

Partner Lauren Hartz Recognized in *Bloomberg Law's* 2026 "They've Got Next" List

Recognition

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Partner Lauren Hartz was recognized in *Bloomberg Law's* They've Got Next: 40 Under 40 list for 2026. The annual report recognizes “next-generation lawyers” excelling in a profession being reshaped by AI and new avenues for leadership, service, and success. Lauren, who co-leads Jenner & Block's Education Practice, was recognized in the Education category.

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Lauren's profile highlights her leadership on some of the most consequential and high-profile matters facing higher education institutions today, including litigation over campus free speech, anti-discrimination law, and academic freedom. She is regularly called on to lead emergency litigation and coordinate multi-faceted responses for higher education institutions and associations navigating today's most pressing legal, political, and reputational challenges.

Reflecting on an important lesson learned as a first-year attorney, Lauren shared that her early clients taught her something law school hadn't: that knowing the law isn't the same as knowing your client. She said understanding and empathizing with a client's goals made her "so much more creative and effective as their advocate," a lesson she carries into her work today.

Lauren also spoke about her pro bono work challenging Medicaid work requirements, and credited her mentor, Jenner & Block Co-Managing Partner Ishan Bhabha, with shaping how she approaches the practice of law.

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