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OVERVIEW

A veteran attorney, Lauren understands how to use litigation to achieve complex business objectives. She practices from Merion Station, Pennsylvania as a member of our virtual office, The Link.

Lauren is a results-driven attorney representing corporations in resolving toxic tort and product liability disputes as part of a national coordinating counsel team. Lauren provides extensive legal knowledge and experience in all phases of litigation, from examining witnesses and developing discovery to implementing trial strategies and negotiating settlements. She understands how to build compelling arguments that address highly technical subject matter and has successfully handled cases in jurisdictions that are extremely challenging for defendants.

Lauren is a partner in the firm's virtual office, The Link, and a member of the Technology, Manufacturing & Transportation business unit. She defends clients in connection with toxic tort, product liability, personal injury and premises liability cases.

Industries

Manufacturing
Technology
Transportation

Services

Asbestos Litigation
Class Action Defense
Complex Torts (CXT)
Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution
Product Liability
Toxic Tort

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Experience

- Negotiates settlements on behalf of Fortune 500 companies in some of the most active and plaintiff-friendly jurisdictions in the country for mass tort and product liability claims.
- Strategically collaborates with local counsel firms in the defense of thousands of active asbestos cases and implements trial strategies for manufacturers, suppliers, premises owners and employers against alleged occupational injury/disease.
- Negotiated favorable settlement on the eve of trial on behalf of a friction product manufacturer in a product liability case with significant claimed damages pending in Kanawha County, West Virginia.
- Secured dismissal in a product liability action on behalf of employer by successfully arguing that foreign law applied and the state's workers' compensation exclusivity provision barred the claim.
- Obtained favorable verdict as first-chair trial counsel on behalf of regional transportation authority in a personal injury action in Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania.
- Prevailed on summary judgment on behalf of product manufacturer involving nuanced maritime law issue in connection with U.S. Navy-based asbestos claim.

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Education

- J.D., New England Law
    - CALI Award, Highest Grade, UCC Contracts
    - Women's Law Caucus, Member
    - Non-Profit Organization: Dress for Success, Volunteer
- B.S., University of Scranton
    - *Magna cum laude*
    - Dean's List
    - Political Science (major) and English (minor)
    - Concentration in Women's Studies
    - Honors Program, Board Member
    - Pre-Law Society, Member
    - Jane Kopas Women's Center, Volunteer

Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania

Lauren is associated with the Washington DC office for telephone and mail purposes only. She is not admitted to practice in District of Columbia.

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