

2007 Jonathan Newman
Memorial Law Conference

Codes and Commands: *Emerging Law and Religious Traditions in the Treatment of Animals*

*featuring Wayne Pacelle
President and CEO,
The Humane Society of the United States*

This program examines the intersection of law and religion at a juncture where moral and ethical concerns are brought into sharpest relief—issues about the treatment of animals. The problems that people today hope to solve through legislating or litigating about animal injuries, deaths, bites, escapes, captivity, and personal attachments, are all problems bounded by our status as animals, by our relationships with animals, and by our spiritual beliefs. The goal of this program is to help address a few of those legal problems within the broader perspective of our cultural and religious history.

In addition, attendees may elect to spend their lunch break listening to an up-to-the-minute report by a veterinarian and a lawyer on the fallout from the ongoing pet food contamination scandal. They will address concerns and questions raised by the incident, recent legal actions involving owners, and consequences to pet health conditions across the nation.

FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2007

Jury Assembly Room
Mark O. Hatfield U.S. Courthouse
1000 SW Third Ave., Portland
5.5 General MCLE Credits

Presented by
Oregon Law Institute of Lewis & Clark Law School
in cooperation with
Institute for Judaic Studies of the Pacific Northwest

SCHEDULE

8:15 LATE REGISTRATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS

8:40 - 8:45 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION
– *Rabbi Joshua Stampfer*

8:45 - 10:15 **Cultural Treatment: The Use of Animals as Personal Companions**

- Historical backdrop to directives or prohibitions about animals as captives or companions
- The ethics of individual, religious, and symbolic uses of animals in the home or in captivity
- Directives or prohibitions about exploiting animals for entertainment purposes
- Religious rituals and observances that demean/ respect animals in relation to humans; dealing with animal deaths
- Criminal laws and differential treatment of domestic animals as opposed to others; reflections in the tort law
- Statutory protections regarding the use of animals
- First Amendment concerns about free expression of beliefs re animal use as part of religious tradition; constitutional concerns
 - *Geordie Duckler*
 - *Pamela D. Frasch*
 - *Enid S. Traisman*

10:15 - 10:30 BREAK

10:30 - 12:00 **Commercial Treatment: The Use of Animals in Food and Clothing**

- Dietary laws and humane slaughtering methods and industries; world markets
- Idolatry concerns; politically/religiously correct views on farming, raising, and eating animals
- Vegetarianism as a doctrine; religious rules and ethics of wearing animal skins or pelts
- Raising, transport, and slaughter of farmed animals; state and federal humane slaughter acts
- Activism against businesses; emerging legal theories to protect farmed animals; voter initiatives and other avenues for change
- Customary farming practices; farming and agricultural practices protected
 - *The Rev. Stephen V. Schneider*
 - *Rabbi Joshua Stampfer*
 - *Julie Ahmed*
 - *Sharon M. Harmon*

12:00 - 1:30 LUNCH BREAK

12:30 ***Special Lunchtime Presentation:***

“The Current Pet Food Crisis—The Absolute Latest Information About What Lawyers, Pet Owners, and Consumers Should Know—And Can Do”

SCHEDULE (cont.)

1:30 - 3:00

Scientific and Political Treatment: The Use of Animals in Education

- Balancing the value of human life vs. the value of “other” life; saving and sacrificing animals
- Sacrificing individuals for greater good; “Right to life” concerns involving animals compared to humans; stem cell issues
- Abuse and neglect statutes and exemptions for research
- “Prisoner” vs. “caretaker” models of research on zoo animals; zoo animal regulations
- Applying “informed consent” rules to animals; euthanization and privacy concerns with vets
- Animal “rights” to life or liberty and legal problems created by a rights paradigm
- Justification, choice-of-evils, defense-of-others as defenses to crimes involving animal deaths
 - *Wayne Pacelle*
 - *Geordie Duckler*
 - *Dr. Jacqueline C. Neilson*

3:00

ADJOURN

FACULTY

Julie Ahmed

Teacher, Muslim Educational Trust, Portland Oregon

Geordie Duckler

The Animal Law Practice, Portland, Oregon

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*Vice President, Legal Affairs,
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REGISTRATION FORM

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TUITION

- \$135 Regular tuition
- \$115 New attorneys (admitted 2005–2007), paralegals, or secretaries
- \$65 Legal aid attorneys
- \$35 OLI Annual Pass holders (Pass No. _____)
- \$35 Members of the Institute for Judaic Studies

- \$10 **OPTIONAL BOX LUNCH** – *Received by May 1, 2007*
- Turkey Vegetarian
- Ham & cheese Tuna

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CONFIRMATION: Confirmation will be sent via e-mail or fax.
CANCELLATION POLICY: Tuition minus a \$20 handling charge will be refunded if the cancellation request is *written and received* by May 1, 2007.
NEED ASSISTANCE: If you are a person with a disability, please let OLI know in time to make any necessary accommodations for you.
TUITION ASSISTANCE: A limited number of scholarships are available based on financial need. Contact OLI.

LIVE PRESENTATION
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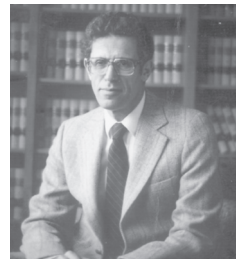
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Ethical Issues in the Treatment of Animals is the tenth in an ongoing series of conferences on Law and Religion co-sponsored by the Institute for Judaic Studies and Lewis & Clark Law School. The subjects of previous conferences were:

- 1984 – The Roots of Common Law in the Bible and Talmud
- 1986 – Reverence for Life
- 1988 – The Views of Five Jewish Supreme Court Justices
- 1990 – Legal Problems Arising from Israeli-occupied Territory
- 1992 – The Jewish Stake in the Bill of Rights
- 1996 – Judaic Law and Environmental Ethics
- 2002 – The Legal, Religious, and Ethical Issues of Aging
- 2003 – The Case for an Ethical Will and Legacy Planning
- 2005 – Ethical Issues in Reparations to Aggrieved Groups

Beginning with the 1992 conference, the series permanently honors Jonathan Newman (1927–91). A graduate of Yale Law School, Judge Newman moved to Portland in 1953 and practiced civil law here for nearly 30 years. He was a founding member of the Oregon American Civil Liberties Union and its first secretary, also serving as a cooperating attorney in court cases and legislative hearings. In 1982, the Oregon ACLU awarded him its highest honor, the E.B. MacNaughton Civil Liberties Award.



In 1968, he was elected to the Portland School Board. His “Schools for the Seventies” program helped integrated Portland’s schools without federal court intervention. His leadership on the board, including service as chairman, continued to 1979. In that period, the board established numerous civil liberty policies that are still in effect and serve as models for other Oregon school districts.

He was elected to the Oregon Court of Appeals in 1982 and re-elected six years later, serving with distinction on the bench until shortly before his death. He wrote numerous decisions that, among other things, upheld civil liberties under the Oregon Constitution. It was particularly appropriate that the first conference memorializing Judge Newman, himself the son of a rabbi and a distinguished civil libertarian, should deal with the Jewish Stake in the Bill of Rights.