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Los Angeles' animal law expertise sought in Oregon

Center for Animal Law Studies at Lewis & Clark makes 30-year animal welfare veteran, spcaLA President, Madeline Bernstein, adjunct faculty

Los Angeles, CA – An influencer on a global scale, Los Angeles exports fashion, entertainment and now, animal law expertise. The highly-sought, pioneer in animal welfare Madeline Bernstein, President of Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles (spcaLA) has accepted an adjunct faculty position at Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland, OR this fall.

“California and your spcaLA have always been on the cutting edge of animal welfare,” said Bernstein. “I am honored that my years of experience at spcaLA, serving the people and animals of Southern California, will help to educate future animal law advocates.”

Bernstein is the latest spcaLA expert-export. Government, nonprofit and other leaders worldwide seek spcaLA's guidance and assistance in the fields of education, law enforcement, disaster response, violence prevention, shelter management, shelter medicine, and others. spcaLA's violence prevention program for youth in at-risk communities, Teaching Love & Compassion (TLC)[™], is taught world-wide. Authorities from as nearby as Los Angeles County and as far away as Sri Lanka request aid from spcaLA's Disaster Animal Response Team (DART)[™] regularly.

spcaLA's expertise is sought by governments worldwide – from the United Arab Emirates to New Zealand – as they look at new ways to promote animal welfare. spcaLA experts are routinely invited to deliver lectures about law enforcement, animal behavior, violence prevention, fundraising, humane education, and communications at seminars, workshops and conferences across the country.

Bernstein's nearly twenty years of experience at spcaLA, and her life-long dedication to preventing violence and achieving justice, will bring a fresh perspective to the CALS (Center for Animal Law Studies) fall offering of Animal Law Fundamentals at Lewis & Clark. Bernstein will co-teach the course with Pamela Frasch, J.D., Assistant Dean of the Animal Law Program & Executive Director of CALS. Bernstein will begin teaching on September 5, 2013.

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The Center for Animal Law Studies housed at Lewis & Clark Law School is the first law school in the world to offer an advanced legal degree in animal law (Animal Law LL.M.).

Joining spcaLA in April, 1994, Bernstein is committed to the humane treatment of and respect for animals through education and enforcement of anti-cruelty laws.

Bernstein, an accomplished and respected attorney, is one of America's preeminent leaders and advocates promoting animal welfare. Today, spcaLA is recognized as the leading voice, educator and hope for the animals it protects and the humans it serves.

Bernstein is a member of the California Bar Association, New York Bar, United States Southern District and United States Eastern District Bar Associations and has been an Adjunct Professor teaching employment, labor, evidence and criminal law at La Verne University College of Law and an arbitrator through the American Arbitration Association. Last year, The Center for Animal Law Studies at Lewis & Clark welcomed Bernstein as the first Distinguished Visiting Animal Advocate.

For more information or to schedule an interview, please contact Ana Bustilloz at 323-730-5300 x252, 323-707-1271 cell or by email at abustilloz@spcaLA.com.

spcaLA is an independent, nonprofit animal welfare organization serving Southern California since 1877. There is no national SPCA, parent organization, or umbrella group that provides financial support to spcaLA. Donations run programs and services including Cruelty Investigation, Disaster Animal Response Team, Humane Education, and a variety of shelter services.

Founded in 2008, the Center for Animal Law Studies at Lewis & Clark is the home for the animal law programs and activities of Lewis & Clark Law School. The Center collaborates with the national non-profit Animal Legal Defense Fund to educate and support law students and legal professionals in the rapidly developing field of animal law through classes, conferences, scholarship, and clinical opportunities.

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