

A professional portrait of Lauren C. Tortorella, a woman with long dark hair, wearing a bright blue blazer over a black top. She is standing in a modern office hallway with a staircase in the background. The right side of the image is overlaid with a dark teal background containing her name and contact information.

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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

- [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
- [Kate Harmon, J. Erik Connolly, Nicole Wrigley, David D. Pope and Lauren C. Tortorella mentioned in Law360 article | "Del. Judge OKs New Examples in Smartmatic Defamation Suit"](#)
August 24, 2023 | Media Mentions
- [J. Erik Connolly, Nicole E. Wrigley, Lauren C. Tortorella, Michael J. Barrie, Kate Harmon and Kathryn E. Clausing mentioned in Law360 | "OAN Must Face Voting Tech Co. Smartmatic's Defamation Suit"](#)
June 22, 2022
- [J. Erik Connolly, Nicole E. Wrigley, Lauren C. Tortorella, Michael J. Barrie, Kate Harmon and Kathryn E. Clausing mentioned in Law360 | "Voting Tech Firm Smartmatic Sues OAN, Newsmax"](#)
November 4, 2021 | Media Mentions
- [Benesch Increases Chicago Office Footprint to Accommodate Rapid Expansion](#)
July 18, 2019 | Press Releases
- [Lauren Tortorella Featured in Crain's Chicago Business People on the Move](#)
May 8, 2019 | Media Mentions