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Allen Saeks, Esq. is Senior Counsel and a MSBA Senior Certified Civil Trial Specialist at the law firm of Stinson Leonard Street.

Mr. Saeks received his J.D. degree (Order of the Coif) from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1956 after serving as an Associate Editor of the Minnesota Law Review. He clerked for Justice Ted Christianson of the Minnesota Supreme Court.

Mr. Saeks was the Founder and first President on the Minnesota Public Interest Research Foundation ("MPIRF"), and has chaired the Higher Education Committee of the Citizens League, a 3,000 member metropolitan area public policy citizens organization, as well as the Fund for the Legal Aid Society, a society organized to supplement funding to legal aid programs in Hennepin County. He also served as the President of the Hennepin County Bar Association from 1983–84.

Mr. Saeks has received numerous awards, including the Pro Bono Publico Attorney Award from the Minnesota Legal Services Coalition in 1985, the Fund for the Legal Aid Society Law Day Testimonial Dinner Award in 1996, and the City of Minneapolis Award for Community Service in 1996.

Like her husband, Linda Saeks has dedicated her career to serving the needs of the community, particularly in the area of child development and education. She spent nearly two decades working at the Temple Israel Nursery School in Minneapolis, as well as the Wayzata Community Church Nursery School. Ms. Saeks also served as the President of the Hennepin County Lawyers' Spouses organization.