



Linda H. Martin

Partner

Disputes, litigation and arbitration



Working globally means that when something goes wrong, you're potentially liable on a global scale. At Freshfields, no matter what jurisdictions are involved, I can collaborate with colleagues who know their markets as well as I know US law – and that means there's no dispute too complex for us to handle.

Primary practice

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About Linda H. Martin

Linda is a partner in the firm's dispute resolution practice and co-head of our global class and collective actions group.

She has extensive experience resolving complex and cross-border commercial disputes across a broad range of industries and practice areas, and in all stages of business dispute resolution, including litigation, arbitration and mediation. Based in New York, she appears regularly in federal, state and bankruptcy courts across the United States.

Linda's clients are global in scope, and she is particularly adept at helping them navigate multinational challenges, especially those arising from the overlapping and sometimes conflicting procedural, factual and regulatory regimes in which they operate. She also works frequently with our transactional and finance teams in advising corporate executives and boards on transaction-related litigation risk and corporate governance matters.

Recent work

- Representing PepsiCo and Bottling Group in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa in litigation alleging claims under the Sherman Antitrust Act, the Robinson Patman Act, the Lanham Act and Iowa competition law, and for tortious interference, breach of fiduciary duty, business defamation and, on behalf of a putative class, breach of contract.
- Representing KLX, a world-leading aerospace and energy services company, on its \$4.2bn sale of its aviation parts and services business to the Boeing Co. and the spinoff of its energy services business; Linda also represented the company and its executives in successfully dismissing a federal securities fraud class action litigation in the Southern District of Florida, alleging claims under Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, relating to a \$640m GAAP impairment charge taken by the company in 2015.
- Representing Volkswagen in connection with: its global diesel emissions exposure, including the co-ordination of US and rest-of-world civil, criminal and regulatory matters; and its January 2017 \$4.3bn resolution with the US Department of Justice and other government agencies of certain criminal and civil proceedings.
- Representing Breeze-Eastern's officers and directors in defeating a purported federal class

action in the Southern District of New York, alleging claims under Section 14(e) of the 1934 Act and for breach of fiduciary duty, in connection with the sale of Breeze-Eastern's outstanding shares through an all cash tender offer.

- Representing UBS as lead agent on the \$8bn contested DIP financing in Lyondell Chemical Company's Chapter 11 case, and as defendant in a \$1.6bn fraudulent conveyance litigation arising out of the Lyondell/Basell merger.

Qualifications

Education

- JD, *cum laude*, Duke University School of Law, United States; editor for the *Duke Law Journal*
- BA, *cum laude*, Harvard University, United States

Professional

- Admitted to practice in the State of New York; the United States District Courts for the Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of New York; the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma; the United States District Court for the District of Columbia; the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit; and the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Service

- Board of Visitors, Duke University School of Law
- Chairperson Emeritus, Board of Directors, Children's Tumor Foundation, a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to funding research and finding a cure for neurofibromatosis
- Former President, Board of Directors, Duke University Law Alumni Association
- Former Co-Chair, Board of Directors, DukeNY, a tri-state alumni association for graduates of Duke

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