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Linda Wharton graduated from Bryn Mawr College with a B.A. in 1977 and from Rutgers Law School with a J.D. in 1981. She was a law clerk to the Hon. Dolores K. Sloviter, former chief judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and an associate with the Dechert law firm in Philadelphia. She is the former Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Women's History Project. She has taught courses in sex discrimination law at the University of Pennsylvania School of Law and Rutgers School of Law.