Animal Law: Wildlife and Endangered Species on Public and Private Lands—The Tipping Point

Friday, Sept. 9, 2016 • 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
State Bar Center, Albuquerque

The Endangered Species Act mandates critical habitat designation when determining whether or not to list a species as endangered. It also authorizes acquisition of habitat for the listed species as a method of protecting wildlife against habitat loss, which is the leading cause of decline in animal diversity and populations. A well-organized and well-funded movement is underway in state legislatures and in the U.S. Congress that, if successful, will lead to the takeover of certain federal public lands by the states. Privatization of lands can have an enormous impact on wild animals which don’t recognize such boundaries. Attempting to restrict wildlife to islands of available habitat leads to problems in both protection and management of wildlife. This program first explores the land grab movement and then focuses on the practical problems that those working in recovery of endangered species face while trying to work within the complexities of state and federal law.

8:30 a.m.  Registration and Continental Breakfast
9 a.m.  Welcome
   Moderator/Host: Judith Durzo, Animal Law Section Past Chair
9:10 a.m.  The Coveting of Federal Public Land in the 21st Century—The Impact on New Mexico and Its Wildlife
   Guy Dicharry, Animal Law Section Chair
9:45 a.m.
   Public Land Grab Efforts: Recent Federal and State Legislation and Its Impact on Wildlife
   Ruth Musgrave, Wildlife Policy Consulting Associates
10:30 a.m.
   Break
10:45 a.m.
   Panel Discussion and Q&A: A Closer Look at the Issues
   Guy Dicharry; Ruth Musgrave; Ray Powell, Former New Mexico Land Commissioner; John Crenshaw, New Mexico Wildlife Federation; Judith Durzo
12 p.m.  Lunch (provided at the State Bar Center)

12:45 p.m.  Introduction to Afternoon Presentations
   Judith Durzo
12:50 p.m.
   Field-Related Intricacies of Species Recovery under the Endangered Species Act
   Chris Parish, California Condor Reintroduction Program
1:50 p.m.
   From Delay to Wrongheadedness: Mexican Wolf Recovery
   Mike Phillips, Turner Endangered Species Fund
2:50 p.m.
   Blood Ivory: Wildlife Trafficking in the U.S.
   Ruth Musgrave
3:45 p.m.
   Panel Discussion and Q&A
   Moderator: Judith Durzo; Panel includes all program speakers
4:30 p.m.
   Adjournment

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