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Union Internationale des Avocats Seminar in Hefei, China

MINNEAPOLIS – On September 2, 2016, Barbara J. Gislason will be giving a speech entitled *Animal Sentience and Welfare: A 21st Century Perspective* at the Union Internationale des Avocats (UIA) seminar in Hefei, China. Hefei is China's new high-tech city. Currently, Gislason serves as both the President of the UIA Biotechnology Law Commission and the U.S. National Committee. For more information about the UIA, go to <http://www.uianet.org/en>.

The seminar in Hefei reflects a collaborative effort of the UIA Biotechnology Law Commission and the University of Science and Technology of China. The program is entitled *Homology of Medicine and Food: New Legislation and New Policy in the Era of Genes*.

In addition to her leadership in the Paris-based UIA, which is an international professional lawyer association, Gislason also serves on the Intellectual Property Law Council of the American Bar Association (ABA) and was recently appointed by the President of the ABA to serve on the ABA Special Committee on Bioethics and the Law. She has completed a book for the ABA Section of Family Law entitled *Pet Law and Pet Custody Disputes: A New Practice Area Unfolds*. Publication is expected in early 2017 through ABA Book Publishing.

Gislason has been the recipient of many state and national awards, including the *Outstanding Recognition Award for Laying the Foundation for the Success of the Animal Law Committee and its Mission to Create a Just World for All* from the Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section of the ABA. Together with the Honorable John Tunheim, she received the American Bar Foundation 2016 Fellows Outstanding State Chair Award.

Gislason is in private practice in Fridley, Minnesota, where she practices in the areas of Family Law, Animal Law, Art and Entertainment Law, and Intellectual Property Law. For more information, visit www.gislasonlaw.com.