

Employee Spotlight

You heard her voice, now meet her in person



In 1988, Constance Alfaro joined the firm as our Communications Coordinator. During this time, she has managed the telephone system, which involves programming and valuable training for all members.

"Joining Bonne Bridges is the best thing that has happened to me,"

raves Constance, who also organizes the firm's employee events throughout the year. This is one of the most enjoyable parts of Constance's job, particularly the annual Hollywood Bowl night.

Constance is married to her high school sweetheart, with whom she has two children. She is also very proud to be a grandmother to her delightful little grandson, Jacob. When Constance isn't doting over Jacob, she enjoys playing tennis, cycling, and occasionally hiking. She and her husband also participate in recreational target shooting. In fact, Constance holds several National Women's records in Air pistol and Small-bore pistol disciplines. On quieter days, she experiments in the culinary arts and attends High Tea with friends.

Constance has a wonderful working relationship with her peers and is extremely happy to be part of such a prestigious firm. Her contribution to our team is truly invaluable.

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All of the hard work and dedication from the employees at Bonne Bridges is very much appreciated. A special "Thank you" goes to the following outstanding employees celebrating anniversaries with Bonne Bridges.

25 years

Rose Bazan
(Director of Administration,
Los Angeles)

15 years

Alton Young
(IT Director, Los Angeles)

Shaunna Morales
(Administrative Assistant,
Los Angeles)

Mary Kern
(Secretary, Los Angeles)

10 years

Elizabeth Alanis
(Library/Reception,
Los Angeles)

5 years

Sara Velasquez
(Secretary, Los Angeles)

Olive Decano del Rosario
(Senior Accounting Specialist,
Los Angeles)

Rosalba Castillo
(Accounting Clerk,
Los Angeles)

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David O'Keefe

Letter from the President

As we embark upon 2007, the 46th year of the firm's presence in Southern California, Bonne, Bridges, Mueller, O'Keefe & Nichols has much to be grateful for. While confronting the dynamics of an ever-changing legal environment, the firm continues to build upon its core professional liability defense practice while, at the same time, expanding into new areas of tort litigation that should provide significant opportunities for future growth.

The firm's litigation expertise in medical, dental and hospital malpractice defense has always been an area of practice in which the Firm has enjoyed a premier reputation. This will remain an area of focus during the years to come. However, this past year has seen a meaningful expansion into other practice areas as well, including further expansion of our Administrative Law Department, a renewed focus on elder abuse claims, considerable increase in our general liability litigation, organ transplant litigation and the defense of clergy cases on behalf of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles and other church denominations. We have been able to develop subspecialty practice groups with expertise necessary to defend a variety of tort claims that pose catastrophic liability exposure to our clients. Our Appellate Department under the direction of experienced appellate counsel, Vangi Johnson, continues to achieve outstanding appellate results.

At year's end, we were disappointed to learn that Chris Marshall, the shareholder in charge of our Riverside office, announced his intention to pursue other areas of the law including, following in his father's footsteps to seek a judicial career in the Riverside or San Bernardino Superior Court. With Chris's departure, the firm decided to consolidate our Riverside and San Bernardino case load into our Orange County office under the supervision of Managing Shareholder, Margaret Holm. Peggy continues to do a remarkable job balancing her busy trial calendar, which resulted in a number of defense verdicts this past year, with her administrative responsibilities for both the Orange County office and the firm generally. Peggy continues to receive trial support in Orange County from shareholder, Ray McMahan, who along with a very active trial calendar has developed significant expertise in representing physicians and healthcare entities in Administrative and Medical Board matters.

The firm recently signed a new office lease in Orange County into the Xerox Building, which is approximately one-half block away from our former Orange County location. This building already accommodates a number of law firms, as well as the Judicate West mediation service. This move will provide easy access to the Orange County, San Diego and Inland Empire courts and will provide room for further expansion as needed.

