

## ANIMAL LAW 101 2022



***Find out what animal law is and how animal law could intersect with your practice***

**Tuesday, April 12, 2022, 9:00am – 12:30pm via Zoom Webinar**

**Who should attend:** Lawyers interested in animal law, lawyers interested in developing a new practice, litigators, lawyers who practice family law, wills & estates lawyers, criminal law, or environmental law.

Animal law is more than just dog bite law. Animals pervade our lives and the law. Human and animal lives are interconnected. Animals provide companionship, work for us, share our environment, and are a food source for some. Issues involving companion and wild animals arise in family, small claims, environmental, criminal, traffic, ticket & bylaw cases in the courtroom and in many other matters outside the courtroom. Find out about this growing area of law and how it intersects with mainstream practice areas and your own practice. At this course, you will learn the basics about animal law and will:

- gain an understanding of the history and current state of the legal treatment of animals
- discover how animals currently participate in the court room
- find out how animal law intersects with main stream practice areas such as family law, wills and estates, business law, criminal law, and more
- learn best practices for expanding your practice to include animal law

Join us for the inaugural course on animal law for an introduction to this growing practice area from leaders in the field.

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# Agenda

## **ANIMAL LAW 101 2022** (192622)

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Course Chair: **V. Victoria Shroff** – Shroff & Associates (Shroff Animal Law), Adjunct Professor of Animal Law, Allard School of Law (erstwhile), and Faculty Member, School of Legal Studies, Capilano University, Vancouver

CLEBC Program Lawyer: **Genevieve Chang**

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- 9:00 – 9:10 WELCOME AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
**V. Victoria Shroff** – Shroff & Associates (Shroff Animal Law), Adjunct Professor of Animal Law, Allard School of Law (erstwhile), and Faculty Member, School of Legal Studies, Capilano University, Vancouver
- 9:10 – 9:30 ANIMAL LAW: THEORETICAL FRAMEWORKS
- legal treatment of animals – historically and currently
- Maneesha Deckha** – Professor and Lansdowne Chair in Law, University of Victoria – Faculty of Law, Victoria
- 9:30 – 10:15 OVERVIEW OF ANIMALS IN MAINSTREAM LEGAL PRACTICES
- access to justice issues involving animals generally
  - will be covering:
    - pet custody issues (family law, ownership disputes)
    - "dangerous" dogs
    - contracts/issues involving animals and the law, intersection with various laws
    - housing issues, wills and estates and animals and more
- V. Victoria Shroff** – Shroff & Associates (Shroff Animal Law), Adjunct Professor of Animal Law, Allard School of Law (erstwhile), and Faculty Member, School of Legal Studies, Capilano University, Vancouver
- 10:15 – 10:45 VIEW FROM THE BENCH – WHY IS ANIMAL LAW IMPORTANT?
- A cornerstone of the rule of law is that judges apply the law, and that includes the law applicable to any case involving animals. The Provincial Court has jurisdiction to deal with family, small claims, criminal, traffic, ticket & bylaw cases. In most of these areas it is possible for issues involving animals to arise. We not only hear cases involving animals, but on occasion animals have also appeared in our court, such as accredited Canine Assisted Intervention dogs, which may sit with a witness to calm them while the witness provides testimony.
- The Honourable Chief Judge Gillespie: BC Provincial Court, November 12, 2020 (page 51 Canadian Animal Law (Lexis-Nexis 2021) V. Victoria Shroff)*

- animal law in the Provincial Courts
- key cases involving domestic animals and wildlife
  - Whistler bear case: *R. v. Stevikova*, 2021 BCPC 235
  - *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act: R. v. Chrysler*, 2013 BCPC 240
- animal participation in the courtroom
- access to justice issues

**The Honourable Chief Judge Melissa A. Gillespie** – Provincial Court of BC, Vancouver

10:45 – 11:00 BREAK

11:00 – 11:30 ANIMAL CRUELTY IN CANADA’S JUSTICE SYSTEM

- *Criminal Code* and animal protection
- animal cruelty cases under Provincial Statute
- case studies
- tips for prosecuting and defending animal cruelty

**Alexandra Janse** – Crown Counsel, BC Prosecution Services, Kamloops

11:30 – 12:00 ANIMALS, ADMINISTRATIVE LAW, AND WILDLIFE

- basics of administrative law
- regulatory schemes involving animals
- unique issues posed by challenging administrative decisions involving animals
- discussion of cases including those involving fur farming, cetacean captivity, powers of conservation officers to euthanize animals

**David Wu** – Arvay Finlay LLP, Vancouver

12:00 – 12:15 DEVELOPING AN ANIMAL LAW PRACTICE

- the future of animal law, locally and internationally, and why it is a viable practice area
- tips for starting your own animal law practice as part of your existing practice

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12:15 – 12:30 Q & A AND CLOSING COMMENTS

**Professor Maneesha Deckha** – Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Victoria, Victoria

**Alexandra Janse** – Crown Counsel, Kamloops

**V. Victoria Shroff** – Shroff & Associates (Shroff Animal Law), Adjunct Professor of Animal Law, Allard School of Law (erstwhile), and Faculty Member, School of Legal Studies, Capilano University, Vancouver

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