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# John V. Bell

# Partner

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## Practice Areas

- Insurance Defense
- Litigation

#### Admissions

- California
- New York

### **Education & Honors**

 J.D. 1982, St. John's University School of Law

#### Associations

• ABOTA, Orange Co. Chapter

#### Noteworthy

- Director-NYS Trial Lawyers Association
- Vice-President, Upstate Trial Lawyers Association (NY)
- Moot Court Judge, NY and CA

John V. Bell was born and raised in New York City where he graduated cum laude from CUNY, Queens College. Following this, he worked in Insurance Claims and corporate Risk Management for eight years, during the latter four of which he also attended evening law school at St. John's University, graduating with Dean's List honors.

After moving to the upstate NY region, he successfully litigated numerous medical malpractice and tort cases and won three appellate matters, including one in the NY Court of Appeals and another in the Second Circuit Court of Appeals.

Since 1998 he has practiced primarily in CA and is a member of ABOTA in the Orange Co. chapter.

John has three adult children in Alaska, Colorado and San Diego and spends his leisure time golfing and taking long walks with his wife and their dogs.

### **Community Involvement**

 Pet Fostering and Adoption – Orange Co. and Los Angeles