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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, "On the Sault Dock-et: Court of Appeal for Ontario updates test for leave to appeal", BLG Article, September 2026
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- Author, "Manitoba Jurist Glenn Joyal nominated to the Supreme Court of Canada", BLG Article, June 2026
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- Author, "No more automatic stay: Five judge panel overrules Handley Estate", BLG Article, May 2026
- Author, "Loose lips sink ships: SCC upholds restrictions on Parliamentarians’ right to disclose national security information", BLG Article, May 2026
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- Author, "Hansman v. Neufeld – SCC decision confirms that certain "counter-speech" is deserving of protection", BLG Article, May 2023
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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 & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2027 edition (and since 2025) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* (Corporate and Commercial Litigation)
- Recognized in the 2027 edition of *Chambers Canada* (Litigation: Administrative & Public Law (Ontario))
- Recognized in the 2025 edition of *Benchmark Litigation — The definitive guide to litigation firms and attorneys in Canada* as a "Litigation Star"
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2024) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Litigation - Regulatory & Public Law) and in the 2024 edition (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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