



Jennifer Bonneville

OF COUNSEL

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Areas of Practice

Commercial Litigation, Environmental, Product, & Mass Tort, Class Action Defense

Overview

Jennifer Bonneville is a skilled litigator who regularly appears in federal and state courts across the United States in complex products liability and toxic tort cases, including consumer class actions and multi-plaintiff litigation. Jennifer works with energy companies, manufacturers of specialty consumer and automotive products, industrial and commodity chemicals, pesticides, and medical devices, to defend a diverse array of product and premise based suits in cases involving wrongful death, property damage, personal injury and medical monitoring claims.

Combining her background in business and experience as a six sigma agent with litigation skills and insight, Jennifer works closely with clients to develop and execute legal strategies which consistently lead to favorable outcomes. Jennifer skillfully manages all aspects of litigation including pre-litigation investigation and advice, development and execution of case strategy, preparing and defending corporate witnesses, expert discovery, mediation, trial preparation, post-trial motions and appeals. She also regularly advises clients on Medicare compliance and reporting issues.

Jennifer is committed to giving back to the legal community by volunteering her time to assist the most vulnerable members of society including children, Holocaust survivors, and victims of domestic violence. In 2014, she was recognized as a Los Angeles County “Volunteer of the Year” for her work with the Los Angeles County Bar Association’s Domestic Violence Project.

Bar & Court Admissions

- California
- Massachusetts
- US District Court, Central District of California
- US District Court, Eastern District of California
- US District Court, Northern District of California
- US District Court, Southern District of California
- US Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit

Education

- J.D., University of Toronto, 2004, Ogilvy Renault Award for Academic Achievement
- H.B.A., University of Western Ontario, 1999, Ivey Scholar

Representative Matters

- Represented a pesticide manufacturer in a 400+ plaintiff action for personal injury and wrongful death arising from alleged environmental contamination in Santa Cruz County, California, obtaining dismissals of over 75% of plaintiffs.
- Defeated class certification in multi-district litigation concerning the sale of allegedly toxic plastic drinking bottles made from BPA.
- Obtained summary judgments and Rule 11 sanctions for a petroleum company facing 100+ personal injury, property damage and medical monitoring claims from a community allegedly impacted by air and groundwater contamination from former refinery.
- Represented three energy companies in a commercial property case alleging contamination from a leaking underground storage tank resulting in a defense verdict at trial.
- Successfully excluded Plaintiff’s causation expert resulting in a dismissal in a case involving allegations of occupational exposure to benzene.

News & Publications

ACCOLADES

Steptoe Receives 26 Practice, 120 Individual Mentions in *Legal 500 US 2016*

June 15, 2016

PRESS RELEASES

***Daily Journal* Names Jennifer Bonneville to 'Top 40 Lawyers Under 40' List**

May 18, 2016

MEDIA MENTIONS

***Harris Martin* Covers Steptoe's Success for Client in Benzene Case**

January 27, 2015

PUBLICATIONS

Court answers lingering questions on medical expenses as damages

The Los Angeles Daily Journal

May 15, 2013

By: Jennifer Bonneville

Events

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"California Trial Evidence 2016," *Practising Law Institute*

October 27, 2016

San Francisco, CA

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Successful Senior Associates: How Not to Learn the Hard Way," *Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles*

November 29, 2011

Speaker: Jennifer Bonneville

Noteworthy

- *Daily Journal* "Top 40 Under 40" (2016)
- *The Legal 500 US*, Litigation: Product Liability and Mass Tort Defense, Toxic Tort (2016)
- *Super Lawyers*, Southern California, "Rising Star," General Litigation (2010-2014)
- Los Angeles County "Volunteer of the Year" (2014)

Professional Affiliations

- Defense Research Institute
- Association of Business Trial Lawyers

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