



2021 Judge's Survey

1. Libre's Law (Act 10 of 2017) expanded animal protections and increased penalties for animal abusers. Felony violations *require* forfeiture of an animal, while lesser convictions *allow* for forfeiture.

- Would you include forfeiture as a penalty for misdemeanor convictions?

(Check one) Yes

- In 50 words or less, please explain your position, including offenses for which you would consider forfeiture as a penalty.

As a candidate for judicial office, I cannot give an opinion on how I would rule on specific case. I grew up with a dog, cats, turtles, fish, and a snake. I understand the value of animal protections.

2. Multiple studies have shown a link between animal abuse and future domestic violence abuse.

- Will you impose penalties for animal abuse that fit the serious nature of these crimes?

(Check one) Yes No

3. Many domestic abuse victims stay with their abusers out of fear for the safety of household pets.

- Will you include custody and protections for household pets as part of the resolution for domestic abuse cases?

(Check one) Yes No



4. In 50 words or less, please give an example of how you have fought for animals in the past.

In my practice as an attorney, I have not fought for animals. My practice involves representing individuals in consumer protection, whistleblower lawsuits, and employment issues. I have represented companies in real estate issues.

I recently worked for the Small Business Administration providing relief to individuals and small business impacted by Covid-19 and the natural disasters in Louisiana, Alabama, and California.

5. In 50 words or less, please explain how you intend to help protect animals if elected.

I will apply the facts of the individual cases to the applicable law to give a ruling that is correct and judge.

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