

## Linda D. Perkins

Counsel

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Linda Perkins' practice includes cybersecurity and privacy law, complex civil litigation, internal corporate investigations, insurance fraud and white-collar defense. Linda has a breadth of experience, developed over the course of a distinguished career. She has successfully worked to resolve challenging issues involving employee misconduct, institutional and corporate risk management and incident response, malfeasance and fraud, officer and board accountability and governance as well as federal and state grand jury investigations. She has handled federal court special master assignments for consolidated securities class actions and an injunctive action involving multi-national corporations in a protracted dispute alleging theft of trade secrets.

Linda has an established ability to draw upon and utilize years of experience gained over the course of her career and provide sound advice, leadership and resolve difficult problems. Linda's experience, both in the public sector and in private practice prior to joining White and Williams, lends itself well to providing a seasoned and engaged focus on emerging and evolving cybersecurity threats to data security, privacy rights, data breach risk management and incident response.

From 1987 to 2010, Linda served as an Assistant District Attorney in Philadelphia where she gained extensive experience in appellate practice, criminal trials and investigations, including homicide prosecutions, death penalty litigation and sexual assault cases. Linda was selected as a department Chief in three separate Divisions within the District Attorney's Office: Law Division, Major Trials Division and Investigations Division, where she served as Chief of the District Attorney's Insurance Fraud Unit from 1998-2010. As Insurance Fraud Chief, Linda led a team of experienced attorneys and investigators, handling over 2,000 investigations and over 1,000 prosecutions for insurance fraud and related offenses valued in excess of \$23 million. Investigations and prosecutions included allegations of fraud, theft and corrupt business practices.

### Representative Matters

- Conducted pre-litigation internal investigations, including an extensive review of client databases, documents and interviews, enabling clients to fully and

### Practice Areas

General Commercial Litigation  
White Collar Defense, Investigations and Corporate Compliance  
Insurance Fraud  
Cyber Law and Data Protection  
Construction and Surety

### Bar and Court Admissions

Pennsylvania

### Education

Columbia Law School, JD, 1987  
University of Virginia, BA, 1984

properly assess planned or anticipated causes of action and possible defenses to threatened litigation

- Represented the executor of an estate in a mediation proceeding involving claims of wrongful termination and breach of fiduciary duty brought by a former attorney-employee of a local law firm against the former employer
- Represented third-party client defending against lawsuit alleging misappropriation of high value estate assets by estate administrator
- Represented federally funded state agency and coordinated production of documents and materials in response to numerous federal grand jury subpoenas, resolving issues of non-compliance and negotiating a more limited review and production of documents to the government
- Represented former employee in post-employment dispute over possible theft of trade secrets and other proprietary information. Successfully negotiated terms for production of electronic devices and review of potentially confidential or otherwise protected materials in an effort to avoid litigation
- Advised clients on suspected data breaches and compromised data security
- Defended school districts in matters alleging civil rights violations by school district employees based on underlying misconduct and negligence causing injury to students
- Represented various state and local agencies in defense of lawsuits alleging failure to provide proper services and violation of statutory or other constitutional protections
- Represented multi-national petroleum company in mass tort, product liability cases
- Defended local agency against allegations involving misuse of federal funds
- Advised corporate clients on issues related to board governance, including conflicts of interest, fiduciary duties, removal of officers and succession planning
- Advised in-house counsel for national hospital on issues raised during consideration of various research proposals
- Advised clients on matters related to actual and anticipated grand jury investigations and proceedings by federal, state and local authorities
- Represented local businesses and schools in litigation matters alleging wrongful termination
- Extensive experience handling complex ESI related discovery issues in a wide array of litigation matters

### **Recognition & Involvement**

Since 2013, Linda has served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Drueding Center, a nonprofit affiliate of Holy Redeemer Health System, which provides transitional housing and comprehensive support services for homeless women and children in Philadelphia. In November 2016, she was appointed Chair of the Quality & Performance Committee and now also serves as a member of the Board's Executive Committee.

Linda also currently serves as a member of the White and Williams Information Security/Privacy Office Team and the firm's Diversity Committee. She is also a member of the American Bar Association, ABA Litigation Section and Privacy & Data Security Committee.

Linda is a past member of the Sedona Conference, Data Security & Privacy Liability and Electronic Document Retention & Production Working Groups. She has served as a member of the Board of Trustees for The Philadelphia School and the

Grantee Advisory Committee for the Insurance Fraud Prevention Authority.

### **In the News**

Linda Perkins Joins White and Williams Philadelphia Office  
February 1, 2017

### **Events**

Employment Law Seminar  
National Museum of Industrial History (Bethlehem, PA) | June 13, 2018

2017 NAIC Insurance Data Security Model Law  
Strafford Webinar | March 29, 2018

The Implications of Cross-Border Discovery on Cybersecurity and Privacy Compliance  
2017 Philadelphia Bench-Bar Annual Conference (Atlantic City, NJ) | October 13, 2017

Beat the Breach: Cyber and Data Protection and Regulatory Compliance  
Philadelphia, PA | October 11, 2017

Employment Law Seminar - Philadelphia  
Philadelphia, PA | April 12, 2017

### **Publications**

Higher Ed Falls Victim to New Data Breach  
*Cyber News: Cyber Law News and Bytes* | April 3, 2019

Best Practices For Personal Data Security #DataPrivacyDay  
*Cyber News: Cyber Law News and Bytes* | January 28, 2019

Security of Critical Infrastructure Relies on Businesses to Build Resilience  
*Cyber News: Cyber Law News and Bytes* | October 25, 2018

CEO Zuckerberg: Facebook User Settings Protect Individual Data – Congress Is Not So Sure  
*Cyber News: Cyber Law News and Bytes* | April 13, 2018

Coalition of State Attorneys General Send Letter Demanding Answers from Facebook  
*Cyber News: Cyber Law News and Bytes* | March 28, 2018

The FCPA in 2018  
*White Collar Defense, Investigations and Corporate Compliance Alert* | January 2, 2018

US Department of Education Issues New Interim Guidance on Campus Sexual Misconduct  
*Education Law Alert* | September 29, 2017

How Employers Can Respond to the Equifax Breach  
*Cyber Law and Data Protection Alert* | September 25, 2017

UPDATE: U.S. DHS Issues Revised Alert on WannaCry Ransomware  
*Cyber Law and Data Protection Alert* | May 15, 2017

Critical Security Updates Released by Leading Software and Technology Companies  
*Cyber Law and Data Protection Alert* | April 20, 2017

Department of Homeland Security Issues Internet Security Alert Ahead of Easter Holiday  
*Cyber Law and Data Protection Alert* | April 13, 2017

### **Cases & Deals**

Media Coverage Team Obtains Summary Judgment in Connection with Underlying Defamation Lawsuit  
January 23, 2019