

In Memoriam Wanda Nash

Wanda Nash is the founder of the State Bar of Michigan, Animal Law Section. In the early 1990's, she assembled like-minded Michigan attorneys interested in animal law and advocacy. Our Section, considered to be the first statewide Animal Law Section in the U.S, was formed in 1995. Wanda devoted most of her adult life to advocacy for the humane treatment of animals. She was a pioneer in the 1980's, attending law school so that she could learn to use the legal system to better the lives of animals.



As a result of Wanda's pioneering spirit, many students now attend law school to pursue a career in animal law. Her legacy will continue into the future. Throughout the State of Michigan, animal law classes are being taught at the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, and Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

Her accomplishments in this area include ownership of Four Paws Publishing which publishes the Michigan Animal Rescue Sourcebook. Wanda authored numerous articles concerning animal welfare, and she compiled and edited The Michigan Animal Handbook which is now in its 2nd Edition. She also authored the Michigan Field Guide to Animal Control and Animal Protection.

In commemoration of Wanda's tireless efforts, the Animal Law Section announced the creation of the Wanda A. Nash Award, to be given annually to a Michigan law student for outstanding contributions to animal law, during its annual meeting in September of 2006. Pictured above is Elizabeth Livorine who received the Wanda A. Nash Award from Wanda herself in September of 2007. Wanda has always been an inspirational mentor to law students and lawyers. She never hesitated to volunteer her talents and complimented and encouraged her colleagues. She will be greatly missed by everyone who had the honor of knowing her.

We are honored to consider Ms. Wanda Nash a colleague and a friend.

**Members of the State Bar of Michigan,
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