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Lauren practices out of the firm's Los Angeles office, where she prosecutes class and direct actions on behalf of the firm's institutional investor clients. She is currently a member of the teams prosecuting securities class actions against Wells Fargo & Company, Mohawk Industries, Inc., CVS Health Corporation, NVIDIA Corporation, and Qualcomm, Inc., among others.

Lauren is also a board member of Mental Health Advocacy Services, a non-profit organization that provides free legal services to people with mental health disabilities in Los Angeles.

Prior to joining BLB&G, Lauren was a litigation associate at Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, where she represented domestic and international clients in complex civil litigation and alternative dispute resolution. She also gained considerable experience advising company boards following internal investigations of shareholder demands. In addition, Lauren's practice included substantial *pro bono* civil rights class action litigation on behalf of immigration detainees with indicia of mental health disabilities.

While attending New York University School of Law, Lauren worked at the Legal Aid Society, Juvenile Rights Practice as part of NYU Law's Children's Rights Clinic and served as a Senior Articles Editor for the *Journal of Law and Liberty* and a Staff Editor for the *Environmental Law Journal*. Also while in law school, Lauren worked as a research assistant conducting research on attorney effectiveness in the development of Individualized Education Plans for children.

Education

- New York University School of Law, J.D., 2014, Senior Articles Editor, *Journal of Law and Liberty*; Staff Editor, *Environmental Law Journal*
- California State University Channel Islands, B.S., Business, 2008, *summa cum laude*

Admissions

- California
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

Publications

- October 2019 - "About Face? CEO Sea Change on Shareholder Primacy: Good Economics or Decreased Accountability?"

Cases

- CVS Health Corporation
- Centene Corp.
- Impinj, Inc.
- Merit Medical Systems, Inc.
- Mohawk Industries, Inc.
- NVIDIA Corporation
- Qualcomm, Inc.
- Wells Fargo