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Prior to joining UCSF in August, 2007, Ms. Penney was legal counsel for the California Medical Association where she advised in several areas, including professional liability, consent, patient safety, bio-ethics, HIPAA and appellate and legislative issues. Her areas of responsibility included elder abuse, pain management, mandatory reporting, end-of-life issues, warning obligations, expert witness issues, AIDS/HIV, OSHA, disaster planning, 5150 holds and employment issues to name a few.

Ms. Penney is a frequent lecturer on these topics and has testified before the California State Legislature. She assisted CMA's General Counsel in the performance of management and governance activities, contract review, supervision of outside counsel and reporting to CMA's Board of Trustees as a member of the senior staff team. Ms. Penney staffed CMA's *Amicus curiae Committee*, Professional Liability Committee, Project SAFECARE (CMA's patient safety committee) and the Council on Ethical Affairs.

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Ms. Penney is a graduate of the University of Washington (B.A. Economics) and received her law degree from the University of San Francisco in 1981.