

Linda R. Stahl



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Linda Stahl is a litigation partner practicing complex commercial litigation, a member of the firm's Pro Bono Committee and the Pro Bono Coordinator for the Dallas Office.

Linda handles a wide variety of complex commercial disputes, including intellectual property matters, oil and gas related litigation, fiduciary duty claims and enforcement of financial instruments.

The clients Linda represents include financial institutions, energy producers and internet companies. Through her successful representation of loan sellers, servicers and trustees of commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) trusts, she understands the industry from the perspective of all the major CMBS players. She has developed specialties in the areas of asset-backed securities, noncompetition and confidentiality agreements, and mineral rights.

**REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE**

- Successfully defended CMBS trustee against fiduciary duty and related claims brought by an investor, obtaining summary judgment dismissing all claims
- Successfully tried first post-9/11 lawsuit confirming lenders' rights to require borrowers to maintain insurance against acts of terrorism for properties securing loans included within a CMBS pool
- Defeated attempt by surface owner to enjoin drilling by oil and gas operator based on the accommodation doctrine and deed restrictions
- Represented multibillion-dollar foreign telecommunications company in trade secrets misappropriation case, including appeals to two federal courts of appeal, settling on favorable terms
- Regularly provides employment consultation and litigation avoidance counsel to publicly traded oil and gas exploration and production company

**PUBLICATIONS**

- Massachusetts Supreme Court Upholds Securitization Conveyance Practices Relating to Assignments of Mortgages (January 11, 2011)
- Next Wave of MBS Litigation Focuses on Issuers, Underwriters (November 8, 2010)
- "Using Evidence to Build Your Case and Ethical Issues," National Business Institute, Evidence: Strategies for Finding, Preserving and Using Evidence to Support Your Case (July 2008)

**INDUSTRIES**

Banking/Financial Services  
Energy  
Internet/E-Commerce  
Oil and Gas  
Software/Electrical Technology

**PRACTICES**

Banking/Finance Litigation  
Commercial Litigation  
Energy Disputes and Litigation  
Intellectual Property Litigation  
Mortgage-Backed Securities  
Oil and Gas Disputes  
Real Estate  
Finance/Capital Markets  
Structured Finance and Securitization  
Subprime and Distressed Assets

**EDUCATION**

JD, 1995, Yale Law School  
BS 1992, Industrial and Labor Relations, Cornell University

**ADMISSIONS**

Virginia 1995  
Texas 1997  
US District Court for the Northern District of Texas  
US District Court for the Eastern District of Texas  
US District Court for the Southern District of Texas

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#### PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

- Texas Rising Star, *Texas Monthly* (2004-2006)
- Dallas Bar Association 2003 Outstanding Pro Bono Coordinator of the Year

#### BRIEFINGS, SEMINARS & SPEECHES

##### Presenter

- "Your Secret's Safe With Me...(Or Is It?)" and "Strategies for Protecting Intellectual Property in the Workplace," presented at Andrews Kurth's Executive Women's Retreat (October 2008)
- "Effective Opening Statements for the 21st Century," University of Houston Law Center (August 2008)
- "Using Evidence to Build Your Case and Ethical Issues," National Business Institute (July 2008)

##### Panelist

- "Dealing with Businesses in Distress: Minimizing Risks and Maximizing Opportunities" (June 2, 2009)

#### AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- Dallas Bar Association
  - Dallas Bar Foundation
  - 2004 Co-Chair, Pro Bono Activities Committee
  - Member, Pro Bono Activities Committee (2002-present)
- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers
- State Bar of Texas
- State Bar of Virginia

US District Court for the  
Western District of  
Texas

US Court of Appeals for  
the Fifth Circuit

US Court of Appeals for  
the Federal Circuit