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where she is a valued member of the firm's Business Litigation Practice Group. She aggressively litigates in a wide range of practice areas, including business disputes, professional liability, employment, and real estate in both California state and federal court. Laura has handled all aspects of litigation from start to finish, including second chairing three bench trials. She regularly prepares and argues challenges to initial pleadings, discovery disputes, and dispositive motions. Laura adeptly navigates all facets of the written and oral discovery process.

Laura's past legal experience includes representing clients against educational institutions for violations of Title IX, including sexual assault and harassment victims.

Laura is a contributor to the Daily Journal and has presented on contemporary legal topics, including discovery best practices. She is a founding member of Hoge Fenton's Diversity and Inclusion Committee, which focuses on promoting diversity and inclusion initiatives within and outside the firm. She is a member of the Executive Committee of The Bar Association of San Francisco's Barristers Litigation Section.

Laura received her J.D. from Santa Clara University School of Law, where she was an Honors Moot Court Semi-Finalist and named Best Oral Advocate in the preliminary rounds of the annual competition. She was born and raised in San Jose and currently resides in San Francisco.

Background

A graduate of Santa Clara University School of Law, Laura was an Honors Moot Court Semi-Finalist and named Best Oral Advocate in the preliminary rounds. She was a volunteer at the Katharine & George Alexander Workers' Rights Clinic, and received a Pro Bono Recognition Award, in part for her work with Catholic Charities where she assisted individuals seeking U.S. citizenship. Laura obtained her undergraduate degree from Loyola Marymount University, earning a B.A. in Political Science with a minor in Italian.

Practice Areas

- **Appellate**
- **Business Litigation**
- **Ethics and Professional Liability**
- **Litigation and Dispute Resolution**

Education

- J.D., Santa Clara University School of Law, Dean's List
- B.A., Political Science (and Italian minor), Loyola Marymount University, *cum laude*

Admissions

- California
- U.S. District Court of the Northern District of California
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Board Member, Santa Clara University School of Law's Center for Social Justice and Public Service Advisory Board (2022 – present)
- Co-Chair, The Bar Association of San Francisco's Barristers Litigation Section
- Member, The Bar Association of San Francisco
- Member, The Honorable William A. Ingram American Inn of Court
- Member, Litigation Section of the State Bar of California

Awards

Laura was named a "Super Lawyers Northern California Rising Star" in 2021. Each year, no more than 2.5 percent of the lawyers in the state are selected to receive this honor through a patented multiphase selection process involving peer nomination, independent research, and peer evaluation.

Representative Speaking Engagements & Publications

- Co-Author, **How the Pandemic Impacts Your Company's Litigation Strategy**, September 8, 2020

- Author, ***Supreme Court Allows DACA Program to Continue, Finding Trump Administration's Reasoning, 'Arbitrary and Capricious'***, June 25, 2020
- Co-Presenter, ***Employment Law Seminar: Bullying in the Workplace***, October 16, 17, 2019
- Co-Presenter, ***High-Risk Employees: Avoiding Pitfalls and Protecting the Company***, May 15, 16, 2019
- Co-Presenter, ***2019 Annual Employment Law Update: The Year in Review and Preview***, January 29, 30, 31, 2019
- Co-Presenter, ***Employment Law Seminar: Small Mistakes, Major Consequences...Let's Hit Rewind***, May 31 & June 1, 2018
- Co-Presenter, ***2018 Annual Employment Law Update: The Year in Review and Preview***, January 17, 18, 24, 2018
- Co-Author, ***California Adopts New Test for Determining Independent Contractor Classifications***, May 8, 2018
- Co-Author, *Associates: Tips For Your Very First Trial*, Daily Journal, February 21, 2018
- Author, *Proposed Rule of Professional Conduct 7.2*, Daily Journal, June 9, 2017