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Linda Coberly is the managing partner of Winston & Strawn LLP's oldest and largest office. She is a partner in the firm's litigation department and chairs Winston's Appellate and Critical Motions Practice. She also serves on the firm's executive committee.

Coberly focuses her practice on appeals and on critical motions that resolve complex commercial lawsuits before trial. She is known for her strong business sense, excellent briefs and clear and compelling oral advocacy. She counsels clients on appellate and strategic issues at all stages of litigation from before trial through and including proceedings before the U.S. Supreme Court. She has briefed and argued appeals in six different federal courts of appeals and a variety of state appellate and supreme courts.

Coberly has extensive experience in corporate fraud and securities litigation, including defending issuers, auditors and others in tort and securities fraud actions following allegations of fraud. These cases frequently implicate complex issues of pleading, class certification, agency law, damages, standing and loss causation, as well as the doctrine of *in pari delicto*, which arises whenever a corporation or trustee attempts to sue a third party for a fraud committed by the corporation's own management. Coberly has been at the forefront of some of the most high-profile cases in these areas.

A significant portion of Coberly's practice centers on advising and representing clients with regard to proceedings in the United States Supreme Court, drawing upon her experience as a law clerk to Justice Stephen G. Breyer on the Supreme Court and to Judge Douglas H. Ginsberg on the D.C. Circuit. She also frequently represents *amici* in important business cases before the Court.

With Coberly's leadership, Winston's Appellate and Critical Motions Practice was recently named among only 20 appellate practices nationally on The National Law Journal's 2014 "Appellate Hot List." Coberly has also personally been recognized among the nation's top appellate lawyers by Chambers USA, U.S. News & World Report and Best Lawyers 2015. In 2011, she was named by The American Lawyer as one of the "45 Under 45," a list of the best women lawyers under 45 in the Am Law 200. She was recently recommended by Legal 500, which ranked Winston & Strawn in the top-tier of firms for appellate practice. Coberly has been recognized by the publishers of Chicago Magazine as an Illinois "Super Lawyer" in the area of appellate practice for each of the last 10 years. In addition, Coberly was named an Illinois Litigation Star in the 2015 edition of Benchmark Litigation: The Definitive Guide to America's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys.

In recognition of her pro bono work in the area of immigrant justice and human rights, Coberly was the recipient of the 2014 "Human Rights Practitioner Award" from the National Immigrant Justice Center, a program of Heartland Alliance. She was also recently honored with the Illinois Diversity Council's 2014 "Leadership Excellence Award," designed to recognize those who have shown exemplary leadership in their firms and communities and who serve as champions of their organizations' efforts relating to diversity and inclusion.

Coberly serves as the chair of the Board of Directors of Heartland Alliance for Human Needs and Human Rights, the largest human rights and anti-poverty organization in the Midwest. She is a steering committee member for the Appellate Advocacy Committee of the Defense Research Institute. She is also a member of the Chicago Network, a by-invitation-only organization of women leaders in Chicago who have reached the highest levels of their organizations in business, nonprofits, the arts, government and academia. She is also a member of the Board of Trustees of Chicago's Goodman Theater.

Coberly received an A.B. from Princeton University and a J.D., magna cum laude, from the University of Michigan Law School, where she served as editor-in-chief of the Michigan Law Review and was a member of the Order of the Coif.