

# Linda M. Martin

## Counsel

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Linda Martin counsels and represents labor organizations and multiemployer ERISA funds. Working with clients in a broad range of labor, employment and benefits matters, Linda advocates on their behalf in state and federal courts and before administrative agencies and arbitrators. Her substantial professional experience includes litigating employment discrimination claims, labor disputes and ERISA cases. She is a practical, skilled negotiator and mediator, adept at reading the environment and orchestrating resolutions.

Linda also trains Union Representatives in many aspects of labor and employment law. In addition, she has taught labor law at Saint Joseph's University and The Comey Institute.

In keeping with the firm's dedication to giving back to the legal and broader communities, Linda served as a volunteer attorney with the Philadelphia Bar Association's Homeless Advocacy Project and is an investigator for the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Judicial Evaluation Commission. As a Judicial Evaluation Commission investigator, Linda joins with others to investigate trial judges seeking Pennsylvania appellate court seats and Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court and Supreme Court judges seeking retention. Linda has chaired eight investigations. As chair, her duties include interviewing candidates and attorneys who have appeared before the candidate, reviewing decisions authored by the candidates, and preparing the investigative committee's final report on a judicial candidate, which forms part of the basis for the Commission's candidate rating.

## WHAT INSPIRES ME ABOUT MY WORK

"I strongly believe in the dignity of work and the importance of respecting the work that each person contributes to the betterment of their community. I am honored and grateful



to work with our clients who daily strive to protect the dignity and demand the respect that workers deserve.”

## AWAY FROM WORK

“I enjoy visiting with friends around the country, gardening, walking, reading everything from history to murder mysteries and watching classic movies. But, most of all, I love spending time with my family and my grandsons.”

## Practice Areas

- Election and Campaign Finance
- Union Rights – NLRB and PLRB Proceedings
- Union Officer Training and Education
- Grievance and Interest Arbitration
- Family and Medical Leave (FMLA)
- Retaliation / Free Speech / Whistle Blowing / Wrongful Termination
- Sexual Harassment
- Discrimination
- Labor Law – Unions
- Employee Benefits
- Employment Law

## Education

- Temple University, James E. Beasley School of Law (J.D. , 1992)
- Saint Joseph’s University (B.S. *cum laude*, 1987)

## Honors and Awards

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2012 – present
- Best Lawyers’ Lawyer of the Year in Philadelphia in Labor Law – Unions, 2022
- Citation, Homeless Advocacy Project Volunteer Attorney, Council of the City of Philadelphia, 1995 and 1996



## **Associations**

### Professional

- American Bar Association, 1992 to Present
- CLC Community Outreach Corporation, Board Chairman, 2003 to 2006
- Labor and Employment Relations Association, Philadelphia Chapter, Board of Directors, 2000 to 2004, President, 2005, Ex Officio President, 2006
- Pennsylvania Bar Association Judicial Evaluation Commission Investigator, 2002 to Present
- Philadelphia Bar Association, 1992 to Present

### Community

- Linda was instrumental in establishing an outreach non-profit corporation in Delaware County. The outreach corporation, through grants and various fund raising activities, established an after school tutorial program for elementary school children, a summer day camp, an ESOL program and a community nurse program. Linda served as Chairman of the Board of Directors from 2002 through 2005
- Team Member, cooking meals for the homeless 2013 to Present