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PIONEER SPIRIT Linda Singer has always enjoyed the David and Goliath aspect of litigation. “I’ve been driven by public interest work and pursuing important issues I care about. Litigation is just one path on the journey of getting from the beginning to the end to remediate problems.”

TRAILS BLAZED A former attorney general for the District of Columbia, Singer focuses much of her practice on representing states and cities. “We help them to take on big cases that are groundbreaking. Opioids are a good example. I represented the first jurisdiction to file an opioid case in 2014. When we started investigating, it was hard to miss the social costs of opioids. It was obviously an issue that needed to be dealt with.” The opioid crisis touches many different systems, including health costs, children moving to foster care and law enforcement costs. “It’s beyond the ability of companies to fix the problems they have created. But just because it’s become so enormous doesn’t get the companies that have contributed off the hook.” Among her clients, she represents the city of Chicago. “That opioid case is the furthest along and in deep discovery. It has survived multiple motions to dismiss.”

FUTURE EXPLORATIONS The war of litigation is destructive. “It takes us so far off course, and so much involves conflict that is a goal in and of itself. I hope that lawyers and courts start navigating us out of it, because it’s not the best of this profession and doesn’t serve clients.”

