

## **Animal Law Section**

### **Meeting Agenda**

**June 25, 2024**

#### I. Call to Order

II. In Attendance: Sunrise Ayers, Ashley Marelius, Jane McElligott, Adam Karp, Todd Criner

#### III. Old Business

1. Increase 30-minute CLE's offered at the meetings

a. Today's CLE will be our 6<sup>th</sup>. Also have a speaker from Friends of the Earth to talk about animal agriculture at our 10/22 meeting.

b. At our prior meeting, we decided to offer to speakers the option to do a 30 or 45-minute presentation; will try to keep business portion of the meeting to 15-20 minutes when have longer CLE's so we only go over by ~5 mins.

c. CLE topic requests?

2. Adam Karp recorded a great CLE for the Section, you can register to watch the recording on demand here:

<https://isb.fastcle.com/store/seminar/seminar.php?seminar=201455>

3. Outreach and education to law students and new lawyers about animal law and the section.

a. Do we want to hold a happy hour event during the annual meeting (July 17-19<sup>th</sup>) or time it to coincide with the new admission ceremony (Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>)?

#### IV. New Business

1. Update on Financials

2. Officer Nominations

a. Vote on slate of nominees

**Chairperson:**

**Jane McElligott**, Purdue Global University - Boise

**Vice Chairperson:**

**Ashley R. Marelius**, Breen, Ball & Marelius, PLLC - Boise

**Secretary/Treasurer:**

**H. Todd Criner** - Boise

**Three (3) At-Large Positions:**

**Adam P. Karp**, Animal Law Offices, PLLC – Bellingham, WA

**Tyler A. Lobdell**, Food & Water Watch – Boise

**Sunrise Ayers**, Idaho Legal Aid Services

**Past Chairperson:**

**Sunrise A. Ayers**, Idaho Legal Aid Services – Boise

Slate of candidates was voted on and approved.

V. CLE Presentation (30 minutes) – Shayla Peel, Ada County Family and Domestic Violence Programs Manager, presenting a CLE on Pets and civil protection orders. Notes from the CLE:

A. Review of I.C. 39-6304 and 39-6306 – “other relief ordered as the court deems necessary.” Encourage petitioners to try and cite to this portion of the statute and put on evidence of why what they are asking for re: the pet is needed. On the CPO forms, can ask for the pet to stay at the property under section C and can ask for the pet to stay in custody of the petitioner in section F (e.g., Resp is not to take Dog) – list the reasons why the respondent should not be able to keep/take the pet. At the hearing, present evidence that abuse of the pet is directly related to abuse of the petitioner; testimony that pet has been abused or is in danger of abuse (in the petitioner’s presence, or directed at them, or in retaliation against them); present evidence of ownership of the pet by petitioner. If not successful keeping the pet with petitioner in the CPO, can seek an order in small claims or divorce action. Helpful to note that judges are fine signing off on a stipulated pet custody agreement but won’t hold a hearing or issue an order of their own on pet custody.

B. 40 of the 50 states do expressly allow for including pets in protection orders and a majority permit granting custody of the animal to the protected person.

C. 2017 VAWA included PAWS (Pet and Women Safety Act) – which recommends that states should include pets in protective orders.

VI. Upcoming Meeting Dates: October 22<sup>nd</sup>

VII. Adjourn