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EDUCATION

- LL.M.** Vermont Law School, Food & Agriculture Policy Aug. 2022
Fellowship Thesis: State Limitations and Expansions of Local Authority to Regulate CAFOs
Academic Thesis: Reaping the Benefits from The Dying Industry: Could the Fight Against Foie Gras Finish Fur Farming?
GPA: 3.83
- J.D.** Vermont Law School May 2020
Student Note: A House is Not a Home: Learning from Our Mistakes to Prevent Unequitable Gentrification on a Local Level
GPA: 3.48
- MELP** Vermont Law School, Environmental Law & Policy May 2020
GPA: 3.53
- B.S.** Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, Environmental, Geological, and Geographical Sciences May 2017
GPA: 3.59
- B.A.** Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, Philosophy May 2017
Minor in Legal Studies
GPA: 3.59

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Magna Cum Laude Honors** 2022
LL.M
- Academic Excellence in Food Regulation & Policy** 2022
Academic honors
- Academic Excellence in Animals & the Law** 2020
Academic honors
- LL.M. Fellowship** 2020
Research Fellowship focusing on farmed animal welfare
- Cum Laude Honors** 2020
Master of Environmental Law & Policy
- Environmental Leader on the Rise** 2019
Environmental Law Institute
- Best Student Note** 2019
Second Place, Vermont Law Review
- Best Oralist** 2018
Debevoise Moot Court Competition
- Scott J. Cameron Scholarship** 2017
Juris Doctor
- Cum Laude Honors** 2017
Bachelor of Arts; Bachelor of Science

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Vermont Law & Graduate School

Introduction to Food and Agriculture Law and Policy, 2022

Vermont Law & Graduate School Online Program

Introduction to Food and Agriculture Law and Policy, 2022

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Publications

Cydnee Bence, *Quacks Like a Duck: pseudo-sanctuary accountability through consumer protection law*, 46 VT. L. REV. 329 (2022).

Cydnee Bence, *A House is Not a Home: Learning from Our Mistakes to Prevent Unequitable Gentrification on a Local Level*, 44 VT. L. REV. 429 (2019).

Other Publications

Center for Agriculture & Food Systems, *Seafood Fraud: Analysis of Legal Approaches in the United States* (2022) (contributor, editor, and research).

Cydnee Bence, *Consumer's Guide to Bioengineered Food Disclosures, Labels Unwrapped* (2022).

Cydnee Bence & Mackensie Battle, *How Does the First Amendment Apply to Food and Supplement Labels?*, *Labels Unwrapped* (2021).

Center for Agriculture & Food Systems, *Essentially Unprotected: A Focus on Farmworker Health Laws and Policies Addressing Pesticide Exposure and Heat-Related Illness* (2021) (contributor, editor, and research).

Center for Agriculture & Food Systems and Harvard Food Law and Policy Clinic, *The Urgent Call for A U.S. National Food Strategy* (2020) (contributor, editor, and research).

Cydnee Bence & Emily Spiegel, *A Breed Apart: The Plant Breeder's Guide to Preventing Patents through Defensive Publication* (2020).

Forthcoming Publications

Cydnee Bence, *State Limitations and Expansions of Local Authority to Regulate CAFOs* (2022).

Cydnee Bence & Alexandria Spring, *What's the Beef? Cell-Cultured Meat Labeling, Labels Unwrapped* (2022).

Cydnee Bence, *Plant-Based Product Labeling, Labels Unwrapped* (2022).

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

Panelist, "Consumer protection and the Captive Wildlife Trade," International Captive Wildlife Conference, Nov. 2022.

Paper Presentation, "Quacks Like a Duck: pseudo-sanctuary accountability through consumer protection law," Vermont Law Review Symposium, Nov. 2021.

Panelist, "Vermont Law School's Animal Law Program," Dec. 2021.

Lecture, "Intimidation and Bearing Witness: 'Ag-Gag' Laws Criminalizing Animal Interactions," Hot Topics in Environmental Law, July 2021.

Presentation, "Responsible Coyote Management Regulations and Petition," Vermont Fish and Wildlife Board (June 19, 2019).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Vermont Bar Association, 2020-Present
Member and licensed attorney

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Symposium Co-Organizer

Animal Legal Defense Fund: Vermont Law School Student Chapter Symposium, Symposium, 2020

Symposium Contributor

Food & Agriculture Law Society, Pollinators Conference, Symposium, 2022

MEDIA

News Interview, Jessica Scott-Reid, *The Disturbing Rise of the Pseudo-Sanctuary*, SENTIENT MEDIA (August 22, 2022).

Radio Interview, *Skiing, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, VT Dance Alliance, Food Labels, Vermont Viewpoint*, Vermont Public Radio, Sept. 17, 2021.

News Interview, *New Vermont Law School website breaks down the confusing laws behind food labels*, VTDigger (June 23, 2022).