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Overview

Lauren concentrates her practice on complex commercial litigation matters in federal and state courts across the country. Lauren is a skilled litigator representing clients in a wide range of disputes, including defamation, products liability, breach of contract, fraud, employment contract litigation and Hatch-Waxman litigation.

She has experience drafting a wide variety of briefs and motions, including discovery motions, motions to dismiss, motions for summary judgment and pre-trial motions. Lauren has experience guiding clients through all aspects of discovery, including written discovery, e-discovery, depositions and expert discovery.

Lauren also has extensive experience with pro bono matters, including representing clients in various pro bono immigration matters such as requests for asylum, DACA requests and VAWA self-petitions. During law school, she externed for the Honorable Matthew Kennelly of the Northern District of Illinois.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- University of Michigan Law School, 2016, J.D., *cum laude*
  - Production Editor, *Michigan Journal of Race & Law*
- University of Virginia, 2011, B.A., Eastern European Studies and Foreign Affairs

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- Georgia
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri

News & Insights

- The Apology Video: A Defamation Remedy with More Controversy Than Closure
  November 23, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- California's New AI Law: What Legal Departments and Outside Counsel Need to Know
  November 2, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Can an Algorithm Commit a Tort? The Circuit Split Over Section 230
  September 29, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Anti-SLAPP Laws on the Rise: Key Developments Since 2025
  September 10, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Defamation Dispatch: Q2 2026
  August 18, 2026 | Newsletters
- South Dakota's Inaugural Anti-SLAPP Statute
  June 30, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Michigan's Long-Awaited Anti-SLAPP Law: An Overview for Litigators
  March 24, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Benesch Names Eleven New Partners for 2025
  January 3, 2025 | Press Releases
- Benesch Client Smartmatic Reaches Settlement With Newsmax
  September 27, 2024 | Press Releases
- Lauren Tortorella Joins Benesch as Associate
  October 30, 2023 | Press Releases