

# CYDNEE BENCE

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## EDUCATION

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- LL.M.** Vermont Law School, Food & Agriculture Policy Aug. 2022  
Fellowship Thesis: State Limitations and Expansions of Local Authority to Regulate CAFOs  
Academic Thesis: Reaping the Benefits from The Dying Industry: Could the Fight Against Foie Gras Finish Fur Farming?  
GPA: 3.83
- J.D.** Vermont Law School May 2020  
Student Note: A House is Not a Home: Learning from Our Mistakes to Prevent Unequitable Gentrification on a Local Level  
GPA: 3.48
- MELP** Vermont Law School, Environmental Law & Policy May 2020  
GPA: 3.53
- B.S.** Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, Environmental, Geological, and Geographical Sciences May 2017  
GPA: 3.59
- B.A.** Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, Philosophy May 2017  
Minor in Legal Studies  
GPA: 3.59

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- Magna Cum Laude Honors** 2022  
LL.M
- Academic Excellence in Food Regulation & Policy** 2022  
Academic honors
- Academic Excellence in Animals & the Law** 2020  
Academic honors
- LL.M. Fellowship** 2020  
Research Fellowship focusing on farmed animal welfare
- Cum Laude Honors** 2020  
Master of Environmental Law & Policy
- Environmental Leader on the Rise** 2019  
Environmental Law Institute
- Best Student Note** 2019  
Second Place, Vermont Law Review
- Best Oralist** 2018  
Debevoise Moot Court Competition
- Scott J. Cameron Scholarship** 2017  
Juris Doctor
- Cum Laude Honors** 2017  
Bachelor of Arts; Bachelor of Science

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### *Vermont Law & Graduate School*

Introduction to Food and Agriculture Law and Policy, 2022

### *Vermont Law & Graduate School Online Program*

Introduction to Food and Agriculture Law and Policy, 2022

## PUBLICATIONS

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### *Journal Publications*

Cydnee Bence, *Quacks Like a Duck: pseudo-sanctuary accountability through consumer protection law*, 46 VT. L. REV. 329 (2022).

Cydnee Bence, *A House is Not a Home: Learning from Our Mistakes to Prevent Unequitable Gentrification on a Local Level*, 44 VT. L. REV. 429 (2019).

### *Other Publications*

Center for Agriculture & Food Systems, *Seafood Fraud: Analysis of Legal Approaches in the United States* (2022) (contributor, editor, and research).

Cydnee Bence, *Consumer's Guide to Bioengineered Food Disclosures, Labels Unwrapped* (2022).

Cydnee Bence & Mackensie Battle, *How Does the First Amendment Apply to Food and Supplement Labels?*, *Labels Unwrapped* (2021).

Center for Agriculture & Food Systems, *Essentially Unprotected: A Focus on Farmworker Health Laws and Policies Addressing Pesticide Exposure and Heat-Related Illness* (2021) (contributor, editor, and research).

Center for Agriculture & Food Systems and Harvard Food Law and Policy Clinic, *The Urgent Call for A U.S. National Food Strategy* (2020) (contributor, editor, and research).

Cydnee Bence & Emily Spiegel, *A Breed Apart: The Plant Breeder's Guide to Preventing Patents through Defensive Publication* (2020).

### *Forthcoming Publications*

Cydnee Bence, *State Limitations and Expansions of Local Authority to Regulate CAFOs* (2022).

Cydnee Bence & Alexandria Spring, *What's the Beef? Cell-Cultured Meat Labeling, Labels Unwrapped* (2022).

Cydnee Bence, *Plant-Based Product Labeling, Labels Unwrapped* (2022).

## PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

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**Panelist**, "Consumer protection and the Captive Wildlife Trade," International Captive Wildlife Conference, Nov. 2022.

**Paper Presentation**, "Quacks Like a Duck: pseudo-sanctuary accountability through consumer protection law," Vermont Law Review Symposium, Nov. 2021.

**Panelist**, "Vermont Law School's Animal Law Program," Dec. 2021.

**Lecture**, "Intimidation and Bearing Witness: 'Ag-Gag' Laws Criminalizing Animal Interactions," Hot Topics in Environmental Law, July 2021.

**Presentation**, "Responsible Coyote Management Regulations and Petition," Vermont Fish and Wildlife Board (June 19, 2019).

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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**Vermont Bar Association**, 2020-Present  
Member and licensed attorney

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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**Symposium Co-Organizer**

Animal Legal Defense Fund: Vermont Law School Student Chapter Symposium, Symposium, 2020

**Symposium Contributor**

Food & Agriculture Law Society, Pollinators Conference, Symposium, 2022

## **MEDIA**

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**News Interview**, Jessica Scott-Reid, *The Disturbing Rise of the Pseudo-Sanctuary*, SENTIENT MEDIA (August 22, 2022).

**Radio Interview**, *Skiing, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, VT Dance Alliance, Food Labels, Vermont Viewpoint*, Vermont Public Radio, Sept. 17, 2021.

**News Interview**, *New Vermont Law School website breaks down the confusing laws behind food labels*, VTDigger (June 23, 2022).