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Justice Harold Melton, a partner with Troutman Pepper, is quoted in the *American Lawyer* article, "[On the Bench and in Private Practice, Leah Ward Sears Has Been a Master of Her Craft.](#)"

"I found her to be very open to input and when I disagreed, she at least wanted to hear it, and many times changed her mind," says Harold Melton, a partner at Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders who served on the bench with Sears as associate justice beginning in 2005 and later served as chief justice himself.