

Linda E.B. Hansen

Partner/Retired



Linda E. B. Hansen was a trial lawyer and registered patent attorney with Foley & Lardner LLP. She focused her practice on disputes involving patents, trademarks, trade secrets, copyrights and unfair competition. She was a partner in the Intellectual Property Litigation, Mechanical & Electromechanical Technologies and Patent Office Trials Practices with Foley & Lardner LLP. She was also a member of the Energy Industry Team and the Trade Secret/Noncompete Specialty Practice.

Linda has more than 30 years of experience in complex litigation. She has tried dozens of cases and has been lead counsel in class actions and multi-party litigation. She successfully defended one of two defendants in a lawsuit involving hundreds of thousands of claimants and preliminary damage estimates exceeding several billion dollars. Her work has involved various industries, including consumer products, telecommunications, software, electronic components, sporting goods, water treatment, construction materials, automotive, and medical equipment. Linda also counseled clients concerning their patent rights, assisted clients in license negotiations and drafted patent opinions.

Awards and Recognition

In recognition of her experience, she has been Peer Review Rated as AV® Preeminent™, the highest performance rating in Martindale-Hubbell's peer review rating system.

Thought Leadership

Linda has lectured on a variety of subjects in the fields of intellectual property law and trial practice, and she authored a chapter on patent law in a textbook related to water treatment. She served as adjunct faculty at Marquette University Law School, and as a teaching assistant in the Bioethics Department at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Education

- University of Wisconsin (cum laude, 1977)
 - Physics
 - Mathematics
- University of Wisconsin Law School (1981)
 - Worked as an engineer before graduating

Admissions

- Wisconsin
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Courts of Appeal for the Federal Circuit and Seventh Circuit
- Federal District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Wisconsin
- Northern District of Illinois
- District of Nebraska
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office