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Biography

Lauren Colton has a proven track record of obtaining favorable litigation results for clients in individual cases, mass torts and class actions in federal and state courts across the United States. Known for her innovative and aggressive defense strategies, Lauren serves as national product liability counsel for multiple manufacturers. In these roles, she uses her technical and scientific knowledge and understanding of her clients' regulatory and commercial environments to achieve successful outcomes. In addition to representing clients in high stakes litigation, Lauren routinely counsels clients, including developers of digital technology, at all stages of product development to help mitigate potential risks and assists with crisis management when the need arises.

As head of the firm's Products Law practice, Lauren leads a global coordinated team of lawyers and scientists. She is regarded for her strong and diverse team and her commitment to mentoring and developing young lawyers. Her litigation team also frequently includes regulatory colleagues as Lauren understands the importance of regulatory issues in many product-related issues.

Nationally recognized for her product liability expertise, Lauren has been described by clients in Chambers USA Guide as "very sharp, highly experienced in product liability" and commended for her ability to "solve complex problems."



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Practices

Litigation Services

Products Law

Commercial Litigation

Crisis Leadership Team

Industries

Consumer

Life Sciences and Health Care

Areas of focus

Product Litigation

Class Actions and Group Litigation

Crisis Communications

Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology

Representative experience

Serving as U.S. product liability counsel for multiple pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and medical device manufacturers.

Representing a global pharmaceutical manufacturer in six consolidated consumer fraud class actions.

Representing a leading beverage manufacturer in a consumer fraud nationwide putative class action involving allegations that its product contains PFAS.

Representing an apparel manufacturer in a consumer fraud nationwide putative class action involving allegations that certain products contain PFAS.

Representing a leading biotechnology company in clinical trial litigation.

Representing a university and medical center in a lawsuit by 800 Guatemalans relating to studies conducted in the 1940s.

Awards and rankings

- Litigation: General Commercial (Maryland) | Band 2, *Chambers USA*, 2016-2023
- Product Liability & Mass Torts (Nationwide), *Chambers USA*, 2021-2023
- Dispute Resolution: Product Liability and Mass Tort Defense: Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices, *Legal 500 US*, 2013-2022
- Dispute Resolution: Product Liability, Mass Tort, and Class Actions: Automotive and Transport, *Legal 500 US*, 2018-2021
- Healthcare: Life Sciences, *Legal 500 US*, 2020
- Dispute Resolution: Product Liability, Mass Tort, and Class Actions: Consumer Products (Including Tobacco), *Legal 500 US*, 2018-2022
- Life Sciences - Product Liability, *Who's Who Legal*, 2013, 2016-2022
- Life Sciences Star, *LMG Life Sciences*, 2013-2022
- Product Liability, Rising Star, *Law360*, 2010

Retail and Consumer Goods

Food and Beverages

Digital Health

Clinical Trials

Cell, Tissue, and Gene Therapies

State Attorneys General

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., University of Maryland, Francis King Carey School of Law, with honors, Order of the Coif, 2000

B.A., University of Michigan, high distinction, 1997

Bar admissions and qualifications

Maryland

Court admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit

U.S. District Court, District of Maryland

Latest thinking and events

- News
 - Artificial Intelligence: World First Rules Are Coming Soon – Are You Ready? (Part 2)
- News
 - FDA proposes mandatory patient labeling for Rx drugs
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- Hogan Lovells Events
 - A Seat at the Table: PFAS Laws Affecting the Food Industry, Compliance Strategies, and the Litigation Landscape
- News
 - Artificial intelligence: World first rules are coming soon – are you ready? (Part 1)
- Awards & rankings
 - Hogan Lovells lawyers named in Euromoney's Women in Business Law Expert Guide 2022