

Equine

The Equine industry occupies a large role in the California economy, from horse racing to moving livestock. We represent numerous horse-related businesses and horse owners on a wide variety of issues. With lawyers who are equestrians themselves, Downey Brand's equine team fully understands the industry and related legal issues. We possess the depth and experience to help clients right the wrongs, navigate complex regulatory hurdles and achieve positive results.

We assist clients on matters involving environmental remediation, stormwater regulatory issues contract drafting and disputes, land sales, veterinary malpractice and succession planning. It's our personal involvement and passion for horses that provides us with the unique insight into our client's legal and business needs. We step in to assist them with their operations, facilities, and the legal issues they confront, so that they can have more time to breed success.

Selected Experience

- Litigation over breach of contract with mares leased for breeding, and breach of agreements for the sale for stallions.
- Assisted a client that developed an equine feed supplement with general business advising and trademark, licensing, and sales agreement work. Then we assisted with the sale of the brand to a larger, national company, and helped dissolve the old business organizations.
- Worked on a case where two registry organizations for Peruvian Paso Horses agreed to merge, but a dissenting faction within one of the groups refused to transfer the records to the newly merged organization. Downey Brand successfully forced a turn-over of the records with a writ of possession.
- Assisted a client with her case involving purchased frozen semen from a world class horse in France. The vet who she engaged to perform the procedure on her mare mixed up the semen and used the wrong semen for the procedure. The resulting foal was not what was expected and the vet was unable to locate the remaining semen to attempt the procedure again.
- Assisted a large equestrian facility located next to an industrial site that as part of a site investigation detected PCBs and copper that turned out to have come from recycled wire insulation used



Related Industries

Agribusiness
Construction
Real Estate
Water Rights & Resources

Related Practices

Bankruptcy & Insolvency
CEQA / NEPA
Complex Business Litigation
Emerging Companies & Venture
Capital
Employment Counseling
Environmental Remediation & Due
Diligence
Food & Agriculture
Insurance
Intellectual Property & Licensing
Land Use
Real Estate
Taxation
Wealth Transfer

for stadium footing (a substitute for or addition to sand in the rings, instead of dirt, sawdust or ground tire footing). Assisted with contracting for the removal of the material and issues regarding potential impacts in the drainages downhill.

- Review and drafting of pre-purchase, boarding, and sale agreements for horses and horse facilities.

Trade Groups

Bay Area Equestrian Network