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Linda Odom focuses her practice on the representation of technology-based and technology-reliant companies in licensing, software development, data processing outsourcing, intellectual property and e-commerce matters. Ms. Odom regularly drafts and negotiates software development and licensing agreements for trade associations, financial institutions, health care facilities, manufacturers, and start-up and mid-market technology companies. Representative projects include drafting and negotiating a software development and licensing agreement for a 13-member international manufacturing consortium, an international joint venture agreement to exploit jointly-developed software, and an offshore data processing outsourcing agreement. She often advises clients on intellectual property ownership issues arising from software or other development work.

Prior to becoming associated with the firm, Ms. Odom was an Investigative Attorney in the Office of Unfair Import Investigations at the U.S. International Trade Commission. As an Investigative Attorney, Ms. Odom participated in intellectual property infringement trials, primarily involving patents, at the U.S. International Trade Commission under section 337 of the Tariff Act.

Practices

- Licensing & IP Transactions
- Intellectual Property
- International
- Section 337 Litigation

Education

- LL.M., *With Distinction*, Georgetown University Law Center, 1990
- J.D., University of Memphis, Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, 1987; Herbert Herff Law Scholar; Law Review; Moot Court; Shelby County Circuit Court, Judicial Law Clerk
- Diploma in Advanced International Legal Studies, McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific, Salzburg, Austria, 1987
- B.A., Rhodes College, 1984

Bar & Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, 1995
- U.S. Supreme Court, 1995
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, 1994
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia, 1993

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- Georgia, 1993
- District of Columbia, 1990
- Tennessee, 1987

Memberships

- Bleckley American Inn of Court, Barrister, 1994-1995
- ITC Trial Lawyers Association, Executive Committee Member, 2004-2006 & 2008-present
- ITC Trial Lawyers Association Newsletter, ALJ Orders section, Editor, 2004-present

Publications

Fact v. Fiction: A Survey of the Distinction's Impact on Copyright Infringement Claims, 18 M.S.U.L. REV. 99, 18 MPSSULR 99, Westlaw, 1987. (First Place - Nathan Burkan Memorial ASCAP Writing Competition - Humphreys School of Law)

Civil Rights: Statutes of Limitations for Section 1983 Actions, A Definitive Answer in Wilson v. Garcia?, 17 M.S.U.L. REV. 127, 1986. (Cited by the U.S. Supreme Court in 487 U.S. 131, 1988)