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Linda R. Stahl is a partner at Carter Scholer. Linda is a commercial litigator who guides companies through complex legal disputes so that they can get down to the business of doing business.

After graduating from Yale Law School and serving as a federal law clerk to the Hon. Sidney A. Fitzwater in the United States Court for the Northern District of Texas, Linda concentrated her law practice on complex commercial litigation. Linda has substantial expertise with disputes over trade secrets, and served on the State Bar committee instrumental in the Texas Legislature's adoption in 2013 of the Texas Uniform Trade Secrets Act. She has litigated a variety of intellectual property matters, including trademark, copyright, and trade secret misappropriation claims. Drawing on years of experience in employment-related matters (and in addition to defending discrimination and wrongful termination suits), Linda also assists companies and individuals seeking to enforce or avoid noncompetition agreements.

Linda also has substantial experience litigating disputes arising out of business contracts and real estate transactions. These include lease disputes and suits relating to real estate finance structures. She has handled numerous suits involving mortgage-backed securities and more traditional loans and guarantees. Linda also handles cases involving surface rights, joint interest billings, and a variety of other oil and gas disputes.

Honors and Distinctions:

- Pro Bono Coordinator of the Year, 2003

Professional Associations and Community Involvement:

- State Bar of Texas
- Dallas Bar Association
 - Pro Bono Activities Committee, 2000-present
 - Chair, 2005
- American Bar Association
- Proclamation 2014 Appointee, 2013
- Unfair Competition and Trade Secrets Committee, State Bar of Texas

- Member, Working Group of the Unfair Competition and Trade Secrets Committee of the State Bar Intellectual Property Section and Business Law Section, 2013
- Merit Selection Panel for Magistrate Judge, Chair, 2013
 - Appointed by Chief Judge of Northern District of Texas to chair merit selection panel to evaluate magistrate judge for reappointment
- Sedona Conference, Working Group 8, 2011-present

Published Works and Speaking Engagements:

- “Beware the Boilerplate,” *The College Bulletin*, College of the State Bar of Texas, Spring 2013
- “Beware the Boilerplate Series,” www.andrewskurth.com/pressroom-publications-942.html, 2012-2013
- “Whose Claim is it Anyway? The CW Capital Case Explains the Role of a Servicer,” *The Line*, www.andrewskurth.com/blogs-TheLine, October 2010
- “Ruthless, or Just Rational? (Parts I and II),” *The Line*, www.andrewskurth.com/blogs-TheLine, August 2010
- “Dealing with Businesses in Distress: Minimizing Risks and Maximizing Opportunities,” June 2, 2009
- “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, Evidence: Strategies for Finding, Preserving and Using Evidence to Support Your Case, July 2008

Education:

- Yale Law School, 1995, New Haven, Connecticut
Juris Doctor
- Cornell University, 1992, Ithaca, New York
Bachelor of Science, Industrial and Labor Relations

Admissions:

- Texas, 1997
- Virginia, 1995
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, 2004
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, 2008
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, 1997
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, 2004
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas, 2003

Practice Areas:

- Banking/Finance Litigation
- Business Litigation
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Oil and Gas Disputes
- Real Estate Finance/Capital Markets
- Structured Finance and Securitization
- Trade Secrets, Restrictive Covenants & Unfair Competition