Undercover Investigations of Animal Operations
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First Assignment:

Join the Undercover Investigations of Animal Operations TWEN page before the first day of class.

Friday 1:00 to 2:00
Introduction to Undercover Investigations
⇒ Read:

Friday 2:00 to 4:00
Legal Risks Inherent to Conducting Undercover Investigations
⇒ Read:
   - Food Lion, Inc. v. Cap. Cities/ABC, Inc., 194 F.3d 505 (4th Cir. 1999), available on Westlaw here (please let me know if you are unable to access Westlaw)
   - Note (though not required reading): 50-state survey with relevant statutes also available at: https://www.justia.com/50-state-surveys/recording-phone-calls-and-conversations/

⇒ Consider:
   - What do these cases say about how courts view undercover investigations?
   - How can an attorney help a nonprofit organization mitigate risks when conducting an investigation?

Friday 4:00 to 5:00
Animal Cruelty Laws
⇒ Read:
   - ALDF: Laws That Protect Animals, available at: https://aldf.org/article/laws-that-protect-animals/
   - 2021 State Animal Protection Laws Rankings, available at: https://aldf.org/project/us-state-rankings/ - Read overview, pick a state of interest, and review/skim state-specific compendium to get an idea of state animal cruelty laws