

LINDA KLAMM

PARTNER | INSURANCE RECOVERY AND LITIGATION

Linda has specialized in handling insurance disputes for more than 30 years and now heads the firm's insurance recovery practice. She represents policy holders, insurance brokers and agents.

CHILDHOOD:

Linda grew up in Pacific Grove, California, three blocks from the beach. She now owns her childhood home and goes there on weekends.

FIRST JOB:

Numerous – she wrote a column for the local Pacific Grove paper, worked in various stores, was a waitress, and a computer programmer. Her father worked for the government so she also had a number of government jobs.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT BEING A LAWYER:

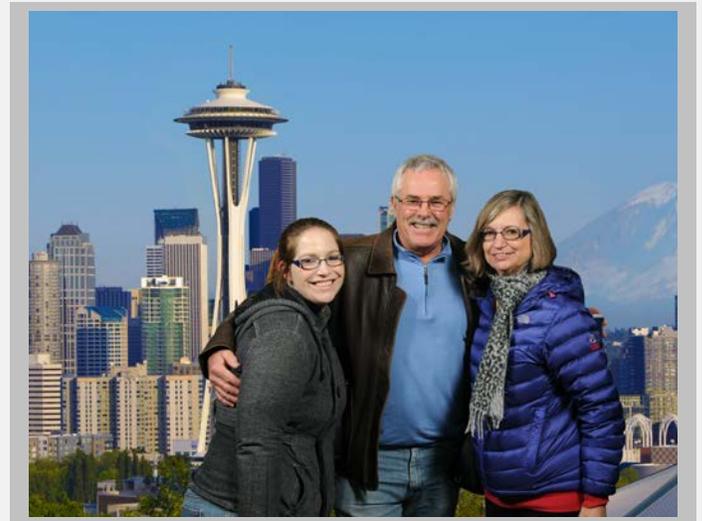
Linda likes problem-solving, working with clients, likes that the law is constantly evolving so she is constantly a student. Linda also really likes working with younger lawyers – associates and senior counsel – she sees it as her responsibility to cultivate them, so while she may call them "the kids" it is only in the best and most endearing way.

LEAST FAVORITE PART OF THE JOB:

Entering time, chasing accounts receivable, opening files, and dealing with annoying opposing counsel – not necessarily in that order!

WHAT'S YOUR BIGGEST PET PEEVE?

People who have no constituency for their opinion and try to assert it anyways. (And more often than not they do this very loudly!)



IF YOU WEREN'T A LAWYER YOU WOULD BE...

Linda would love to teach. She is an advocate for disabled students, loves working with younger law students, so essentially is a frustrated teacher without a classroom.

FAVORITE CAUSE:

Equal Rights Issues and all causes involving animals.

MOST INFLUENTIAL BOOK:

The Bible and The Dead Sea Scrolls (translated).

FAVORITE MOVIE:

Mystic River, Fargo, The Descendants.

FAVORITE RESTAURANT:

Roy's in San Francisco and El Charro.

FAVORITE WAY TO SPEND FREE TIME:

Spending time with her children (daughters Katy, Mary and Noelle) and friends, going to her homes in Reno or Pacific Grove, travelling, going to movies. Also, Linda is a self-proclaimed Sudoku addict.

WHAT BOOK ARE YOU READING RIGHT NOW?

Transitions by William Bridges, Click by Ori Brafman and Courageous Counsel: Conversations with Women General Counsel in the Fortune 500 by Kara Sophia Baysinger and Michele Coleman Mayes.

DO YOU TWEET?

No.

WHAT'S ON YOUR IPOD?

Everything from country to Adele, a lot of soul music, classical, Sinatra... quite the variety.

WHAT IS SOMETHING MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU?

Used to have a top-secret Federal Security clearance (that is now inactive...)

LAST PLACE YOU VACATIONED:

Peru and Ecuador. She went to Lima, Machu Picchu, Lake Titicaca, the Galapagos Islands, and on a "Ring of Fire" tour of active volcanoes in Ecuador.