

Linda F. Golodner  
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Linda Golodner has dedicated her professional career advocating for consumer rights in healthcare, food and product safety focusing her work on corporate social responsibility, fair labor standards, and ethical behavior in the marketplace. Formerly President and CEO of the National Consumers League from 1985 to 2007 she is now the Principal of Consumer Initiatives, advising and consulting with government, nonprofit, and for profit organizations on consumer issues.

President Clinton appointed her to the White House Apparel Industry Partnership, which she co-chaired and now serves on the Board of Directors and executive committee of its successor organization, the Fair Labor Association, a multi-stakeholder nonprofit organization dedicated to ending sweatshop conditions in factories and in agriculture worldwide. She also co-founded the Child Labor Coalition and helped establish and has served on the Board of the International Cocoa Initiative.

Golodner serves as a public member of the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, which accredits medical education programs in the United States and Canada. She is a public member of the American Board of Medical Genetics and Genomics and is on the Dental Assisting National Board, chairing its Governance and Review Committees. She is vice chair of the Water Quality and Health Council.

While at NCL, Golodner was a member of several federal advisory committees, including the National Academy of Sciences, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of the Treasury, Labor Department, and the Environmental Protection Agency. Golodner often testified before Congress, state legislatures, and federal regulatory agencies. She has been quoted and interviewed by national and international media, published book chapters and numerous articles on public policy in health, food safety, fair labor standards, social responsibility and privacy.

Golodner was a member of the Board of Directors of the American National Standards Institute for ten years, chairing its Consumer Interest Forum and was head of the U. S. delegation represented ANSI on the International Standards Organization Consumer Policy Committee. She was the U. S. consumer expert on the ISO Working Group on Social Responsibility, which published ISO 26000.

Golodner received the American Pharmacists Association's Hugo H. Schaefer Award. The Food and Drug Administration gave her its highest public honor, the FDA Commissioners Special Citation. She was also honored by the United Nations Association/NCA for her work in human rights, and ANSI gave her its meritorious service award. The National Consumers League presented her with its Trumpeter Award for her years of consumer advocacy and education of consumers in the United States and abroad. NCL also provides a fellowship in her name for her work in nutrition and food safety. Previously, Golodner worked for the U. S. House of Representatives for former Congressman James G. O'Hara of Michigan. Golodner was commissioner and chair of the Fairfax County (VA) Commission for Women. She graduated from the University of Maryland *summa cum laude* in 1975.