

Attorney Profiles

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Bonnie is a Shareholder in the firm's Orange County office. She has been practicing law for 11 years. Prior to becoming an attorney, she was a public health microbiologist for the Orange County Health Department and owned a medical device manufacturing company.

Bonnie's practice consists of defending veterinarians in litigation and administrative actions in addition to providing general counsel services for humane societies throughout California. Due to her unique practice areas, she has extensive knowledge of the California Veterinary Medicine Practice Act and the laws which regulate humane societies. She is also an experienced litigator and has defended over 100 veterinarians and humane societies. Bonnie also assists other animal rescue organizations and occasionally defends owner in dangerous dog hearings.

Bonnie is an accomplished lecturer and writer. She frequently speaks at conferences and seminars held by the SCVMA, CVMA and VetPartners in addition to speaking to veterinary and law students. She has published articles in *The Pulse*, *California Veterinarian* and *Veterinary Economics* and has been interviewed for articles in *Sheltering Magazine*. She is the advisor to the State Humane Association of California and on the advisory committee of the National Canine Research Counsel.

Bonnie was born in Massachusetts and attended the University of Massachusetts and California Western School of Law.

Professional and Community Affiliations

State Bar of California

American Veterinary Medical Law Association, President (2011-2012)

American Bar Association, Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section, Animal Law Committee Vice-Chair (2011-2012)

VetPartners

State Humane Association of California - Advisor

California Animal Control Directors Association

California Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA)

Southern California Veterinary Medical Association (SCVMA)

Society of Animal Welfare Administrators

National Canine Research Counsel, Advisor

Orange County Bar Association

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Practice Areas

Professional Liability
Business
Construction
Environmental
Mold / Indoor Air Quality
Real Estate

Admitted to Bar

California (2000)

U.S. District Court, Central
District of California (2005)

U.S. District Court, Southern
District of California (2000)

Licensed to Practice Be-
fore the U.S. Patent and
Trademark Office, License
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Education

University of Massachusetts
(B.S., *magna cum laude*,
1968)

California Western School of
Law (J.D., Dean's List, *magna
cum laude*, 2000)

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Publications and Interviews

“Microchip Scanning and the Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship”,
California Veterinarian (May/June, 2011)

“Guidelines for ‘Firing’ Clients”, *California Veterinarian* (November/
December, 2010)

“I’ve Been Sued. Now What? What to do if it happens to you - and how to
protect yourself”, *Veterinary Economics* (May, 2008)

“Don’t Make Me Defend You,” *Veterinary Economics* (November, 2006)

Speaking Engagements

VetPartners Fall Meeting, 2011, Hot Rocks Presentation: Protecting Your
Assets (July 15, 2011)

Animal Care Conference 2008, “Contract Negotiations for Veterinarians”
(March 3, 2009)

Wild West Veterinary Conference, 2008, Non-economic Damages in Veteri-
nary Malpractice and Alterations of Computerized Medical Records (Octo-
ber 17 and 18, 2008)

VetPartners Fall Meeting, 2008, Hot Rocks Presentation: Alterations of
Computerized Medical Records (August 22, 2008)

Pacific Veterinary Conference, 2008, California Veterinary Medical Board aka
the VMB (June 28, 2008)

Animal Care Conference 2008, “Contract Negotiations for Veterinarians”
(April 7, 2008)

AVPMCA (now VetPartners) Fall Meeting 2007, “Hot Rocks Presenta-
tion: Standard of Care for Veterinarians” (August 19, 2007)

Animal Care Conference 2007, “Shelter Medicine and Management” (April
21, 2007)

AVPMCA (now VetPartners) Fall Meeting 2006, “Hot Rocks Presentation:
Indemnity Agreements for Veterinarians with Students” (August 25, 2006)

Animal Care Conference 2006, “Shelter Medicine and Management”
(February 14, 2006)

Animal Care Conference, “Legal and Ethical Implications of Using Shelter
Animals as Blood Donors” (April 4, 2005)

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