

2019-2020 Eighth Annual Animal Law Writing Competition

Presented by **The Animal Legal Defense Fund Chapter of Florida State University Law School** and sponsored by **The Florida Bar Animal Law Section & Pets Ad Litem**

The FSU College of Law's Animal Legal Defense Fund Chapter is very pleased to announce the Eighth Annual Animal Law Writing Competition. The purpose of this competition is to generate interest and recognition of this rapidly growing field. All articles must be submitted no later than July 22, 2020.

FSU's Animal Legal Defense Fund Chapter (ALDF) was established to provide information and awareness on a wide array of animal legal issues. This competition seeks to foster legal scholarship among those in the legal field in the area of animals and the law. This competition provides law students with an incentive and opportunity to learn more about this growing field.

Florida law students and recent Florida law school graduates are invited to submit an article concerning any area of animal law. All submissions will be reviewed by a panel of attorneys and other professionals practicing or otherwise involved in the field of animal law. The first place winner will receive \$1,000 and a Certificate of Achievement. The winner may also be selected to contribute his/her article for publication. The second place winner will receive a Certificate of Achievement.

This competition could not take place without the generous sponsorship of Pets Ad Litem and The Florida Bar Animal Law Section. FSU ALDF sincerely thanks Pets Ad Litem for its unwavering support. Pets Ad Litem is a Tallahassee-based not-for-profit alliance of advocates and other professionals providing a legal voice for animals. See: www.petsadlitem.com. In addition, FSU ALDF is grateful to The Florida Bar Animal Law Section for its generous support and commitment to animal legal issues.



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Topic: Any topic on Animal Law

Eligibility: The submission must be written by a student currently enrolled in a Florida law school or an attorney who has graduated within the last year from a Florida law school.

Deadline: Papers must be emailed no later than July 22, 2020.

Award Criteria: Written submissions will be judged based on quality, clarity, originality, and organization. All essays must also meet the following criteria:

Length: Type written, double-spaced, no less than 12-point Times New Roman font, on 8 ½ x 11 paper, with 1-inch margins. We will consider articles of any length. However, the document must not exceed 50 pages, including footnotes. Footnotes should be single-spaced, and no less than 10-point font.

Format: Please email your submission to fsusaldf@gmail.com and cc: cjmiller@law.fsu.edu. In the subject line, please insert: "Animal Law Writing Competition." If the document is in a PDF format, please also save it as a Microsoft Word document.

Cover Page: Each entrant must submit a cover page indicating the entrant's name, law school, expected year of graduation or actual graduation date, current employer (if applicable), mailing address, email address, and telephone number.

Prize Awarded:

1st Place: \$1,000 and a Certificate of Achievement
Honorable Mention: Certificate of Achievement

Based on the number and quality of submissions, the winner may also be selected to contribute his/her article for publication.