

## Stephanie Charles

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Stephanie Charles is an associate with the Los Angeles office of Bonne, Bridges, Mueller, O'Keefe & Nichols. Her practice includes medical malpractice defense and elder abuse defense.

Stephanie has always found medicine to be fascinating, and feels it is the medical aspects of a legal case that make the practice of law fresh and intriguing.

Prior to working for Bonne, Bridges, Stephanie worked for medical malpractice defense firms in the Greater Los Angeles, area. Her mentor was George McDonald, author of *California Medical Malpractice: Law and Practice*, rev. ed. George McDonald (Thomson/West, 2003).

She received her J.D. from Southwestern University School of Law, where she was Editor-at-Large for Southwestern's school newspaper, *The Commentator*.

Stephanie received her B.A. degree from the University of California, Los Angeles, where she graduated with honors, majoring in Behavioral Science, which was an Individual Field of Concentration. Her senior thesis was titled, "*The Illusion of Justice in Involuntary Commitment Proceedings*."

As first chair, she obtained a non-suit for a physician defendant in the case of *Garris v. Hyman, M.D., et al.*

Prior to pursuing a legal career, she attended broadcasting school and thereafter obtained her FCC First Class Radiotelephone License with Radar Endorsement, certifying her to repair, install, and operate radio, television, and radar equipment.

### Practice Areas

- Medical Malpractice Defense

### Education

- Southwestern University School of Law – J.D., 1982
- University of California, Los Angeles – B.A.

### Courts Admitted

- All Courts of the State of California
- Federal Bar: U.S. Central and Eastern Districts of California
- Appellate Courts: Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals