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Kathy Hessler is a clinical professor of law at Lewis & Clark Law School. She is the first faculty member hired to teach animal law full time in a law school. She received her J.D. from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary and her LL.M. from Georgetown University Law Center. She is the Director of the Animal Law Clinic and the Aquatic Animal Law Initiative, as well as the faculty advisor for the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund and Animal Law Review at Lewis & Clark.

Professor Hessler co-authored *Animal Law in a Nutshell* (with Pamela Frasch and Sonia Waisman), *Animal Law – New Perspectives on Teaching Traditional Law* (with Joyce Tischler, Pamela Hart, and Sonia Waisman) and the amicus brief (with Pamela Frasch and Megan Senatori) submitted in the *US v. Stevens* case, on behalf of 45 law professors who teach animal law. She has written numerous law review and other articles and teaches and lectures widely across the U.S. and internationally.

Professor Hessler was a board member with the Animal Legal Defense Fund; helped found the Animal Law Committee of the Cuyahoga County Bar; was the chair and a founder of the Animal Law Section and the Balance in Legal Education Section of the American Association of Law Schools (AALS). She was also a co-chair of the Clinical Legal Education Section of the AALS and is on the board of the Center for Teaching Peace.