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Dr. Nancy Halpern is a registered patent attorney and Chair of the firm's [Animal Law Practice](#). She represents clients in intellectual property and veterinarian pharmaceuticals. Dr. Halpern also represents animal owners, animal-related businesses, veterinarians, biomedical research facilities, farmers and trade associations in issues related to the complex patchwork of local, state and federal laws and regulations governing the humane use of animals. A licensed veterinarian in the State of New Jersey, Dr. Halpern previously served as Director of the Division of Animal Health for the New Jersey Department of Agriculture and New Jersey's State Veterinarian and served on the State Board of Veterinary Medicine Examiners (SBVME) for nearly a decade. In these posts, she was responsible for the state's emergency response regarding animal care concerns in the event of natural or man-made disasters; supervision of the sole animal health diagnostic laboratory in New Jersey and implementation of regulatory and statutory provisions governing animal care, well-being and safety as well as animal disease surveillance and control.

Dr. Halpern serves on the Board of Directors for Americans for Medical Progress and the New Jersey Association for Biomedical Research. She has represented the American Veterinary Medical Association and other trade associations in legislative and regulatory matters (excluding services covered by the Lobbying Disclosure Act, 2 U.S.C. § 1601 et seq.), represents veterinarians when acquiring or selling their practices and when facing regulatory challenges nationwide. She also provides statutory and regulatory analysis for trade associations and animal-related businesses and represents businesses, from farms to pharmaceutical companies, during their interactions with governmental regulators.

### **Beyond Fox Rothschild**

Dr. Halpern is certified in EPA Hazardous Materials Incident Response Operations (2006) and has completed USDA Tuberculosis Epidemiology Training (2005) and management-level training for Preparedness and Response to Agricultural Terrorism (2005). She has also completed the IS-700 Introduction to NIMS (2005), presented by FEMA.

Dr. Halpern speaks frequently about the legal issues affecting animal-related industries, including issues of animal welfare and the shifting laws governing animal ownership and use. She has delivered presentations recently at the annual meeting of the American College of Laboratory Medicine, the New Jersey Association for Biomedical Research's annual IACUC Conference, the region's premier training event for Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee members and managers, laboratory animal veterinarians, animal welfare compliance specialists, laboratory animal care

staff and other research team members and has often presented at the annual meeting of the American Veterinary Medical Law Association.

In addition, Dr. Halpern provides animal-related pro bono legal services. Most recently, she has provided assistance to:

- The New Jersey Bar Foundation, by editing mock trial documents that dealt with the death of a dog
- The family of an adopted dog, in recouping their adoption fee after they spent more than \$4,000 on surgery to repair their dog's heart condition, which was not disclosed to them by the rescue group from which the dog was adopted
- The National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA), by drafting an amicus brief in a federal lawsuit in which NAIA claimed that a city ordinance banning the sale of dogs was preempted by state law

## **Client Resources**

### **Animal Law Update**

Join our team of seasoned attorneys as they offer valuable insight to proposed regulatory and statutory amendments that may impact your animal-related businesses or activities.

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## **Accomplishments**

Among the articles Nancy has published on veterinary medicine are:

- "Antibiotics in Food Animals: The Convergence of Animal and Public Health, Science, Policy, Politics and the Law," Nancy E. Halpern, D.V.M., *Drake Journal of Agricultural Law*, Volume 14, Number 3, Fall 2009, 401.
- "Herd and Reproductive Management of Llamas," Nancy E. Halpern, D.V.M., *TNAVC Proceedings* 1993, 750-755.
- "Llama Medicine," Nancy E. Halpern, D.V.M., *ACVC Proceedings* 1992, 1-8.
- "Small Ruminant Medicine," Nancy E. Halpern, D.V.M., *ACVC Proceedings* 1992, 1-9.
- "Equine Parasite Control Program," Nancy Halpern, D.V.M. and Jorgen Hansen, D.V.M., *Virginia Cooperative Extension Publication*, Publication 406-904, September 1985.
- "Dysphagia in Horses: The Differential Diagnosis - Part I," Karen H. Baum, D.V.M., Paula Modransky, D.V.M., M.S., Nancy E. Halpern, D.V.M. and Linda D. Banish, D.V.M. *The Compendium on Continuing Education*, Vol. 10, No. 12, November 1988.

## **Honors & Awards**

- Recipient, Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders Volunteer Award, 2003
- Recipient, State of New Jersey Team Partnership Achievement Award, 2001
- USDA Year 2001 Secretary's Honor Awards, 2001
- Included on a list of "New Jersey Rising Stars" by *Super Lawyers* (2016-2017)

## **Practice Areas**

- Intellectual Property
- Animal Law
- Hatch-Waxman Patent Litigation



- Health Law
- IP Litigation
- Life Sciences
- Patents
- Post-Grant Proceedings and Inter Partes Review
- Trade Secrets

### **Bar Admissions**

- New Jersey
- New York
- District of Columbia
- U.S. Patent & Trademark Office

### **Court Admissions**

- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

### **Education**

- Seton Hall University School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*)
- Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine, Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M.)
- Duke University (B.A., *magna cum laude*)
  - Trinity College of Arts and Sciences, Anthropology

### **Memberships**

- Appointee, Legislative Committee, New Jersey State Bar Association (May 2013 to present)
- Appointee, Long Term Planning Committee, New Jersey State Bar Association (May 2013 to present)
- New Jersey Veterinary Medical Education Advisory Committee (Governor Appointee, 1987 to present)
- New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association (1991 to present; President, 1999 to 2000)
- Chair, Animal Law Committee, New Jersey State Bar Association (May 2011 to May 2013)
- State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Governor Appointee, 2004 to 2011)
- National Assembly of State Animal Health Officials (2003 to 2011)
- New Jersey Animal Welfare Task Force (Governor Appointee, 2003 to 2004)
- Northeast United States Animal Health Association (1999 to 2011; President, 2004 to 2006)

### **Board of Directors**

- Americans for Medical Progress (2014-2017)
- United States Animal Health Association (Board of Directors, 2001 to 2011)
- New Jersey Association for Biomedical Research