

ANIMAL RIGHTS LAWYER



ANIMAL CAREER PROFILES

DESCRIPTION

Like traditional lawyers, animal rights lawyers file and represent organizations and individual cases in court. Depending on their specified area of practice, an animal rights lawyer will research cases, advise clients, prepare and review legal documents, file class action lawsuits, create pet trusts, and much more. An animal rights lawyer could expect to see cases pertaining to animal abuse, pet custody, animal testing and more.

They work for a variety of clients including animal welfare organizations, conservation organizations, animal protection groups, and pet service providers. A majority of animal lawyers will work in private practice as well, meaning they work in law firms or are self-employed. They must be up to date on current legislation and cases that relate to their niche within animal rights. The animal rights movement is one of the greatest of our generation and being an animal rights lawyer will allow you to fight for animals so they receive the treatment they deserve.

EDUCATION

As with any other type of lawyer, an animal rights lawyer can expect about seven years in school. Starting in undergraduate school, which is typically four years, you will receive a bachelor's degree in the field of your choice. Students from nearly every discipline are admitted to law schools, but concentrating on animal focused studies, such as animal sciences, could provide you with a special skill set that may assist with obtaining animal welfare internships and animal rights job opportunities after law school.

This leads us to the next step, applying for law school and studying law for three years. In law school, you will take rigorous courses that will help you better understand how to fight for the law, such as civil procedure, criminal law, constitutional law, legal methods, and more. After completing law school, you will be prepared to take the bar exam, a standardized examination designed to test the skills and knowledge that every lawyer should have before being licensed to practice law.

SKILLS & QUALIFICATIONS

Research - an animal rights lawyer must be very well educated on case topics, which requires a lot of research

Public Speaking - being able to stay level-headed against other lawyers and in front of a court room requires top notch public speaking skills

Effective and Persuasive Communication - the goal of an animal rights lawyer is to persuade a judge that the law needs to be enforced or changed in order to benefit the lives of animals

Mediation - it is common for animal rights lawyers to be the spokesperson between their client and persons of the law

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