This past year also saw a move of our Las Vegas, Nevada, office into new quarters adjacent to the 10th fairway at the Las Vegas National Country Club. This office remains under the capable direction of shareholder, Patricia Daehnke, who has done a superb job overseeing our Las Vegas case load and expanding our Las Vegas healthcare practice and general liability practice as well.

In 2006 we also welcomed two new members to the firm's Board of Directors, namely, Peter Osinoff and Brian Hoffman, whose insight and wisdom have benefited the firm's management team. In addition, both Peter and Brian continue to foster a sense of comradery among the shareholders that is ever so important to the firm's long term objectives of mutual respect and collegiality.

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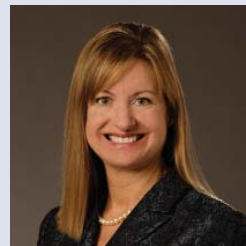
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And as with all our dedicated shareholders, including Carmen Vigil, Joel Douglas, Mitzie Dobson, Greg Werre, and Tom O'Neil, there is a continuing dedication to a standard of excellence, exemplified by vigorous and ethical representation of clients which shall remain a hallmark of this firm's litigation practice. Our success as a trial law firm is something that was not developed overnight, but rather an accomplishment that rests upon the efforts of the many fine lawyers who have given generously of their time and energy to not only hone their own trial skills, but also to train young litigators for the future. I believe the firm has done this with unparalleled success and hopefully this will always remain a cornerstone of our practice.

I wish to thank our staff, our clients and carriers, for their confidence and support and wish each and all of you a successful, happy and prosperous 2007.

David J. O'Keefe
President



PATRICIA DAEHNKE has maintained an active trial practice in California and Nevada for 15 years. Her primary practice areas include medical malpractice defense and general civil litigation. Patricia has handled and tried cases involving elder abuse claims, civil rights violations, and products liability. She represents physicians and other healthcare providers in the trial courts, on appeal, in binding arbitration, and in board proceedings. Patricia is honored to be the 2006-2007 Chair of the Los Angeles County Bar Association Litigation Section.



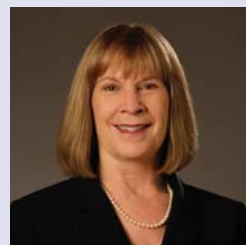
MITZIE DOBSON has been defending complex personal injury matters, primarily those involving professional liability and products liability for the past 12 years. She is regularly consulted to share her expertise in the retention, coordination and presentation of expert witnesses on causation defenses in complex product liability matters, including smoking and health cases, both nationally and internationally. Mitzie has handled all aspects of a wide range of matters including cases involving managed care, medical components, psychiatric issues, and all systems of the body.



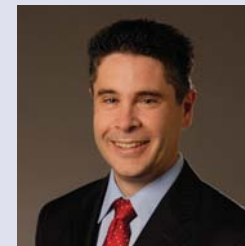
JOEL DOUGLAS is known for his creative and vigorous defense of health care providers in the area of psychiatry and allegations of sexual misconduct. Joel also has an impressive background in the defense of health care providers against garden variety and challenging professional liability claims. For almost 35 years as a trial lawyer, Joel has defended clients in a wide variety of administrative and professional licensing cases, complex health care fraud, toxic tort, and product liability cases. In addition, he has knowledge of insurance coverage matters and has personally handled numerous appeals and written petitions on a broad range of issues. Joel is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates.



BRIAN HOFFMAN has defended a broad array of matters in the areas of professional and general negligence, premises liability, and complex litigation. He has handled and tried cases on behalf of physicians, chiropractors, hospitals, long-term care facilities, hotels, office complexes, and product manufacturers. Brian has lectured throughout the state, speaking on topics ranging from "Defending the Mal-Practice Lawsuit" to "Attending/Resident Communication," and has also tried and arbitrated over 60 cases.



