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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

- Appellate Fall 2022 preview: Significant cases to watch, BLG Article, September 2022
- Appointment processes for judges of the SCC and SCOTUS in a year of historic nominations, BLG Article, August 2022
- British Columbia Court of Appeal upholds provisions of the Medicare Protection Act, BLG Article, August 2022
- Provincial appellate court cases in Canada, BLG Article, July 2022
- SCC clarifies test for public interest standing in *British Columbia v. Council of Canadians with Disabilities*, BLG Article, June 2022
- In *Sullivan*, the SCC clarifies role of *stare decisis* in constitutional litigation, BLG Article, May 2022
- Supreme Court applies principles of reconciliation to advanced costs awards, BLG Article, March 2022
- ESG claims Managing risks and liabilities for Canadian businesses, BLG Article, March 2022
- Top 10 commercial decisions of 2021, BLG Article, February 2022
- *Ward v. Québec*: Supreme Court narrowly rejects discriminatory speech, BLG Article, November 2021
- Clearing the air: Supreme Court upholds federal carbon pricing regime, BLG Article, March 2021
- Speaker, "Fireside Chat with Heather L. Hansen and Danielle Robitaille, Keeping Tabs," The Advocates Society, June 2019.
- Summary Judgment Denied on Limitations Issue with Limited Record - Cash Stores Professional, BLG Article, April 2019
- Author, "Summary Judgment Denied on Limitations Issue with Limited Record – Cash Store's Professional Advisors Must Proceed to Trial," BLG Publication, April 2019.
- Speaker "The Current State of Solicitor-Client and Litigation Privilege," Osgoode Professional Development's The Civil Litigator's Survival Guide to Evidence 2019, April 2019.
- Panelist, "The New York Experience," University of Toronto Faculty of Law, March 2019.
- Panelist, "Everything junior litigators need to know about the Estate and Commercial Lists," Commercial List Seminar, January 2019.
- In *A Split Decision*, Supreme Court Rejects A Duty To Consult When The Government Makes New Laws, BLG Article, October 2018
- Author, "In a Split Decision, Supreme Court Rejects a Duty to Consult When The Government Makes New Laws," BLG Publication, October 2018.

Beyond our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Young Advocates' Standing Committee
- Member, The Advocates' Society
- Member, Ontario Bar Association
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Toronto Lawyers Association

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2011
- New York, 2011

- JD, University of Toronto, 2010
- BSc (Eng.), University of Guelph, 2006

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