



## Equine

Hinshaw attorneys represent individual horse owners; trainers; breeders; riding, boarding and training facilities; veterinarians; and other equine industry players in a wide range of litigated and transactional matters.

Our firm assists clients to litigate and resolve equine-related claims for personal injury, property damage, breach of contract, fraud, misrepresentation, and various other legal issues. We also draft contracts for horse purchases, sales, leases and commission arrangements, and create equine liability releases for boarding and training facilities, trainers, transporters, and other individuals and entities sponsoring or participating in equine activities.

Hinshaw also establishes horse syndicates for multi-owner partnerships. We support riders and their horses to help them achieve the highest levels of national and international competitions for a fraction of the cost of individual ownership. Since 2011, Hinshaw, through attorney Yvonne Ocrant, has established over 100 horse syndicates, with many of those horses and riders finding their way to the Olympic podium representing the United States in their respective disciplines, and most finding owners that would not have been possible without the syndication structure developed at the firm.

Our Equine Industry Group members also provide equine law consultations to major equine insurance providers and conduct structured mediations on behalf of insurance companies, individuals, corporations, associations, partnerships and other equine industry entities in need of expedited and cost-efficient dispute resolution.

As a representation of our firm's knowledge of the equine industry, a partner in our Chicago office and leading equine law attorney, Yvonne Ocrant, annually presents at the National Equine Law Conference in Lexington, Kentucky, the premier seminar for equine professionals.

Yvonne is also the author of "HEADS UP!," a monthly column on various equine law-related issues published in the *Scribe*, a monthly magazine sponsored by the Illinois Dressage and Combined Training Association. Her articles are available online at [www.idcta.org](http://www.idcta.org). In addition, Yvonne is the author of "LEGAL BITS," a monthly column responding to equine law-related questions and issues in *From the Horse's Mouth*, a monthly magazine.

Finally, to give back to the equine community, Hinshaw—through Yvonne—provides pro bono legal services for the Hooved Animal Humane Society (HAHS) in Woodstock, Illinois. She is also a member of the Advisory Counsel for the Horsemen's Council of Illinois.

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## News

[Hinshaw Recognized as "Distinguished in Litigation" in BTI Consulting's Litigation Outlook 2024 Survey](#)  
November 16, 2023

[Veteran Insurance Partner Joins Hinshaw in Houston](#)  
September 29, 2022

[Yvonne Ocrant Discusses Impact of COVID-19 on the Equine Industry](#)  
June 22, 2020

[Yvonne Ocrant Reviews Animal-Related Insurance Coverage Issues in ABA TIPS Journal](#)  
February 19, 2020

[Yvonne Ocrant Provides Best Practices on Mitigating Equine Liability Risks in California](#)  
October 31, 2019

[Yvonne Ocrant Discusses Horse Trainer Concerns Regarding New Federal SafeSport Act](#)  
October 28, 2019

[Yvonne Ocrant Discusses Olympic Committee's SafeSport Act](#)  
August 21, 2019

[Yvonne Ocrant Authors Chicago Daily Law Bulletin Article on Equestrian Trainer Liability](#)  
October 29, 2018

[Part III: Suzanne Jones and Yvonne Ocrant Discuss Transferring Equine Liability Risk by using Indemnity Agreements](#)  
March 20, 2018

[Part II: Suzanne Jones and Yvonne Ocrant Provide Tips for Limiting Equine Liability in Minnesota](#)  
February 6, 2018

[Part I: Suzanne Jones and Yvonne Ocrant Author Article on Minnesota's Equine Liability Statute](#)  
January 24, 2018

[Yvonne Ocrant Authors Article on Equine Activity Liability Act](#)  
June 12, 2017

[Yvonne Ocrant Writes Chicago Daily Law Bulletin Column on Equine Liability Law](#)  
May 31, 2017

[Yvonne Ocrant Authors Article on Viability of Equestrian Sports in the Olympics](#)  
May 31, 2016

[Yvonne Ocrant Authors Article Offering Tips for Lawyers Looking to Represent Equestrians](#)  
April 7, 2016

[Yvonne Ocrant's Efforts Lead to Revisions of Illinois Equine Legislation](#)  
September 12, 2011

## Events

[Yvonne Ocrant and Tom Luetkemeyer to Present at Ocala Jockey Club](#)  
November 14, 2019  
Ocala Jockey Club | Reddick, Florida

[Yvonne Ocrant to Present "Equine Law 101" at Purina's Equine Educational Event Series in California](#)  
October 2019



Yvonne Ocrant and Suzanne Jones to Present on Equine Activity Liability  
March 20, 2018  
Webinar

Yvonne Ocrant Presents Equine Law Webinar on Equine Activity Liability Act  
October 2, 2017  
Webinar