

Laura vigorously defends clients facing government investigations, coordinates internal and independent investigations, and represents clients in complex litigation. Clients trust her trial experience and her knowledge of government agencies to guide them through their legal challenges.

Laura helps clients respond to investigations, audits, and examinations by agencies including the U.S. Department of Justice, the Securities & Exchange Commission, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, as well as by various state Attorneys General.

Her comprehensive experience includes fact gathering, overseeing and coordinating responses to government requests, preparing individuals for depositions and testimony, and negotiating with government agencies. She has defended clients through trial and appeal against the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Before joining Harter Secrest & Emery, Laura worked in the securities litigation and enforcement group in the Washington, D.C. office of Wilmer, Cutler, Pickering, Hale & Dorr LLP and in the litigation group in the New York City office of Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP.

Representative Experience

- Obtained declinations in fraud investigations, for both for-profit and not-for-profit clients, from the U.S. Department of Justice and the New York Attorney General.
- Defended individual and corporate defendants at trial and on appeal against the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- Represented health care organizations in investigations by the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General.
- Advised and represented organizational client in federal tax fraud investigation and grand jury proceedings.

Honors and Awards

- New York Empire State Counsel®, 2010 and 2015
- Note and Comment Editor, *Catholic University Law Review*, The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law
- Selected to the Upstate New York Super Lawyers Rising Stars list, 2019



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Admissions

New York

District of Columbia

U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Western Districts of New York

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Education

The Catholic University of America,
Columbus School of Law, J.D.
magna cum laude

Boston University, B.A.

Publications

- “Attorney-Client Privilege in Government and Congressional Investigations: Key Considerations and Recent Developments,” *Business Law Today*, January 10, 2019

News

- “Listening is key in internal investigations,” *Buffalo Business First*, March 15, 2019

Presentations

- “Attorney-Client Privilege in Government: Whether, When, and to Whom the Privilege Applies,” Stafford Webinar, October 1, 2019
- “Attorney-Client Privilege in Government and Congressional Investigations: Key Considerations and Recent Developments,” Celesq® AttorneysEd Center and West LegalEdcenter Webcast, July 30, 2019
- “Protecting the Client and Preserving Privilege: A Look at the Ethics of Attorney Client Privilege in the Context of Government Investigations and Government Affairs,” ABA Business Law Section, September 14, 2018
- “College & University Educational Breakfast Series,” with The Bonadio Group, Daemen College, January 17, 2018
- “Law Enforcement/Internal Investigations,” Niagara Frontier Corporate Counsel Association, Inc. Cybersecurity Update, September 21, 2016

