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EXPERIENCE

Lauren counsels emerging companies on their corporate activities, legal and regulatory compliance, and transactions. She also advises funds on their investments in these emerging companies. Lauren handles the following matters for her clients:

Corporate governance and general corporate matters

Privacy and regulatory compliance

Financial services compliance

Cybersecurity compliance and response

Technology contract drafting and negotiations, including master services agreements, licensing agreements, terms of service, reseller agreements

Restructuring and workout transactions

Mergers and acquisitions

Seed, angel, and venture capital funding

Private equity transactions

Debt financings

Lauren understands the unique needs of emerging companies having served as General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer of a FinTech startup that was ultimately acquired by a public company.

Lauren has been honored as a “Top Lawyer” by the Washingtonian magazine and the Northern Virginia Magazine, named one of the “Virginia Business Legal Elite” by the Virginia Bar Association and the Virginia Business Magazine, and recognized as a “Rising Star” by Virginia Super Lawyers, D.C. Super Lawyers, and the International Women’s Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC).

EDUCATION

Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University, *Juris Doctor*, May 2009

Georgetown University Graduate School of Foreign Service, *Masters of Arts*, May 2005

Sweet Briar College, *Bachelors of Arts*, May 2003

PROFESSIONAL

Board of Directors of the Freedom Bank of Virginia since 2018

Board of Directors of the International Women’s Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC) since 2014

Member of the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) from 2019- 2022

Member Eastern District of Virginia Local Bankruptcy Rules Standing Committee from 2016-2017

ADMISSIONS

Virginia Bar

District of Columbia Bar

U.S. Court of Appeals for District of Columbia Circuit and Fourth Circuit

U.S. District Courts for District of Columbia, Eastern District of Texas, Northern District of Texas, Eastern District of Virginia, and Western District of Virginia

U.S. Bankruptcy Courts for District of Columbia, Eastern District of Virginia, and Western District of Virginia

RECOGNITIONS

“Top Lawyer” by the Washingtonian magazine (2017-2018)

“Virginia Business Legal Elite” by the Virginia Bar Association and Virginia Business magazine (2018)

“Top Lawyer” by the Northern Virginia Magazine (2018)

“Rising Star” of the International Women’s Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (2014)

“Rising Star” by Virginia Super Lawyers (2013-2019)

“Rising Star” by D.C. Super Lawyers (2014-2019)

“Outstanding Pro Bono Contributions” by Wiley Rein LLP (2013)