

# AVMLA 2019 Presenters

**Carolyn Brown, DVM**, ASPCA Senior Director, Community Medicine. In her current role, Dr. Brown helps provides high-quality, high-volume spay/neuter surgeries, as well as basic and preventive care, to pets living in poverty and at risk of shelter relinquishment in New York City and Los Angeles. Her patients include privately owned pets, community cats and animals in the care of shelters, rescue groups and foster care networks. A graduate of Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Brown also determines and evaluates medical and surgical protocols.

**Aimee Christian**, ASPCA Vice President, Community Medicine. Aimee Christian joined the ASPCA in 2005 as manager of the mobile clinic program. Since then, she's overseen the growth of the Community Medicine department from two mobile spay/neuter clinics and a dozen staff members to a bicoastal team of over 100, with six mobile units and three stationary clinics performing more than 50,000 surgeries annually. With a background in education, Christian focuses on providing services to the community that keep pets in their homes and out of shelters.

**Stacey Evans, Esq.** is the Founder/CEO, of Stacey Evans Consulting, LLC. Stacey's expertise on hemp, marijuana, and FDA laws and policies help companies, veterinarians, and other stakeholders, understand the legality of using hemp and marijuana products in veterinary practices. Her expertise in veterinary professional liability laws helps animal health organizations and veterinarians minimize their professional liability risk. Stacey's strategies and policies help companies, organizations, and veterinarians, increase sales of products for animal wellness and health, and increase access to veterinary care for companion animals.

**Robert Hensley, Jr., JD**, is the Legal Advocacy Senior Counsel for the ASPCA. Mr. Hensley graduated from the University of North Carolina School of Law in 2002. Prior to his current position, Mr. Hensley was employed for nine years as an associate with the firm of Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP.

**Bridget-Hill-Zayat, Esq.** is active in the Pennsylvania cannabis industry. She was selected to participate in State Senator Daylin Leach's recent "Regulatory-Palooza" convened to develop standards and methods for cannabis regulations in the Commonwealth. Bridget has testified in front of the Philadelphia City Council to advise on strategies the City can employ to increase energy efficiency, foster the cannabis market and help growers, processors, and dispensaries thrive. She continues to engage the legal community on cannabis issues and hosts speaking events in coordination with Women Grow, the National Cannabis Bar Association, and Cannavation. Bridget has a BA and Masters of Public Administration (MPA) from the University of Pennsylvania and a JD from Rutgers.

**Charlotte LaCroix, DVM, JD**, owns and manages Veterinary Business Advisors, Inc., a national consulting firm which advises veterinarians and attorneys on veterinary business and legal issues, with a focus on veterinary business transactions.

**Christina Lucente,- McCullough, JD**, is a State Policy Analyst in the State Advocacy & Leadership Division of the American Veterinary Medical Association. She received a B.A. degree in Political Science and History from Valparaiso University and a J.D. from the same university in 2014. Since November 2014, she has held a license to practice law in the State of Illinois and is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association.

**Mike Murphy D.V.M., JD, Ph.D.** received his B.S., D.V.M., and Ph.D. degrees from Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, in 1980, 1981, and 1987, respectively. Dr. Murphy received his J.D. from William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, MN, in 1999. He is board certified by the American Board of Veterinary Toxicology and American Board of Toxicology. After practicing in a mixed animal practice in northeastern Oklahoma, he served as a clinical and diagnostic veterinary toxicologist in the Texas and Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratories for 27 years. As a faculty member at the University of Minnesota, he taught veterinary and graduate students and conducted applied research. He retired from the University of Minnesota as a Professor Emeritus and joined the Center for Veterinary Medicine at FDA in 2009.

**Frank C. Muggia, Partner**, Harris Beach, PLLC. Mr. Muggia focuses on mergers and acquisitions with national experience in the veterinary and dental industries; personal injury defense work with extensive experience in the rental car industry; and commercial litigation. Mr. Muggia is the 2019 AVMLA Program Chair and the 2019/2020 AVMLA President-Elect.

**Jan Woods'** health care career has spanned over thirty years in both human and veterinary medicine. Ms. Woods positions in human healthcare were in senior management with national healthcare companies. She was the Vice President of Operations and Development for Care Net Health Systems based in Nashville, TN. and the Vice President of Operations and Development for Communicare and NBC HealthCare, based in Fort Lauderdale, FL.