



## Lauren L. Walter

### ASSOCIATE

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### OVERVIEW

## Lauren defends clients in product liability and other complex commercial litigation matters.

With a strong background in product liability work for automotive companies, Lauren serves on the national litigation teams for a leading truck and trailer rental company and a multinational tire manufacturer. She primarily defends these clients in product liability cases relating to auto accidents; however, she assists with premises liability matters and litigation related to propane distribution as well.

In product liability cases, the client wasn't present for the inciting incident, necessitating significant investigative work on the part of counsel. Lauren excels at this: her personal warmth means she has a gift for building rapport, helping her obtain the information she needs at deposition and in witness interviews. She's enthusiastic about piecing together the facts of a case to develop a winning argument. While most matters settle, Lauren has managed cases from inception to resolution and is extensively experienced in pretrial motions, discovery, and preparing for trial.

Lauren is best known for her communication skills. A former English Literature student, her first love will always be the written word, and she chose to pursue a legal career because she recognized that the law was full of opportunities to write documents that would truly matter. She excels at drafting pleadings, motions, and briefs, and she is highly valued by clients for prioritizing communication. Lauren has a reputation for keeping clients extensively informed, so that they're fully aware of a case's status and can make educated decisions about strategy.

### Industries

Manufacturing

Technology

Transportation

### Services

Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution

Product Liability

## Experience

- Manage complex litigation in federal and state court, including pre-litigation investigations, responsive pleadings, written discovery, depositions, and dispositive and pre-trial motions.
- Conduct and manage discovery plans, including document review and production, disclosure, written discovery, witness investigation and expert retention.
- Prepare for, take, and/or defend depositions of parties, lay witnesses, and expert witnesses.
- Meeting with clients and advising on litigation strategy.
- Manage and oversee expert work, including investigation, testing, reports, and demonstrative exhibits.
- Negotiate favorable settlements both informally and through mediation.
- Draft appellate briefs for state supreme courts and courts of appeal.

## Education

- J.D., Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law
  - *magna cum laude*
  - *Arizona State Law Journal*, Research Editor
- M.St., University of Oxford, Lincoln College
- B.A., University of Arizona, W.A. Franke Honors College

## Admissions

- Arizona
- Nevada
- U.S. District Court, District of Arizona
- U.S. District Court, District of Nevada

## Community Leadership

Lauren volunteers frequently through her church, San Tan Bible Church. She also tutors high school students in English literature and writing.