



Linda Kuczma has more than 40 years of experience in the worldwide protection of intellectual property rights, including trademarks and trade dress, advertising, unfair competition, patents and copyrights through litigation, registration, licensing, and alternate dispute resolution.

Well-versed in virtually all aspects of managing clients' IP portfolios, Linda supports clients through the prosecution, counseling and litigation of trademark, copyright and patent matters.

Prior to joining the firm, Linda served as an administrative trademark judge at the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office after 30 years in private practice.

Linda offers clients a unique perspective on navigating the registration and maintenance of trademarks and trade dress. She provides practical approaches to securing trademark protection and strategies for obtaining favorable outcomes in federal courts and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Linda has been a speaker on trademark, patent and licensing topics for many groups including the International Trademark Association (INTA), Practising Law Institute, American Bar Association, American Intellectual Property Law Association, Association of Intellectual Property Firms, Minority Corporate Counsel Association, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, UIC John Marshall Annual Intellectual Property Conferences, Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago, American University, IIT Chicago-Kent School of Law, and DePaul University and has spoken about practicing before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board at professional associations and law schools. Linda is also a frequent author on trademark matters, as well as on naming rights in the Internet, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and business marketing.

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EDUCATION

Loyola University Chicago School of Law, (J.D.), 1981

Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, (B.A.), biology, magna cum laude, 1978

BAR ADMISSIONS

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U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

U.S. Supreme Court

LANGUAGES

English

PRACTICES

Advertising and Marketing

Copyright Litigation

Copyrights

Former president, Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago

Former president, The Advocates Society

National chair, Saul Lefkowitz Trademark Moot Court Competition,
International Trademark Association

Chair, American Bar Association, Litigation Section’s Intellectual Property
Section Trademark Subcommittee

Chair, American Intellectual Property Law Association, Trademark Trial
and Appeal Board Practice Subcommittee

Chair, Chicago Bar Association, Intellectual Property Law Committee of
the Young Lawyers Section

Founding board member, Association of Patent Law Firms (now known as
the Association of Intellectual Property Firms)

Board member, Chicago Intellectual Property Alliance

Honors

Illinois Super Lawyer (2005-2011); Top 50 Women Attorneys in Illinois
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Intellectual Property

International IP

International IP Litigation

IP Strategy and Management

Licensing

Mergers and Acquisitions - Intellectual
Property

Opinions

Patent Services - Counseling and
Prosecution

Trade Dress

Trademark Litigation and Unfair
Competition

Trademark Oppositions and
Cancellations

Trademarks