

# Jennifer Dunn

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## Description

Professor Dunn joined the UC Hastings faculty in 2013 as a Lecturer in Law. She will be teaching courses at the intersection of health sciences and law. Before joining the faculty, she spent 15 years working in law firms, research centers and academia.

Licensed in California and New York, Professor Dunn began her legal career at a plaintiffs' class action law firm where she litigated health care and civil rights cases in state and federal courts throughout the country. She represented plaintiffs in *Abdullahi v. Pfizer*, a mass tort alleging Pfizer violated international law in conducting a clinical trial of the antibiotic Trovan without first obtaining the consent of the children or their parents. Other representative cases include class action lawsuits against insurance companies alleging racial discrimination in the sale of life insurance policies, a class action challenging an employer's denial of health insurance coverage for prescription contraceptives, and multidistrict litigation against health maintenance organizations.

Professor Dunn's research, writing and advocacy focuses on women's health and reproductive justice. She is a frequent guest lecturer at medical and health sciences conferences and grand rounds. Her recent article, *After the Choice: Challenging California's Physician-Only Abortion Restriction* was published in the *UCLA Law Review Discourse* in June 2013. Her collaborative study with UCSF's Schools of Nursing and Medicine, which looked at hospital bans on vaginal birth after cesarean (VBAC) and the impact on access in California, was published in *BioMed Central Pregnancy and Childbirth* in early 2013. Professor Dunn's first book, *Abortion in California: A Medical-Legal Handbook*, was co-authored with UCSF faculty and serves as a resource for clinics and hospitals throughout California.

Professor Dunn served as the Acting Assistant Dean of the Graduate Division at UC Hastings in 2012-2013 and previously served as the Executive Director of the UCSF/UC Hastings Consortium on Law, Science & Health Policy. Before joining UC Hastings in 2009, she spent four years as the Law & Policy Advisor for Advancing New Standards in Reproductive Health, a collaborative research group and "think tank" at the University of California, San Francisco. She has taught women's health and reproductive justice at UC Hastings and UC Berkeley Law.

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## Industry Expertise

Education/Learning, Legal Services

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## Topics

Health Law, Human Subjects Research, Maternal Health & Informed Consent, Adolescent Health, Women's Health, Reproductive Health & Justice, Professional Responsibility & Legal Ethics, Global Health Policy, Women's Health and Empowerment, The Right to Health, Health Disparities and Vulnerable Populations, Health Care Access, Global Maternal Morbidity and Mortality, Pregnancy Loss, Right to Refuse Treatment, The Rights of Pregnant Women

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## **Affiliations**

California Bar Association : Member, New York Bar Association : Member, ACLU of Northern California : Pro Bono Attorney

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## **Past Talks**

**Applying a Human Rights Approach to Maternal Mortality**  
West Coast Launch of the World Bank Report

**Required Funeral Disposition After a Miscarriage at 20 Weeks: Patient Preference or a Mistake in Form?**  
Center for Healthy Communities Conference

**Post-Viability Abortion and the Health Exception,**  
Psychiatry Grand Rounds, Parnassus Campus

**Ethics in Perinatology: A Day of Dilemmas, Discussion and Debate**  
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine, 33rd Annual Meeting

**The Social and Historical Context: Abortion in the U.S. Before Roe v Wade**  
Roe v Wade at 40 Symposium

**Forced Obstetrical Intervention: Still Happening After In Re AC?**  
Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Science Grand Rounds, Parnassus Campus

**Pregnancy, Capacity & Psychosis, Psychiatry Grand Rounds**  
San Francisco General Hospital

**Gender, Reproduction and the Supreme Court**  
California Annual State Bar Conference

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## **Education**

**University of California, Hastings College of the Law**  
J.D. Law

**University of California, Berkeley**  
B.A. English

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