

Are Elephants Human?

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In the wake of the Supreme Court's recent decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, we at Evans Kingsbury LLP support the right to choose. We advocate for the protection of reproductive freedom and access to safe abortions and contraception.



Happy the Elephant

Are elephants human?

Not in the state of New York.

The Nonhuman Rights Project sued the Bronx Zoo, seeking a writ of habeas corpus compelling the zoo to release Happy the Elephant declared legally a “person” and released from “imprisonment” in the zoo.

The New York appeals court ruled that Happy, being a pachyderm, is not legally a person. Only “persons” have the right to invoke the writ of habeas corpus. Corporations, bodies of water, and other animals in countries around the world have been recognized as “persons.” But the U.S. does not recognize nonhuman animals as “persons” with the right to liberty.

For now, Happy will remain in the Bronx Zoo.

In the Matter of Nonhuman Rights Project v. Breheny, June 14, 2022
2022 N.Y. Slip Op. 03859

For more blogs relating to animal rights laws, visit [Rosie's Corner](#), home of attorney Noreen Evans' dog.

Understanding the Importance of Your Income and Expense Declaration in Your Dissolution

Calculating child support and spousal or domestic partner support orders are critical in many dissolution proceedings. Getting an accurate picture of each party's finances also can affect other areas of a dissolution case, such as attorney fee awards. [Read More](#)



Understanding Requests for Admissions

Requests for admissions are part of discovery, which is the formal legal term for the process by which parties to a civil lawsuit exchange information before a case goes to trial. Civil court trials rarely involve any “surprise” evidence that a party doesn't know about beforehand. [Read More](#)



July is Ultraviolet (UV) Safety Awareness Month

As summer continues, it is important to be aware of the way overexposure to UV radiation from the sun can cause skin cancer, skin damage, and eye damage. Remember to protect your skin against the sun!



July 24th is National Parents Day

National Parents Day follows Mother's Day in May and Father's Day in June. This day is about honoring the patience, compassion, and unconditional love that parents put into raising their children.

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