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A highly regarded trial lawyer and leader in the legal profession, Margaret "Peggy" Holm defends health care organizations and providers, hospitals, medical professionals, nursing homes, long term care facilities, and national and regional insurers.

Focus Areas

In over 150 trials, Peggy has amassed an outstanding record of obtaining defense verdicts, early dismissals and favorable settlements. Her clients face high demands and allegations of medical malpractice, wrongful death, abuse and neglect. She also handles employment litigation, general, premises and professional liability matters with major damages exposure. Peggy has experience defending employers in cases involving a wide range of employment law issues, including wrongful termination, discrimination, harassment, wage and hour/employee classifications, and breach of contract claims.

Whether at trial or in arbitration, Peggy protects clients through her deft handling and interpretation of expert testimony, causation issues and damage assessment. The range of complex and catastrophic injury cases she defends is expansive.

Representative Matters Include

- Mass action claims associated with organ transplants and Medicare payments.
- Defending gynecologists and psychiatrists against sexual abuse allegations.
- Minimizing trucking companies' risk exposure in major vehicular incidents.
- HOA liability in construction defect and related brain damage claims.
- Premises liability for night clubs and hotels.
- Defending catastrophic injury claims related to anesthesia, neurosurgical, birth, and wrongful death.

Peggy's skills in trial discovery, presentation and advocacy earned her an invitation to the American College of Trial Lawyers where she is a Fellow. She is also the third woman in the history of the American Board of Trial Advocates elevated to the prestigious rank of Diplomate.

Education

- Santa Clara University School of Law, J.D. - First female law school president
- University of California, San Diego, Revelle College B.A.

Courts Admitted

- United States District Court Central, Northern and Southern Districts of California
- All California State Courts

Areas of Expertise

- Elder Law & Long Term Care
- Employment Law
- General Liability Law
- Medical Malpractice Defense
- Professional Liability

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Associations

- American College of Trial Lawyers - Fellow
- American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) - Diplomate
- Judicial Liaison Committee, ABOTA
- National Board of Directors, ABOTA
- ABOTA Orange County - President (past)
- Robert A. Banyard Inns of Court - Master
- International Society of Barristers - Fellow
- Association of Southern California Defense Counsel
- Chapman University School of Law - Deans' Council
- Association of Southern California Defense Counsel
- Orange County Bar Association
- The State Bar of California
- Orange County Superior Court - Judge Pro Tem
- Court appointed arbitrator for Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Orange Counties

Recognition

- ABOTA Orange County - Trial Lawyer of the Year (2008)
- ABOTA Orange County - Trial Lawyer of the Year - Defense (2001)
- Robert L. Banyard Inn of Court - Angelo Palmieri Award (civility)
- *The Daily Journal* - "Top Woman Litigators" in California 2002, 2003, 2009, 2011
- *Law & Politics* - Southern California Super Lawyer 2004-2012; Orange County's Top 50 Lawyers 2006-2011; Top 50 Women 2006-2011
- *The Best Lawyers in America*: 2005-2010
- *The Law Dragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America* - 2007

Presentations & Publications

- Judicial Conference of the United States - Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure - Proposed changes to the Federal Rules of Evidence. Served as spokesperson for the National Board of the American Board of Trial Advocates.
- Multiple seminars, lectures and panel presentations on medical malpractice, negligence, product liability and corporate liability topics.
- Multiple "Master In Trial" presentations nationwide at the request of the American Board of Trial Advocates.
- Multiple articles on subjects ranging from ADA Disorder claims to drug company sales incentives