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Karen Handorf joined Cohen, Milstein, Hausfeld and Toll in April 2007 as Of Counsel and is a member of the Employee Benefits (ERISA) practice group. Prior to joining the law firm, Ms. Handorf was an attorney with the Plan Benefits Security Division of the Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Department of Labor where she represented the Secretary of Labor in litigation involving violations of the fiduciary standards of the ERISA. She was a trial attorney prior to her appointment in 1989 as Counsel for Decentralized and Special Litigation. In that position she was responsible for establishing and supervising the Department's amicus brief writing program which addressed a wide range of novel and difficult ERISA issues in both state and federal court. She also supervised the Department's ERISA appellate litigation, district court litigation brought by regional offices of the Solicitor of Labor and administrative litigation involving the civil penalty provisions of ERISA. In 2001, she was appointed Deputy Associate Solicitor of the division with responsibility for overseeing litigation brought by the Secretary of Labor and legal advice provided to the Employee Benefit Security Administration, which administers Title I of ERISA. In 2005, she returned to her position as supervisor of the ERISA appellate and amicus brief writing program, serving as Counsel for Appellate and Special Litigation. Ms. Handorf received her law degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1975.