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Laura's practice encompasses a broad range of complex commercial and civil litigation. She has experience in all stages of the litigation process, from preliminary motions and injunctions through trial and appeals.

Laura advises and represents clients in a range of matters, including:

- contractual disputes
- commercial leasing, land development and complex construction disputes
- professional negligence claims
- defamation claims
- medical malpractice claims
- hospital privileges matters

Laura has appeared before the Superior Court of Justice of Ontario, the Divisional Court, the Court of Appeal for Ontario, the Federal Court of Canada, and the Health Professions Appeal and Review Board.

Prior to joining BLG, Laura practiced at a leading, full-service firm in New York, where she represented and advised U.S. corporations from a variety of industries, including clients in the cellular telecommunications and banking industries.

Laura then practiced at a leading commercial litigation boutique in Toronto, where she represented and advised clients in a broad range of complex commercial and civil litigation matters.

From 2010-2011, Laura served as a law clerk to Chief Justice Warren K. Winkler, Justice Karen M. Weiler, and Justice Gloria J. Epstein of the Court of Appeal for Ontario.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Individual Charter Rights vs Collective Indigenous Rights", BLG Article, April 2024
- Author, "SCC finds warrant is required before first digital breadcrumb can be revealed", BLG Article, March 2024
- Author, "SCC decision: Deliberative secrecy and disclosure of Cabinet mandate letters", BLG Article, February 2024
- Thought Starters, BLG Perspective, September 2023
- Author, "Appellate Fall 2023 preview: Significant cases to watch", BLG Article, September 2023
- Author, "Delivery driver class action against Amazon stayed and certification dismissed", BLG Article, July 2023
- Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Trends: Why it's important and what you need to know, BLG Perspective, June 2023
- Author, "Hansman v. Neufeld – SCC decision confirms that certain "counter-speech" is deserving of protection", BLG Article, May 2023
- Quoted, "Why your commercial clients may be at risk of ESG legal action," canadianunderwriter.ca, March 2023
- Author, "Top commercial decisions of 2022", BLG Article, February 2023
- Chair, "The Advocates' Society's Top Cases in Commercial Litigation," February 8, 2023
- Author, "Discovering your TRUE COLORS,"" Advocacy Matters, Winter 2023
- Co-Chair, "Discovering your TRUE COLOURS!," The Advocates' Society's Women Advocates Working Group, December 14, 2022
- Quoted, "Lexpert's Top 10 Business Decisions of 2021/2022," Lexpert, November 2022
- Author, "Appellate Fall 2022 preview: Significant cases to watch", BLG Article, September 2022
- Author, "Appointment processes for judges of the SCC and SCOTUS in a year of historic nominations", BLG Article, August 2022
- Author, "British Columbia Court of Appeal upholds provisions of the Medicare Protection Act", BLG Article, August 2022
- Author, "Provincial appellate court cases in Canada", BLG Article, July 2022
- Author, "SCC clarifies test for public interest standing in British Columbia v. Council of Canadians with Disabilities", BLG Article, June 2022
- Author, "In Sullivan, the SCC clarifies role of stare decisis in constitutional litigation", BLG Article, May 2022
- Author, "Supreme Court applies principles of reconciliation to advanced costs awards", BLG Article, March 2022
- Author, "ESG claims Managing risks and liabilities for Canadian businesses", BLG Article, March 2022
- Author, "Top 10 commercial decisions of 2021", BLG Article, February 2022
- Author, "Ward v. Québec: Supreme Court narrowly rejects discriminatory speech", BLG Article, November 2021
- Author, "Clearing the air: Supreme Court upholds federal carbon pricing regime", BLG Article, March 2021

Beyond our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, 10+ Committee of The Advocates' Society
- First Secretary, Commercial Litigation Practice Group, The Advocates' Society
- Former Member-at-Large, Civil Litigation and Health Law Section Executives, Ontario Bar Association
- Former Member, Young Advocates' Standing Committee of The Advocates' Society
- Member, The Advocates' Society
- Member, Ontario Bar Association
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Toronto Lawyers Association

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2024 edition of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Litigation - Regulatory & Public Law and Litigation - Corporate Commercial)

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2011
- New York, 2011

- JD, University of Toronto, 2010
- BSc (Eng.), University of Guelph, 2006

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