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Linda R. Stahl is a partner at Carter Arnett. Linda's practice focuses on guiding 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 District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Linda concentrated her law practice on complex commercial litigation. Linda has substantial experience litigating business torts, antitrust, and contract disputes. These include business disparagement/ Anti-SLAPP suits, lease disputes and suits relating to real estate finance structures. She has handled numerous suits involving mortgage-backed securities as well as more traditional loans and guarantees.

Linda also 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.

## **Honors and Distinctions:**

- D Magazine Best Lawyers in Dallas, 2017, 2018
- 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
- Merit Selection Panel for Magistrate Judge, N.D. Texas, 2017
- 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

## **Published Works and Speaking Engagements:**

- "Beware the Boilerplate," Corporate Council Section, Collin County Bar Association, July 2017.
- "Sweet Success: Trial Tips from an Amateur Baker," Dallas Bar Association Headnotes, October 2014.
- "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](http://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](http://www.andrewskurth.com/blogs-TheLine), October 2010.
- "Ruthless, or Just Rational? (Parts I and II)," The Line, [www.andrewskurth.com/blogs-TheLine](http://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," 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:**

- Business Litigation
- Anti-SLAPP Litigation
- Antitrust Litigation
- Complex Commercial Litigation
- Employment Litigation
- Energy & Natural Resource Litigation
- Real Estate Litigation
- Trade Secret & Non-Compete Litigation