

Linda R. Stahl



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PRACTICE AREAS

Intellectual Property
Litigation
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EDUCATION

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

ADMITTED

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

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.
- Guided \$100 million creditor to buy-here-pay-here auto dealership business through enforcement proceedings on various debt instruments and guarantees, culminating in favorable workout through the borrower's bankruptcy.
- Defeated attempt by surface owner to enjoin drilling by oil and gas operator based on the accommodation doctrine and deed restrictions.
- Represented multi-billion 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.
- 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.
- Defended on appeal to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals summary judgment dismissing employment discrimination claims brought by a physician against a large Houston hospital.

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- Regularly advises and negotiates on behalf of high-level executives through employment status changes caused by corporate merger, acquisition, or asset sale.

ARTICLES/PUBLICATIONS

- *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)
- *Calculating Overtime: Traps for the Unwary and Tips for Compliance*, [National Business Institute](#), Wage and Hour Law: Answers to Everyday Questions (July 2006)
- *Copyright Protection and Employee E-Mail Searches*, [Executive Legal Advisor](#) (January 2005)

BRIEFINGS, SEMINARS & SPEECHES

Presenter

- *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)
- *Calculating Overtime: Traps for the Unwary and Tips for Compliance*, [National Business Institute](#) (July 2006)

PROFESSIONAL/CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

Member

- 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

Listed

- Named by her peers in 2004, 2005 and 2006 as a "Rising Star" as published in *Texas Monthly* magazine.
- Dallas Bar Association 2003 Outstanding Pro Bono Coordinator of the Year