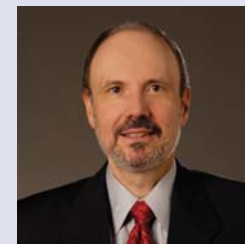
MARGARET HOLM has a broad civil trial practice, which includes both State and Federal catastrophic and class actions. Her primary practice areas are the defense of professional liability and complex general liability matters. With nearly 30 years of experience, Margaret has handled and tried cases involving healthcare professionals, medical facilities, products liability, and long-term care providers in elder law matters. In the last 10 years, her practice has grown to include premises liability, HOA, and insurer liability. Margaret continues to expand her trial practice, having tried more than 150 Superior Court civil jury trials and binding arbitrations to conclusion. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Trial Advocates, a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and a Fellow of the International Society of Barristers.



RAYMOND MCMAHON has defended individuals and entities in complex professional litigation matters since 1993, and continues to expand his civil litigation practice. He has developed an emphasis on civil litigation and administrative law, including licensing matters for both individuals and health care corporations. With his trial successes, he has achieved significant results on behalf of his clients in the area of governmental regulation and oversight matters, such as Medicare and Medi-Cal audits.



TOM O'NEIL has been a member of the firm for nearly 25 years, continuing his practice in the defense of complex personal injury cases. Currently, Tom's primary practice is representing and defending health care professionals in medical and dental malpractice litigation. In the last few years, his practice has grown to include complex general liability cases, products liability, and elder law. Tom is active in the community and has served as an arbitrator and mediator on numerous cases for the Los Angeles County Superior Court.



PETER OSINOFF specializes in the defense of physicians and surgeons involved in Medical Board investigations and disciplinary proceedings against their licenses. In 1993 he started and continues to head our administrative law department. Peter has a 30-year background in civil litigation, defending health care professionals and local, state, and federal entities to employees in all types of actions, ranging from malpractice to advertising and unfair business practice cases. He has also defended physicians in staff disciplinary proceedings and in credentialing actions by health care networks. Over the past 10 years, Peter has increasingly focused on the defense of health care professionals in disciplinary actions, representing them in hundreds of investigations and many hearings before State licensing boards.

CARMEN VIGIL has extensive knowledge as a registered nurse to gain an insightful understanding of medical issues while defending health care providers facing professional liability claims. Among the clients she represents in court and at arbitration are emergency room doctors, plastic surgeons, psychiatrists, surgeons, nurses, physician practice groups, physician assistants and other specialists in the health care field. Carmen has considerable success preserving victories upon appeal, arguing cases in which she was original counsel, and representing owners and insurers in premises liability matters involving significant injuries.



GREG WERRE has meticulously represented the interests of defendants in complex personal injury claims for over 15 years. His primary practice areas include healthcare liability and representation of physicians in administrative proceedings. He has established a reputation in the ophthalmic community as a sub-specialist defending eye cases. As a litigator, Greg maintains an active trial and binding arbitration practice.

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At Bonne Bridges, we recognize that our obligations extend not only to our clients but to our communities as well. The firm and its lawyers and staff give generously of their time, financial support, expertise and leadership skills in order to give back to the communities in which we live and work. Areas of Bonne Bridges' commitment to the community include, but not limited to:

- California Women's Law Center
- Chapman University School of Law - PILF
- Children's Hospital of Los Angeles
- Children's Hospital of Orange County
- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
- Good Samaritan Hospital
- Homeboy Industries
- Los Angeles Free Clinic
- Loyola Law School - Civil Justice Program
- Marymount High School
- Mount St. Mary's College
- Orange County Child Abuse Prevention Center
- San Bernardino County Medical Society
- Southern California Presbyterian Homes - Alzheimers and Dementia Programs
- Surfrider Foundation
- The American Friends of the Hebrew University
- The American Red Cross - Hurricane Relief
- The Help Group
- The Loyola High School Alumni Association
- The Paralysis Project of America
- UCLA School of Law - Public Interest Law Fund
- UCLA School of Law/Annual Fund
- USC Keck School of Medicine
- Venice Family Clinic
- Verbum Dei High School
- Women's Cancer Research Fund