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Don has been practicing for 25 years with his practice dedicated to animal law. He is an adjunct professor teaching animal law at the Texas A&M School of Law and before that was an adjunct professor at Texas Wesleyan School of Law where he graduated and was inducted into the *Order of Barristers*. He was later recognized as a distinguished alumni.

Don served approximately fifteen years on the council of the Animal Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. In 2012 the Animal Law Section created an award in his name for animal advocacy which is bestowed on attorneys for an outstanding body of work on behalf of animals. Don was the first recipient. In 2007 Don received the Texas Humane Legislation Network Humane-itarian award for his work resulting in the closing of the last remaining horse slaughter plant in the U.S. which was located in Kaufman, Texas. In 2009 Don was recognized by the Arlington Texas city council for assisting in the largest seizure of cruelly treated animals in the word which resulted in the seizure of 26,000 animals. And in 2012 Don was recognized by the Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF) as a Top Ten Animal Defender in America.

Don is well known for defending dangerous dog cases including a number of high-profile cases, including the landmark case of Dallas Pets Alive v. City of Dallas which resulted in recognizing the right to appeal from all dangerous dog cases, including serious bodily injury, a case against the U.S. Department of the Interior to stop the wholesale slaughter of migratory waterfowl and a suit to stop a university from exposing newborn deer to fire ants. Don was appointed by a district court in Travis County to serve as interim chair of the Texas Exotic Feline Sanctuary when it was taken over by the State of Texas for alleged irregularities involving some 70 exotic cats such as lions, tigers, mountain lions and bobcats. Don re-constituted the board of directors and participated in the rescue of numerous exotic felines. In the days when such cases were popular, Don defended allegations that a dog was a wolf-hybrid. Of the 21 cases in which he represented the owner to stop a seizure, not one dog was seized. It was Don's pleasure to work with the late Skip Trimble as receiver and attorney for the receiver in the State of Texas Attorney General seizure of animal sanctuaries cruelly treating the animals and, in compelling counties to conform to the requirement of the Texas Wild Animal Act.

Don is a regular featured speaker for numerous attorney organizations and citizen groups including the annual Animal Law Institute. In 2020 Don was the guest speaker at the Texas Tech University philosophy classes where he spoke on the topic of Animal Abuse Under Grant Funded Programs. In 2015 he was the guest speaker at the Texas Justice Court Judges Association annual conference where he spoke on animal seizure law.

Don has assisted in drafting animal welfare statutes and regularly speaks to legislative committees on proposed animal legislation. He was a retained expert in the case of *Jose Merced, Temple Yoruba Omo Orisha Texas, Inc. et.al. v. City of Euless* in federal court regarding religious activity involving sacrifice of animals in residential neighborhoods. Don has authored numerous papers on animal law issues as well as briefs to the Texas Attorney General.