Indiana Hot Topics and Service Animals in Schools, 2nd Annual Animal Law Summit: Hot Topics Across North America (Seattle, Washington – Presentation via Videoconferencing, August 12, 2016)

Context Matters: Service and Assistance Animals Under Federal Law, Animal Law Caucus Meeting, American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting (Chicago, Illinois, July 17, 2016)

A Conundrum for Animal Activists: Can or Should the Current Legal Classification of Certain Animals Be Utilized to Improve the Lives of All Animals?, Animal Law: Theory & Context, The Law & Society Annual Meeting, Chair and Presenter (Seattle, Washington, May 31, 2015)

Legal Issues Relating to Animals in Educational Environments, Research on Human-Animal Interactions in Education Settings, MARS Petcare & WALTHAM® (Washington, D.C., May 27, 2015)

Legal Issues and Policy Implications, Animal-Assisted Interventions in Special Populations, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, MARS Petcare & WALTHAM® (Rockville, Maryland, April 21, 2015)

A Conundrum for Animal Activists: Can or Should the Current Legal Classification of Certain Animals Be Utilized to Improve the Lives of All Animals?, The Rights of Animals, Persuasion in Civil Rights Advocacy Symposium, Michigan State University College of Law (East Lansing, Michigan, April 10, 2015)

Emerging Issues in Animal Law and Why Context Matters: Defining Service and Assistance Animals Under Federal Law, The Politics of Puppies: Due Process for Dogs and Case Law for Cats, The 25th Annual Convention for the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (Kansas City, Missouri, November 8, 2013)

Emerging Issues in Animal Law, Valparaiso University Law School, SALDF Organization Event (Valparaiso, Indiana, October 21, 2013)

Lessons Learned: Acting as Guardian/Special Master in the Bad Newz Kennels Case, Notre Dame Law School, SALDF Organization Event (South Bend, Indiana, October 17, 2013)

Emerging Issues in Animal Law, A Fresh Perspective, The 63rd Annual ORALL Meeting and Conference (Valparaiso, Indiana, October 18, 2012)

Aging Adults and Animals: Legal Issues Relating to Living with Companion Animals, Animal Law: Theory and Context, The Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Chair and Presenter (Honolulu, Hawaii, June 8, 2012)

The Intersection of Legal Issues Involving Animals and Gerontology, Animals, Ethics & Law Symposium, University of Tennessee-Knoxville (Knoxville, Tennessee, March 3, 2012)

Why Context Matters: Defining Service Animals Under Federal Law, Animals in Legal Context, American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting (Washington D.C., January 7, 2012)

Practicing Animal Law: Why Contracts, Wills and Business Law Matter to Animals, Standing Up for Animals: Can a Bad Economy Inspire Greater Goodness? 19th Annual Animal Law Conference at Lewis & Clark (Portland, Oregon, October 15, 2011)

Lessons Learned: Acting as Guardian/Special Master in the Bad Newz Kennels Case, Hudson Valley Community College (Troy, New York, September 29, 2011)

Canines on Campus: Service Animals in Post-Secondary Institutions, Animal Law: Theory and Context, The Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Chair and Presenter (San Francisco, California, June 5, 2011)

The Evolving Nature of Animal Law, Valparaiso Organization for Learning and Teaching Seniors (Valparaiso, Indiana, May 5, 2011)

Role of Guardian/Special Master, "It's Our Turn to Fight for Them" Prosecuting Animal Cruelty: Dog Fighting, University of Kansas Student Animal Legal Defense Fund (Lawrence, Kansas, April 25, 2011)

The Evolving Nature of Animal Law, Knowing Animals: History, Strategies and Frontiers in Human/Animal Relations Initiative, Center for Advanced Study, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Urbana, Illinois, February 15, 2011)

Service Animals in Educational Environments, Animal Law: Theory and Context, The Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Chair and Presenter (Chicago, Illinois, May 28, 2010)

Service Animals in Educational Environments, Mid-Atlantic Regional Animal Law Symposium (Baltimore, Maryland, April 9, 2010)

The Pervasive Nature of Animal Law: How it Impacts You & Your Clients, Indiana State Bar Association, Annual Meeting (Indianapolis, Indiana, November 6, 2009)

Acting as Guardian/Special Master, Beyond the Headlines: The Bad Newz Kennels Investigation, USDA Office of Inspector General Professional Development Conference (Nashville, Tennessee, July 21, 2009)

Lessons Learned: Acting as Guardian/Special Master in the Bad Newz Kennels Case, Arizona State Bar Association, Animal Law Section Meeting (Phoenix, Arizona, June 26, 2009)

Why Context Matters: Defining Service Animals Under Federal Law, Animal Law: Theory and Context, The Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Chair and Presenter (Denver, Colorado, May 29, 2009)

Lessons Learned: Acting as Guardian/Special Master in the Bad Newz Kennels Case, Guest Lecturer, Animal Law Course, University of Chicago Law School (Chicago, Illinois, May 6, 2009)

Constitutional Issues, Rethinking Dangerous Dogs Panel, No Kill 2009, Bringing Sheltering into the 21st Century (Washington, D.C., May 3, 2009)

Lessons Learned: Acting as Guardian/Special Master in the Bad Newz Kennels Case, Drexel University School of Law (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 26, 2009)

Lessons Learned from the Vick Dogs, One Earth: Globalism & Animal Law, The Animal Law Conference at Lewis & Clark Law School (Portland, Oregon, October 18, 2008)

Animal Law and Its Emerging Issues, Inaugural Lecture, Valparaiso University Law School (Valparaiso, Indiana, September 25, 2008)

Lessons Learned as the Guardian/Special Master of the Vick Dogs, Prosecuting and Representing Animal Abusers and Caring for the Victims – The Michael Vick Case and Its Impact on Cruelty Cases, Co-Sponsored by the American Bar Association TIPS Animal Law & Trial Techniques Committees & Criminal Law Section (Chicago, Illinois, September 19, 2008)

A Perspective on the Use of Civil Asset Forfeiture Laws in a Criminal Animal Fighting Case, Animal Law: Theory and Context, The Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Chair and Presenter (Montreal, Canada, May 29, 2008)

Keynote Speaker, What Became of the Dogs? The Custody and Placement of the Dogs Involved in the Bad Newz Kennels Case, 3rd Annual Animal Law Conference, Co-Sponsored by the Minnesota State Bar Association Animal Law Section and William Mitchell College of Law (St. Paul, Minnesota, March 15, 2008)

The Changing Status of Companion Animals: The Limitations of the Property Concept, Kindred Spirits Conference, Indiana University (Bloomington, Indiana, September 9, 2006)

When “No Pets Allowed” No Longer Applies – Senior Citizens and Their Animals, American Bar Association Annual Meeting (Honolulu, Hawaii, August 5, 2006)