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Overview

One of the youngest women ever to be named Partner at Susman Godfrey, Amanda Bonn litigates high-stakes cases for plaintiffs and defendants in federal and state courts across the country. A versatile attorney with a unique ability to master diverse subject matters, Bonn has litigated bet-the-company lawsuits in a wide variety of practice areas including intellectual property, employment and labor, class action, antitrust, qui tam, and securities matters. Bonn's experience in such matters ranges from examining key witnesses in a billion-dollar patent infringement trial, to successfully arguing complex antitrust issues on appeal to the Ninth Circuit, to counseling corporate clients on newsworthy employment matters, and everything in between.

Bonn's well-known corporate clients include online real estate marketplace Zillow, leading food and beverage distributor Dean Foods, activist hedge fund Third Point, and the world's leading commercial satellite manufacturer SSL. Ms. Bonn instills confidence in her clients through her thoughtful, strategic approach to complex issues; her dynamic and persuasive courtroom presence; and her finely tuned sense of judgment on challenging business and legal decisions.

Bonn is part of the team at Susman Godfrey serving as co-lead counsel for a class of indirect purchasers in multi-billion dollar antitrust case against Qualcomm. In this complex matter that straddles the line between patent and antitrust litigation, Ms. Bonn has overseen technical experts, deposed C-Suite level Qualcomm executives, and was principally responsible for briefing Plaintiffs' opposition to Qualcomm's motion to dismiss—a winning brief that resulted in a significant and newsworthy [decision*](#) permitting a nationwide class to proceed under California law.

Bonn has significant experience in high-stakes patent and trade secret litigation, including examining important expert and fact witnesses in a billion dollar trial on behalf of international satellite communications company SSL. Bonn also successfully represented the Rockstar Consortium—a joint-venture of Apple, Ericsson, Sony, and Blackberry—facing off against Google in a patent lawsuit related to its core “search-plus-advertising” business, one that resolved in connection with a \$900 million settlement.

Ms. Bonn also has represented and counseled significant corporate clients—such as Zillow, Dean Foods, and The Rawlings Company—facing employment disputes ranging from wage-and-hour class actions, to Department of Labor investigations, to individual employment suits for sexual harassment and various forms of discrimination.

Bonn was recently hired to represent subsidiaries of NBCUniversal in a Ninth Circuit appeal against Atlantic

Specialty Insurance Company, an insurance despite that hinges on the question whether Hamas's bombing of Israeli civilian populations constitutes covered acts of terrorism or excluded acts of war under Plaintiffs' insurance policy.

Bonn has been invited to speak at the American Antitrust Institute's Private Antitrust Enforcement Conference and the American Bar Association's National Institute on Class Actions. Bonn has been recognized as a SuperLawyers Rising Star each year since 2013 (Thomson Reuters).

A graduate of Stanford Law School, Bonn served as a Law Clerk to the Honorable Dean D. Pregerson for the Central District of California before joining Susman Godfrey.

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Education

- UCLA (B.A., Political Science, *summa cum laude*, College Honors, 2006)
- Stanford Law School (J.D., 2009)

Clerkship

Law Clerk to the Honorable Dean D. Pregerson, United States District Court for the Central District of California (2009-2010)

Notable Representations

Intellectual Property

In re Qualcomm Antitrust Litigation

In this massive antitrust litigation against Qualcomm for its anticompetitive patent licensing practices—a ground-breaking case at the intersection of patent and antitrust law—Bonn is part of a team of lawyers at Susman Godfrey who have been appointed co-lead counsel for a putative class of indirect purchasers of cellular devices.

Bonn oversees technical experts and has taken depositions of senior Qualcomm executives. In addition, Bonn was principally responsible for briefing Plaintiffs' successful opposition to Qualcomm's motion to dismiss, resulting in a ground-breaking decision applying California to a nationwide class of consumers, including those who live in states that would not otherwise allow indirect purchasers to bring antitrust claims. Click [here](#) for more on this case.

ViaSat v. Space Systems/Loral et al. (SSL)

In this high-stakes patent litigation, with over \$1 billion in potential exposure, Bonn played a significant role in litigation from filing through a jury verdict and post-trial motions; handling the briefing and arguing of motions to dismiss, claim construction, motions for summary judgment, and

post-trial motions. She also oversaw all technical expert work on infringement and invalidity; took and defended significant depositions and examined key witnesses at trial, including the second-highest-ranking executive at Loral, Loral's invalidity expert, and a key third-party witness. Click [here](#) to read more on this case.

Rockstar v. Google.

Bonn was a key litigator in this massive patent dispute involving major players in the technology field—a joint venture of Apple, Ericsson, Sony, and Blackberry suing Google over its core “search-plus-advertising” business.

