

Alternatives to Animal Testing: 21st Century Science for 21st Century Businesses
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Presenter biography

Sara Amundson is the Executive Director of the [Humane Society Legislative Fund](#), the 501(c)4 legislative and political organization affiliated with The Humane Society of the United States. In this capacity, she manages political and legislative activity for HSLF. She has testified before the U.S. Congress and in state legislatures on a variety of animal protection bills. Amundson was the prime lobbyist for passage of the ICCVAM Authorization Act, a lead negotiator of the EPA's High Production Volume Chemical Testing Agreement, secured \$6.5 million in appropriations or agency commitments for the research and development of alternatives to animal tests and to further 21st century toxicology. Amundson also negotiated with the chemical industry to require the addition of a bittering agent in antifreeze nationwide.

For HSLF, she's managed election activity including candidate meetings, endorsements, independent expenditures and voter guides. She also serves as the treasurer of the federal, affiliated HSLF PAC. She has been a featured speaker at the University of Virginia Law School, Lewis and Clark Law School and Harvard Law School and has appeared on CNN, ABC News, Fox News and in print for major U.S. newspapers.

Presentation abstract

Science is rapidly evolving to meet the challenges of regulatory recommendations or requirements, corporate commitments and animal welfare considerations. The National Research Council's report on regulatory science in the 21st century envisions an ultimate end to the use of animals in regulatory toxicology. Great strides have been made in several first world countries, and emerging markets, for ending animal use for safety substantiation of cosmetics. This interactive presentation will consider the current state of public policy driving change in the United States and around the world.