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Linda Dakin-Grimm is a senior consulting partner in the firm's Litigation & Arbitration Group. She has successfully handled numerous jury and bench trials, appeals and arbitration proceedings across the US.

Primary Focus & Experience

Ms. Dakin-Grimm currently represents performing rights organization BMI in disputes over use of copyrighted music. In September, 2014, Ms. Dakin-Grimm won a jury trial in Los Angeles Superior Court on behalf of BMI, concerning efforts of third parties to take for themselves the performance royalties earned by songwriter Sly Stone, of Sly & the Family Stone. In 2010, Ms. Dakin-Grimm won in trial, on behalf of a group of secured lenders, a hotly contested "cram-up" fight in the US Bankruptcy Court in the Southern District of New York, defeating both the Debtor and the Creditors' Committee's efforts to reinstate secured debt of Young Broadcasting. The court's lengthy decision was reported at 430 B.R. 99 (Bankr. SDNY 2010). In 2007, she won a five-week jury trial in the US District Court for the Central District of California, concerning the breach of a stock purchase agreement. In 2006, Ms. Dakin-Grimm prevailed in a two-month trial in the US Bankruptcy Court in Delaware, on behalf of a consortium of banks who disputed the enterprise value of a Debtor. That case was reported at 356 B.R. 364 (Bankr. D. Del 2006). Ms. Dakin-Grimm represented eight US insurers and their European parents in a well-publicized dispute with the California Department of Insurance, over the Department's purported regulation of European life insurers. The US Supreme Court ruled in favor of Ms. Dakin-Grimm's clients. Ms. Dakin-Grimm repeatedly has won significant financial victories for property/casualty insurers and reinsurers in confidential arbitration disputes.

Recognition & Accomplishments

Ms. Dakin-Grimm has consistently been ranked as a leading lawyer by *Chambers USA* (Band 1), *Benchmark Litigation* (Top 250 Women in Litigation, 2012-2015), *The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers* and *The Best Lawyers in America*. She has also been recognized as one of California's "Top Women Attorneys" by the *Daily Journal*. Ms. Dakin-Grimm is a frequent speaker. She has co-chaired and spoken repeatedly at ARIAS annual meetings and other industry conferences.

Ms. Dakin-Grimm's numerous publications have appeared in: *the National Law Journal*, *The Deal*, *Directors Monthly*, *Business Valuation*, *The Lawyer*, *National Underwriter*, *Best's Review*, *Business Insurance*, *California Litigation*, *California Management Review*, *Corporate Conduct Quarterly*, *California Law Business*, *Reinsurance*, *Mealeys Reinsurance*, and *Verdicts & Settlements*.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, J.D., 1985

Yale University, B.A., 1982

ADMISSIONS

California

New York

District of Columbia

US Supreme Court

US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

US District Court for the Central District of California

US District Court for the Eastern District of California

US District Court for the Southern District of California

US District Court for the Northern District of California

US District Court for the Southern District of New York

US District Court for the District of Arizona

EXPERIENCE

General Commercial Litigation

Insurance and Reinsurance

International Arbitration

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Gaming and Hospitality

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