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OVERVIEW

Lauren represents clients in fiduciary disputes and complex commercial litigation, guiding matters from pre-suit strategy through trial.

Her fiduciary litigation practice includes asset disputes, contested probate matters, trust and estate disputes, and matters involving fiduciary misconduct, undue influence or capacity questions. She regularly represents beneficiaries, trustees, and personal representatives in contested matters involving fiduciary administration and asset management.

In her commercial litigation practice, Lauren represents both plaintiffs and defendants in a broad range of business disputes across industries and at all stages of litigation.

From the outset of a matter, Lauren works closely with clients to understand their objectives and the factual and legal context of the dispute. She distills complex issues into clear, actionable narratives that shape litigation strategy, pleadings, and, when appropriate, early resolution efforts. Whether prosecuting or defending claims, she evaluates risk, identifies leverage points, and helps clients make informed decisions throughout the case.

With a decade of litigation experience, Lauren brings a balanced, trial-ready approach to her practice. She works collaboratively with opposing counsel to pursue efficient resolutions while remaining fully prepared to try cases when necessary.

Clients value Lauren's approachable style, responsiveness, and candid guidance through contentious and often personal disputes.

Industry

Financial Services & Capital Markets

Services

Commercial Litigation

Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution

Trust, Estate, & Fiduciary Litigation

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Experience

- Served as sole trial counsel in a trustee removal trial, securing removal of the trustee and an award of attorneys' fees for the beneficiary client.
- Represented the personal representative of a high-value estate in a complex will contest involving numerous beneficiaries and charitable organizations after the discovery of a subsequently located will during estate administration. Guided the matter through litigation and mediation, achieving a favorable resolution of all disputes without a contested hearing or trial.
- Represented a trust beneficiary in a dispute with a sibling serving as trustee involving allegations of fiduciary misconduct and asset mismanagement. Assisted the client in resolving claims through mediation.
- Served as lead trial counsel in $5 million jury trial, resulting in a favorable outcome for the client.
- Argued a Rule 11 motion, securing sanctions for the client in a federal product liability case.
- Served as trial counsel in a breach of contract federal jury trial that resulted in a favorable outcome for the client.
- Negotiated resolution of a substantial collections action, achieving full recovery for the client.

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Recognition

- Wisconsin Law Journal's Legal All-Star Awards,
  - Woman in the Law, 2025
  - Rising Young Lawyer, 2022
- *The Best Lawyers in America®*
  - Business Organizations, 2023, 2025
  - Commercial Litigation, 2025
  - Corporate Law, 2023, 2025
- Wisconsin Super Lawyers, Rising Star, 2022-2025

Education

- J.D., Marquette University Law School
  - *cum laude*
  - CALI Award, Highest Grade in Civil Pre-Trial Practice
  - Pro Bono Society, Inductee
- B.A., University of Dayton
  - *cum laude*
  - Criminal Justice, Spanish
  - Sheriff Bernard Keiter Memorial Scholarship Award
  - Outstanding Service to the Criminal Justice Department Award

Admissions

- Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin

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