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Profile

Laura counsels employers engaged in a wide variety of industries, including health care, higher education, public school education, manufacturing and the service and financial industries.

Her practice includes all aspects of labor and employment law and she represents clients involved in litigation in the state and federal courts, as well as arbitrations, mediations and state and federal agency actions.

Laura's practice also includes in-house labor and employment training for clients. She is a frequent lecturer and has authored and co-authored articles on a range of legal topics.

For five years, Laura served as Governor Andrew Cuomo's appointee as Chair of the Fourth Department Judicial Screening Committee and a member of the Governor's State Judicial Screening Committee. These Committees evaluate the qualifications of judicial candidates and make recommendations to the Governor with respect to which candidates are highly qualified to hold judicial positions.

Honors & Affiliations

- Listed in:
 - *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Education Law; Employment Law - Management; Labor Law - Management; Litigation - Labor and Employment, 2010-2023
 - Lawyer of the Year - Syracuse Labor Law - Management, 2019
 - Lawyer of the Year - Syracuse, Employment Law - Management, 2017; 2014; 2023
 - *New York Super Lawyers*®, Employment and Labor, 2021
 - *Chambers USA* 2021, Labor and Employment
 - *Martindale-Hubbell*®, AV Preeminent Rated
- Syracuse Law Review Alumni Achievement Award, 2021
- New York State Bar Association, Labor and Employment Section of the Continuing Legal Education Committee
- Onondaga County Bar Association
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Education

- Syracuse University College of Law (J.D., *summa cum laude*, 1997)
- Bucknell University (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1994)

Bar/Court Admissions

- New York

Practices

- School Law
- Municipalities
- Higher Education
- Labor and Employment
- Health Care
- Business Restructuring, Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy

Representative Presentations

- 2021 Legislative Update, CNY SHRM Annual Conference, June 10, 2021
- Valuing Women's Work, Onondaga County Bar Association, April 21, 2021
- 2020: The Most Challenging Year, CNY SHRM Annual Conference, Keynote Speech, September 29, 2020
- Recruiting & Hiring in a Remote Work World, CenterState CEO, June 10, 2020
- Legal Questions in the Modern Workplace, American Council of Engineering Companies of New York Winter Conference 2020, January 27, 2020
- Ethical Considerations in Employment Discrimination Cases, Employment Discrimination Law & Litigation 2018, Practising Law Institute, June 18, 2018
- Sexual Harassment: What Management Needs to Know in the Current Cultural and Legal Climate, Management by Menu #partnerinchange, 2018 Maines Food Show, May 15, 2018
- Interviewed in "Preventing Sexual Harassment: A Way Forward," *Connect NY*, produced by WCNY, January 29, 2018
- Panel Member, Sticky Issues in Faculty Discrimination - Legal Update and Practice Pointers, NACUA CLE Workshop, March 30, 2017
- ADA/Section 504, Employment Law Alliance Webinar, September 22, 2015
- Employment Law Update, Central New York Society for Human Resource Management, January 27, 2015

Representative Publications

- Quoted in "'Ugly' Policy Alleged at NBC: Only Beautiful People Need Apply," *HR Today*, August 8, 2017
- "New NYC Rules For Accommodating Pregnant Employees Take Effect," *HR Specialist, New York Employment Law*, January 2014
- Harshbarger, "Employer Liability for Supervisor Harassment, After *Ellerth and Faragher*," *Duke Journal of Gender Law & Policy*, Vol. 6, Spring 1999, No. 1

Other Activities

- Onondaga County Bar Association, Past Board Member