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Founding Chair of the firm's Appellate Group, Linda L. Morkan has been involved in 200+ appeals over her 35-year career, personally arguing more than 100 of them. She has appeared before the state appellate courts of Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, and Rhode Island, as well as the U.S. Supreme Court and several of the U.S. Courts of Appeal across the country.

She was admitted as a Fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers in 2008, the first woman to be admitted from Connecticut. Fellowship is an honor open only to those who have practiced as an appellate advocate for at least 15 years and possess a reputation of recognized distinction. Academy membership is limited to 500 members in the United States and is by invitation only. She has also been included in the *Best Lawyers in America*® in the area of Appellate Law every year since 2008.

Linda brings her persuasive talents to both her written work and her oral presentation. She has spent decades honing her skills and has dedicated much study and deliberation to the intersection of legal theory and human nature which lies at the heart of human persuasion. She delights in the new challenges that an appeal promises and has long been known as a keen collaborator, be it with her colleagues, trial counsel, co-appellate counsel, and especially her clients.

Many attorneys specialize in a specific area of law; Linda has had the opportunity to put her knowledge of appellate practice to work in many substantive areas of the law, including bankruptcy, constitutional rights, construction, contracts, employment, energy, environmental, ERISA, insurance, reinsurance, land use, real property, probate, tax, and more. Notable successes have been achieved in various areas, such as securing the dismissal of an appeal by a citizen's group which tried to prevent the transfer of a nuclear power facility, blocking the attempts of the state department of banking to regulate the Internet activities of an out-of-state federally recognized American Indian tribe, enforcement of a view easement across a neighbor's property to the Long Island Sound, winning the reinstatement of a multi-million-dollar arbitration award against the state of Connecticut; and defending the entry of summary judgment in favor of a builders' risk insurer, defeating the attempts of a multi-national property insurer to expand the concurrent cause doctrine in Florida.

In addition to the representation of parties in appellate forums, Linda has also taken and defended many arbitration and administrative appeals in the lower courts, and regularly files "friend of the court" amici briefs for trade groups and interested parties.

Services

- Litigation
- Appellate
- Insurance Appeals
- Business Litigation + Dispute Resolution

Education

- University of Connecticut School of Law (Juris Doctor, *with honors*)
- Western Connecticut State College (Bachelors, *cum laude*)
 - B.S., Justice and Law Administration

Admissions

- State of Connecticut
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 1st Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 2nd Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit

Recognitions

Selected by her peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the area of Appellate Law every year since 2008 and designated as Hartford Lawyer of the Year in the area of Appellate Law for 2012 and again in 2017

Included in the *Best Lawyers*® *Business Edition – Connecticut Appellate Law* 2016-2017

AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated in Martindale-Hubbell™ in the area of Appellate Practice (Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Ratings is a trademark. AV Preeminent is a certification mark of Reed Elsevier Properties, Inc.)

Selected as a “Top Rated Litigator” for 2021 by ALM Media & Martindale-Hubbell™

Designated a *Benchmark Litigation* Star in 2022

Listed as one of the Top 250 Women Litigators in the United States by *Benchmark Litigation* for 2012-2014

Listed as a Second Circuit Litigation Star in Connecticut in *Benchmark Appellate*, 2013

Listed in *Benchmark Litigation* as a Local Litigation Star for Connecticut in the area Appellate since 2011

Listed in the Connecticut *Super Lawyer* from 2006 to 2025

Included on the Top 25 Women list every year since 2006

Included on the Top 50 All Lawyers list in 2007, 2010, 2012-2016, 2018-2019, 2023, 2024 and 2025

Featured in the *New England Super Lawyers* publication every year since 2007

Included on the Top 50 Women list 2007, 2009-2019

Included on the Top 100 All Lawyers list from 2013-2015

Recognized by *Connecticut Law Tribune*, 2010, in *Women in the Law: High Achievers* yearbook

Recognized as a Distinguished Leader by the *Connecticut Law Tribune*, 2021

David H. Neiditz Professional Writing Award for best written appellate brief in a Connecticut case (1992)

Leadership + Memberships

Connecticut Bar Association

Co-chair of Appellate Advocacy Section (2012-2015)

Founding Member of Section (1988)

Connecticut Bar Journal

Senior Topical Editor, Appellate Law (2007-present)

Editor in Chief (2006-2007)

Member, Editorial Board (2000-present)

Fellow, American Academy of Appellate Lawyers (2008)

American Bar Association

Judicial Division, Council of Appellate Lawyers (2001-present)

State Chair for Connecticut (2019-present)

Connecticut Bar Foundation

James W. Cooper Life Fellow (2006 – present)

University of Connecticut School of Law

Immediate Past President, Alumni Association (2023-2024)

President, Alumni Association (2022-2023)

President-elect, Alumni Association (2021-2022)

Vice President, Alumni Association (2020-2021)

Secretary, Alumni Association (2019-2020)

Board of Directors, Alumni Association (2017-present)

University of Connecticut School of Law, Adjunct Professor, Moot Court (1993-2004)