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Areas of Focus

Business Litigation

Specialized Litigation and Arbitration

Government Controversies and Public Policy Litigation

International Arbitration

State Attorneys General



Overview

A versatile business litigator and advisor, Laura MacDonald resolves bet-the-company contractual disputes and other complex issues through domestic and international arbitration and in courts across the country. She also guides clients through regulatory relationships and disputes, lobbying law minefields, and government ethics issues.

Laura’s extensive work in domestic and international arbitration includes complex contractual disputes involving a wide range of countries, arbitral rules, and procedural and substantive laws. She also represents both investors and sovereigns in investor-state arbitrations. With a laser focus on crucial details and experience in a variety of forums, Laura infuses her strategy with clarity and broad perspective, enabling her to bring disputes to a favorable close.

Laura’s broad industry experience includes telecommunications, financial services, energy, life sciences, and manufacturing, among others. Handling cases for clients in these sectors, she unravels highly complex technological issues and protects clients facing significant damages claims.

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I help clients navigate complex commercial disputes, as well as regulatory, lobbying law, and government ethics matters, with forward-thinking strategic solutions.”

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- Hedge, Investment, and Private Equity Funds

Credentials

Admissions

- New York, 2009

Education

- Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, JD, *cum laude*, 2008
- Northwestern University, BA, *cum laude*; Political Science Department Honors, 2003

Court Admissions

- US District Court, Eastern District of New York, 2010
- US District Court, Southern District of New York, 2010

Service / Recognition

Awards

- *Lawdragon 500 Leading Global Litigators*, 2023-2025
- *Legal500*, International Arbitration, 2021
- Lawdragon 500 Global Litigation Lawyers, 2021
- Jenner & Block Mentorship Award, 2016
- *New York Metro Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, Business Litigation, Alternative Dispute Resolution, 2014-2019

Community

- Northwestern Law Alumni Club of NYC, Board Member

Service to the Bar

- International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution, Member, Arbitration and Y-ADR Steering Committees