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One of California's Premier Civil Litigation Defense Firms Expands Reach

Bonne, Bridges, Mueller, O'Keefe & Nichols

For more than a half century, Bonne, Bridges, Mueller, O'Keefe & Nichols has been practicing at the intersection of the law and science. A steely focus on both of these worlds is the foundation of the venerable firm's pre-eminence in health care-related law as well as its recent expansion into a broader range of legal defense services.

Bonne Bridges started with just five attorneys in 1961, serving the needs of a Los Angeles-based insurance industry. Early experience mounting effective defense of physicians, hospitals and government agencies established the firm's reputation for excellence, especially in health care matters, medical malpractice, legal malpractice and other professional liability issues.

Bonne Bridges is led by 11 shareholders, many of whom are recognized as fellows, members and officers of The American College of Trial Lawyers, the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and the American Board of Trial Advocates. In addition to these prestigious, invitation-only organizations, Super Lawyers® has recognized the firm for decades, including Best Medical Malpractice defense (Los Angeles and Orange counties).

Over the years, Bonne Bridges leveraged the insights and expertise gained in the professional liability arena to become one of California's premier civil litigation defense firms. "Our ability to delve into science and biology, our history of handling complex litigation including class actions and appellate court cases, and familiarity with licensing boards and other regulatory authorities

allowed us to evolve into a more comprehensive practice," says President and Managing Shareholder David O'Keefe.

With more than 30 attorneys in Los Angeles and Orange counties, Bonne Bridges now defends clients facing employment law claims, elder law issues, all types of catastrophic injury cases, legal malpractice lawsuits, licensing board cases and civil appeals. In addition to its traditional insurance base, it represents uninsured entities such as pharmaceutical companies, medical device manufacturers, social and religious institutions, as well as individuals and entities that are being investigated for regulatory violations. It broadened its services recently to include guidance in transactional matters, such as providing assistance with the formation and dissolution of professional practices.

Bonne Bridges has also become the firm of choice for both plaintiff and defense work involving out-of-state law firms needing local representation. "We are here on the ground in the state with the most costly and complicated regulations. Out-of-state and California companies and law firms have turned to us to lead class-action cases and assist them in complex litigation," explains Margaret Holm, who manages the Orange County office.



Bonne Bridges Lawyers Defend Doctors and Health Care Providers

Trial Attorneys With a Winning Record

More than litigators, Bonne Bridges attorneys are first and foremost trial attorneys with a remarkable record of success – they've won more than 95 percent of their trial court and jury decisions and win two out of three of their appellate court cases. "Often litigators tend to focus on everything leading up to a trial; whereas, our trial teams are in court confronting witnesses and dealing with judges and juries on a daily basis," explains Gregory Werre. "By clearly communicating that we are prepared and willing to try the case, we provide our clients powerful bargaining leverage during pretrial negotiations."

"We never lose sight of the fact that our clients have everything at risk – their businesses, assets, careers and economic freedom," adds Peter Osinoff. "We'll always show up for trial or negotiations, in a court or before a regulatory board, better prepared than anyone else in the room. Ask any of our opponents."

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