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Overview

Maura is a dedicated litigator who represents businesses in high-stakes disputes, helping them protect their rights and navigate complex legal challenges. Known for her open-minded and empathetic approach, Maura is willing to explore creative, unconventional solutions to achieve the best outcomes for her clients-even when the path forward is difficult or requires significant effort.

Maura's practice focuses on both initiating and defending litigation. She frequently represents businesses as plaintiffs in cases involving breach of contract, defamation, trade secret misappropriation and other critical disputes where court intervention is necessary to protect their interests. On the defense side, she has significant experience fending off unfair or frivolous class actions. Her clients span a variety of industries, with a particular focus on the technology sector.

Maura's ability to deliver exceptional results is grounded in her meticulous attention to detail, relentless work ethic and adaptability. She is known for maintaining open and frequent communication with her clients, ensuring they are informed and supported at every stage of the litigation process. Her background in internal investigations further enhances her ability to gather critical information and build strong, well-documented cases.

Maura's legal experience is informed by unique opportunities early in her career, including externships with the Hawaii Supreme Court and the City of Chicago Department of Law. These experiences provided her with valuable insights into judicial decision-making and local government operations, which she leverages to her clients' advantage.

Maura is also deeply committed to pro bono work, focusing on Section 1983 civil rights cases and representing clients through the Jewish United Fund (JUF). She serves on the JUF Young Lawyers Division Board and is actively involved in firm initiatives, including the Hiring Committee, the Associate Development Committee and the Women's Mentoring Subcommittee of WIN.

*Matter completed prior to joining Benesch.

Representative Matters

- Played a key role in securing the dismissal of a putative class action against The J.M. Smucker Co., contributing to the drafting of the winning brief that successfully argued the plaintiff's failure to meet heightened pleading standards and established compliance with FDA labeling regulations under California's safe-harbor doctrine.*
- Secured a Temporary Restraining Order and Preliminary Injunction in the District of Arizona for a home healthcare business in a breach of contract dispute, preventing emergency management ramifications.
- Served on the team that represented a Fortune 100 telecommunications company in defending against a multi-million-dollar trade secret misappropriation claim.
- Served on the trial team in connection with Smartmatic's high-profile defamation case against Newsmax, securing an undisclosed settlement over the media company's false claims that Smartmatic's voting machines were part of a conspiracy to rig the election.
- Assisted with drafting the Complaint, conducted discovery, worked closely with expert witnesses and participated in drafting the summary judgment briefing in connection with Smartmatic's high-profile defamation case against Fox News.
- Drafted the Complaint, assisted with opposing the motion to dismiss briefing, conducted discovery and worked closely with expert witnesses in connection with Smartmatic's defamation case against MyPillow and Mike Lindell.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- University of Chicago Law School, 2018, J.D.
  - Pro Bono Service Initiative Award
- University of Michigan, 2015, B.A., Political Science and History
  - With honors
  - Editorial Board Member, Blogger and Columnist, The Michigan Daily, Opinion Section

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Northen District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado

Memberships

- Board Member, Jewish United Fund Young Lawyers Division

News & Insights

- California's New AI Law: What Legal Departments and Outside Counsel Need to Know
  November 2, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Lessons from Kai Spears v. The New York Times Co.: A Historic Defamation Verdict
  October 6, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Defamation Dispatch: Q2 2026
  August 18, 2026 | Newsletters
- When ChatGPT Lies: What the First Wave of AI Defamation Cases Means for Plaintiffs
  June 24, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Beyond the Buzzwords: State AGs Put Enforcement Muscle Behind Algorithmic Pricing and Age Verification Crackdowns
  May 28, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Only the Strong Survive: Easy Pitfalls to Avoid as a Defamation Plaintiff
  April 23, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Healthcare Fraud: The Last Bastion of Federal and State White-Collar Enforcement
  February 16, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- A $10 Million Warning Shot: State Attorney General Worker Misclassification Enforcement Puts Healthcare Industry on High Alert
  November 6, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- J. Erik Connolly, Nicole E. Wrigley, and Maura T. Levine-Patton mentioned in Law360 | "My Pillow, CEO Can't Ditch Smartmatic's Election Fraud Suit"
  September 21, 2022 | Media Mentions
- J. Erik Connolly, Nicole E. Wrigley and Maura T. Levine-Patton mentioned in Law360 | "Smartmatic Says MyPillow CEO's Election Lies Led To $2B Dip"
  January 19, 2022 | Media Mentions

Speaking & Events

PAST EVENTS

- AI Litigation and Legislation: New Trends and Practical Takeaways | Nicole E. Wrigley, Maura T. Levine-Patton
  March 19, 2024 | Firm Events
- How to Become a Partner as a Woman and Set Yourself Up to Climb the Ladder | Maura T. Levine-Patton
  December 10, 2020 | Speaking Engagement