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Areas of Focus

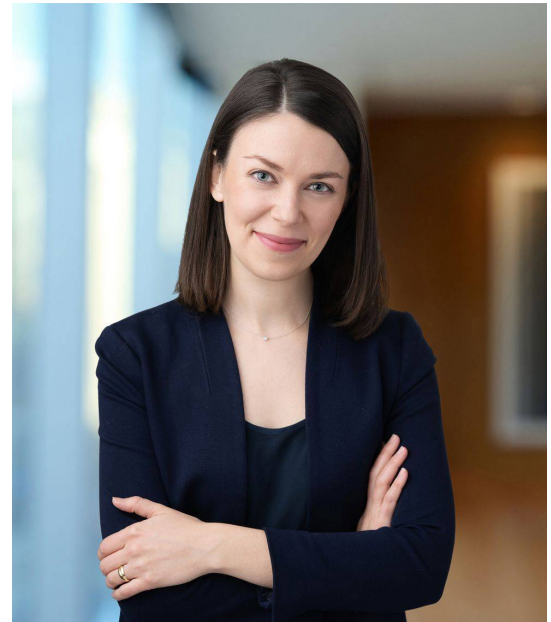
Appellate and Supreme Court

Class Action

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Education

Government Controversies and Public Policy Litigation



Overview

Lauren Hartz is Co-Chair of the firm’s Education Practice and Co-Chair of its Organizational Values and Strategy Task Force. A skilled litigator, Lauren has experience at all stages of litigation and arbitration and has defended wins before the federal courts of appeals and the US Supreme Court. Lauren's work is widely recognized within the legal profession. She is nationally ranked by *Chambers USA* for Higher Education and was named among *The National Law Journal's DC Rising Stars in 2025*. *The American Lawyer* also selected her as a finalist for Young Lawyer of the Year in Litigation in 2025.

Lauren helps colleges and universities solve their most complex challenges. An active member of the National Association of College and University Attorneys, Lauren has navigated high-profile campus disputes, conducted sensitive investigations, and defended lawsuits over free speech, sexual misconduct, antitrust, and more. With particular experience handling class action matters, Lauren has achieved victories for institutions in the Ivy League, Big Ten, Big 12, and ACC.

Educational institutions, foundations, and companies seek Lauren’s counsel to review and fortify their diversity and inclusion initiatives. From redesigning university admissions programs, to refining approaches to employee and supplier engagement, Lauren helps her clients anticipate and address this evolving legal landscape while remaining true to their mission and values.

Before joining the firm, Lauren worked in a civil rights enforcement role at the Justice Department, at a plaintiff-side firm, and for multiple non-profits and legal aid organizations.

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- First Amendment and Content Moderation

Credentials

Admissions

- District of Columbia, 2016

Education

- Yale Law School, JD, 2014
- Dartmouth College, BA, honors, *summa cum laude*, 2009

Court Admissions

- US Supreme Court, 2018
- US Court of Appeals, First Circuit, 2024
- US Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, 2022
- US Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, 2020
- US Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, 2021
- US Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, 2019
- US Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, 2020
- US District Court, District of Columbia, 2018
- US District Court, Central District of Illinois, 2019
- US District Court, Northern District of New York, 2024

Clerkships

- Hon. Allyn R. Ross, US District Court, Eastern District of New York, 2015-2016
- Hon. William J. Kayatta, Jr., US Court of Appeals, First Circuit, 2016-2017

Service / Recognition

Awards

- *The BTI Class Action Leaders*, 2026
- *The National Law Journal*, DC Rising Stars, 2025
- *The American Lawyer*, Young Lawyer of the Year, Litigation (finalist), 2025
- *Chambers USA*, Higher Education (Nationwide), 2025
- *Best Lawyers in America*, Ones to Watch, Appellate Practice, 2024, 2026
- Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll, 2022, 2024-2025