

## **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

### **Roberta L. Cepko, Esq. Award of the Animal Law Section**

The award was created in 2009 with the consensus of the Section Council of the Animal Law Section. Named in honor of the late Roberta L. Cepko, Esq. of Maryland, an attorney with a mobility impairment and friend to countless animals, the award recognizes a lawyer, judge, or legal scholar who, consistent with the purpose of the Section, has facilitated the development of overall public awareness and best practices in animal-related law, policy, and education.

#### **NOMINATION GUIDELINES**

Examples of the kinds of qualities and actions which are viewed favorably by the Award Committee are:

contributing time and resources to public service or charitable activities related to animal law and policy;

speaking at, providing, organizing, or leading educational workshops, seminars, resources, programs, and conferences on animal law;

advocating, introducing, or sponsoring legislation that adds to the body of animal law and protections in Maryland;

contributing substantially to the body of scholarship on animal law and policy through instructing and/or publishing.

#### **SELECTION PROCESS**

Candidates can be nominated by either a member of Section Council or by a non-Section member of the MSBA, on such person's behalf. A committee will accept nominations on a rolling basis.

The award will be bestowed on, at least, a bi-annual basis, or earlier if the committee unanimously believes that there is a candidate so outstanding as to warrant recognition. The award will be bestowed at a ceremony, whose date and time will be announced by the committee. The award consists of an engraved plaque.

#### **CONTACT**

For more information, contact the Chair of the Section.