Bonn was responsible for defending the patent inventor's deposition, briefing and arguing claim construction issues, and briefing and arguing key discovery motions that resulted in significant wins in the weeks preceding the parties' post-Markman resolution as part of a \$900 million settlement.

Personalized Media Communications Inc. v Samsung Electronics America, Inc. Funai Electric Co. and Vizio Inc.

Susman Godfrey is lead counsel in this series of lawsuits filed by Personalized Media Communications, one of the country's largest holders of patents. These patents are pioneering intellectual property relating to the control of networked equipment, including online and mobile environments. PMC's patents have special relevance to the field of digital television, which is the focus of the Susman Godfrey suits. These cases settled on confidential terms.

Labor & Employment

Various employment matters for Zillow—Kremer v. Zillow, Boehler et al. v. Zillow, Young v. Zillow, Johnson v. Zillow, and Freeman v. Zillow.

Bonn took a principal role in defending Zillow against a wage-and-hour class action, a Department of Labor investigation, and a series of high-profile individual employment lawsuits alleging sexual harassment, gender discrimination, race discrimination, retaliation, and wrongful termination—all of which were filed simultaneously by celebrity lawyer Mark Geragos and one of which was covered on the front page of the [New York Times](#).

Various employment matters for Dean Foods subsidiaries— Parker v. Dean Transportation, Inc., de la Cueva v. Alta-Dena, and Perez v. Alta-Dena.

Bonn has successfully litigated a series of putative wage-and-hour class actions against several subsidiaries of Dean Foods, a Fortune 500 company and one of the nation's leading food and beverage companies, defeating more than six attempts to certify putative classes bringing wage-and-hour claims.

Deitelbaum v. Rawlings

Bonn currently represents The Rawlings Co., one of the nation's leading subrogation recovery firms, in a mis-classification case in Central District of California. Bonn successfully briefed motions to dismiss, resulting in dismissal of Plaintiffs' California PAGA claims on behalf of other employees, as well as the plaintiff's meal and rest break claims.

Bonn's work transformed this case seeking to represent a class of Rawlings' employees asserting overtime, meal break, and rest break claims to a single-Plaintiff case involving only overtime claims.

Appellate

Universal Cable Productions LLC et al. v. Atlantic Specialty Insurance Co.

Bonn is part of a team of Susman Godfrey lawyers who have been hired to handle a Ninth Circuit appeal on behalf of NBCUniversal subsidiaries against their insurer, Atlantic Specialty Insurance Co., relating to a hot-button issue: do Hamas's indiscriminate bombings of Israeli population centers constitute acts of terrorism or acts of war under Plaintiff's insurance policies? Ms. Bonn wrote Appellants' opening brief. Briefing is not yet complete. Click [here](#) for more on this case.

Oliver et al. v. SD-3C LLC, SanDisk, Panasonic, & Toshiba

Bonn successfully briefed and argued a Ninth Circuit appeal in this groundbreaking case at the intersection of patent and antitrust law, asserting antitrust claims arising from Defendants' patent licensing arrangements relating to SD Card technology. Following remand from the Ninth Circuit, the case is still pending in the district court. Click [here](#) for more on this case.

Securities

Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited and Crum & Forster Holdings Corp. v. S.A.C. Capital Management, LLC, et al.

Bonn and a team from Susman Godfrey defended Third Point LLC against this civil RICO securities case seeking over \$10 billion in damages. Bonn deposed the plaintiff's experts, including the former chief accountant of the SEC, successfully drafted trial and appellate briefs that resulted in piercing the plaintiff's privilege log, and contributed to securing dismissal of the plaintiff's claims against Third Point in their entirety on summary judgment—a result that was recently affirmed on appeal by New Jersey's highest court. Click [here](#) for more on this case.

Qui Tam Litigation

State of California, et al., On The Go Wireless, LLC, v. CELLCO Partnership, et al.

Bonn is a part of a team of senior attorneys from Susman Godfrey who represent the largest political subdivisions in the largest state in the nation—including the University of California system, the California State University System, and the County of Los Angeles, to name a few—in this groundbreaking suit against the "Big 4" wireless carriers, Verizon, AT&T, Sprint, and T-Mobile for over-billing the government in a case with over \$1 billion in potential exposure.

Honors and Distinctions

- Recognized on Lawdragon 500's 2019 list of the country's [Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers](#) (2019)
- Benchmark Litigation "40 and Under Hot List" ([2018](#) and [2019](#))
- Southern California "Rising Star" (Thomson Reuters, 2013 - present)
- Stanford Law Review, Notes Editor, Volume 61
- AAJ Student Trial Advocacy Competition, Regional Winner, 2009
- Stanford Law School Mock Trial Tournament, Best Advocate, 2007
- American Mock Trial Association, All-American Attorney, 2005 and 2006
- American Mock Trial Association, National Champion, 2004 and 2005

- Phi Beta Kappa

Professional Associations and Memberships

State Bar of California