



Animal Law Committee



JANE HOFFMAN - INAUGURAL RECIPIENT EXCELLENCE IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF ANIMAL LAW AWARD

By: Gilda I. Mariani, Animal Law Committee Chair

The Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section’s Animal Law Committee awarded Jane Hoffman the first *Excellence in the Advancement of Animal Law Award*. This award recognizes exceptional work by a member or leader of an international, national, regional, state, or local animal law committee, who has advanced the humane treatment of animals. Jane Hoffman is the president and chair of the board of the Mayor’s Alliance for New York City’s Animals and the director of Maddie’s Pet Rescue Project in New York City. In 2005, the Mayor’s Alliance was awarded a \$15 million dollar multi-year grant from the Maddie’s Fund to help make New York City a city

in which no cat or dog is killed simply because it does not have a home. Jane is also one of the Founders of the Legal Issues Pertaining to Animals Committee of the New York City Bar Association, which was the first animal law bar committee in the U.S. In 2006 Jane began a three-year term as chair. The award, a cherry wood music box with a ceramic tile bearing the image of “Group of Dogs with One Cat” by artist Constance Coleman, was presented at a reception in the Westin St. Francis Hotel on Saturday, August 11, during the 2007 ABA Annual meeting in San Francisco. The music box plays Beethoven’s “Ode to Joy” which is how Jane regards all animals as *odes to joy!*

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