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Areas of Focus

Investigations, Compliance,
and Defense

Real Estate and Hospitality

Specialized Litigation and
Arbitration



Overview

Laura Pelanek uses extensive experience to develop and manage efficient and defensible discovery processes through to trial in litigation and investigations. Laura advises large companies as well as individuals, including multiple-track litigation and investigations, on matters involving internal investigations, complex commercial litigation, and regulatory compliance.

Having managed teams on large matters to meet competing tight deadlines on matters like the GM ignition switch recall investigation and the Lehman Brothers examination, Laura understands the need for efficient planning. She has also been seconded to a Fortune 50 legal department, and as a result, brings insight from the in-house counsel perspective on various priorities. Her experience helps clients efficiently, effectively, and successfully navigate the discovery process.

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Credentials

Admissions

- Illinois, 2004

Education

- University of Texas School of Law, JD, with honors; Order of the Coif, 2004
- University of Virginia, BA, with distinction, 2001

Court Admissions

- US Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, 2004
- US District Court, Northern District of Illinois, 2004

Service / Recognition

Service to the Bar

- American Bar Association
- Chicago Bar Association