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## Honorable Beth A. Chapman

**THE HONORABLE BETH A. CHAPMAN**, a former Administrative Trademark Judge with the United States Patent and Trademark Office's (USPTO) Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB), serves as Of Counsel in the firm's Trademark and Litigation practice groups. After more than three decades with the USPTO, Ms. Chapman joined Oblon, Spivak and is regularly called upon for her expertise on USPTO trademark process and procedure, including actions before the TTAB.

During Ms. Chapman's long career at the USPTO, she served as an Examining Attorney, Managing Attorney (supervising more than 20 Examining Attorneys), and Interlocutory Attorney at the TTAB. There she handled motions in *inter partes* cases. Ms. Chapman was appointed a TTAB Judge in 1998 and wrote decisions on the full range of trademark issues involved in *ex parte* appeals and *inter partes* cases after trial. Among the cases she decided were *Genesco Inc. v. Gregory Martz*; *In re Consolidated Specialty Restaurants Inc.*; and *DC Comics v. Pan American Grain Mfg. Co. Inc.* As many in the trademark field know, Ms. Chapman is considered the "go-to" person for USPTO process and procedures, from application through examination, and matters before the TTAB.

At Oblon, Spivak, Ms. Chapman assists clients in registering marks, and in proceedings before the TTAB and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. She is frequently called upon as an expert witness in trademark litigation.

In addition to lecturing extensively on trademark issues, Ms. Chapman has been a guest lecturer at George Mason University Law School. She has authored numerous papers and book chapters, and she serves as an expert commentator for *Allen's Trademark Digest*.

Ms. Chapman has been recognized by *Washingtonian Magazine* in 2011 and 2009 (biennially) as one of "Washington's Top 800 Lawyers." She received the Department of Commerce Bronze Medal award in 1996 for superior performance and contributions that increased the efficiency and effectiveness of the TTAB.

