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STACY LINDEN

Senior Vice President – Law & General Counsel

Stacy R. Linden is Senior Vice President, Law, and General Counsel at the Association of American Railroads (AAR). Named to the role in September 2026, Linden brings nearly 30 years of experience advising organizations in highly regulated industries, including leadership roles at major trade associations such as the American Petroleum Institute (API) on litigation, regulatory policy, corporate governance, compliance, and enterprise risk.

Linden has extensive experience navigating complex legal, regulatory, compliance, and government-facing issues across a range of highly regulated industries, including technology, biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, energy, and environmental matters. Her practical, solutions-oriented work has spanned political law compliance, government ethics, regulatory transparency, and corporate and environmental law, giving her a broad perspective on how organizations respond to evolving policy and regulatory challenges while advancing their business objectives.

Most recently, she served as Associate General Counsel at Meta, following senior legal and compliance leadership roles at biotechnology company AgNovos Bioscience and global pharmaceutical company AstraZeneca. Prior to that, she was a partner at Stoel Rives, advising clients on energy and environmental matters.

Earlier in her career, Linden spent 12 years at the API, ultimately serving as Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary. In that role, she led the organization's legal and compliance team, directed major industry litigation, advised executive leadership and the board of directors, and supported API's advocacy, safety, and global business operations.

Education

Linden earned her law degree summa cum laude from American University's Washington College of Law and her bachelor's degree magna cum laude from The Catholic University of America. She is admitted to practice in the District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey, as well as before the U.S. Supreme Court and several federal courts.

Community

Beyond her legal practice, Linden is a founding member and former executive member of the Women's Energy Network's Washington, D.C. chapter. She serves on the Investment Committee of the Foundation for Natural Resources and Energy Law as well as the Dean's Advisory Council at American University's Washington College of Law. She also mentors aspiring attorneys, supports her local school community and is a happily retired coach of youth soccer and basketball in the Washington area.