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Practice Areas

Workers' Compensation

Overview

Leslie M. Altman advises and represents public and private sector employers in a broad range of employment law matters, with particular expertise in the area of workers' compensation. She is the former co-chair of Littler Mendelson's Workers' Compensation Practice Group and is well-versed in the laws and acts specific to workers' compensation in Minnesota and Wisconsin. She also often speaks at continuing legal education seminars on workers' compensation issues.

From 1983 until 1985, Leslie served as a special assistant attorney general at the Minnesota Attorney General's office, assigned to the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry. In this capacity, she represented the commissioner in litigation challenging the 1983 reforms to the Workers' Compensation Act. In 1985, Governor Rudy Perpich appointed Leslie as the first woman judge on the Minnesota Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals, a position she left in 1988 to enter private practice.

Professional and Community Affiliations

- Co-Chair, Diversity Survey Committee - Minnesota State Bar Association, 2010-2011
- Co-Chair, Diversity Task Force - Minnesota State Bar Association, 2005-2006
- Member, Women in the Legal Profession Committee - Minnesota State Bar Association
- Member, Workers' Compensation Committee, Labor and Employment Law Practice Section - American Bar Association
- Member, Workers' Compensation Committee, Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section - American Bar Association
- Fellow, American Bar Foundation
- Member, Advisory Council - Minnesota Women Lawyers
- Former Member, Commission on Women in the Profession - American Bar Association
- Former Director, National Conference of Women's Bar Associations

- Past President, Minnesota Women Lawyers
- Former Member, Board of Governors - Minnesota State Bar Association
- Former Director, Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association
- Member, Board of Directors - College of Visual Arts, St Paul, Minnesota
- Former Trustee, Minneapolis Institute of Arts
- Former Director, Minnesota Campus Compact
- Former Regional Director, Brown Alumni Schools Committee

Recognition

- Named, Best Lawyers in America, 2012

Education

J.D., University of Minnesota Law School, 1983

M.A., University of Minnesota, 1978

B.S., Brown University, 1975

Bar Admissions

Minnesota

Wisconsin

Courts

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit

U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota

Press

"Best Lawyers in America® Names 164 Littler Attorneys to 2013 Edition," September 7, 2012

"Best Lawyers in America® Names 108 Littler Lawyers to 2012 Edition," September 12, 2011

Events & Speaking Engagements

"Leslie M. Altman to Speak at American Bar Association 2011 Workers' Compensation Midwinter Seminar and Conference," April 10, 2011

"Managing Leaves of Absence," *Cleveland, OH*, February 25, 2009