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Lauren Kowal's practice focuses on complex civil litigation at the trial and appellate levels. She has represented clients in both state and federal court in a wide range of matters, including securities law, antitrust, employment, intellectual property, consumer class actions, real estate, and other complex contract and business disputes. She is responsible for drafting and arguing dispositive motions, overseeing discovery, negotiating settlements, preparing cases for trial, and appellate matters.

Lauren received her undergraduate degree, magna cum laude, from the University of Pennsylvania. She earned her law degree, magna cum laude, from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where she was Order of the Coif and an editor of the University of Pennsylvania Law Review. Following her graduation from law school, Lauren served as a law clerk for the Honorable William C. Conner of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Notable Representations

Securities, Consumer, and Unfair Business Practice Litigation

Lauren has defended clients in numerous complex class action lawsuits asserting claims of unfair business practices, breach of contract, false advertising, violations of federal and state consumer protection statutes and anti-trust laws, violations of federal and state securities laws, and violations of privacy laws.

- Defended video satellite broadcaster against a national, putative class action alleging an antitrust violation under the Sherman Act by the major television programmers and distributors for failing to offer a la carte distribution of programming channels. The case was dismissed, and the dismissal was affirmed by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.
- Achieved the dismissal of all claims against a client in an options backdating case.
- Obtained summary judgment in favor of a video satellite broadcaster in a putative class action asserting breach of contract based on an interruption in services.
- Defended a multinational corporation against a \$100 million securities fraud case that resulted in a favorable settlement for the corporation.
- Obtained a favorable settlement in a national putative class action against a video service provider asserting violation of privacy laws.

Business And Employment Litigation

Lauren represents clients in connection with a wide range of business disputes, including breach of contract, valuation, partnership disputes, real estate matters, and other complex business disputes.

- Successfully petitioned a court for reversal of an arbitration award in an underlying property valuation dispute.
- Represented a hospital operator in its dispute with its public entity landlord concerning responsibility for multi-million dollar regulatory upgrades, resulting in a settlement agreement that absolved the operator of liability for the upgrades.

- Second-chaired an arbitration involving the valuation of a multi-million dollar partnership interest.
- Represented a commercial landlord in a breach of lease case, resulting in a payment of a substantial settlement to the landlord.
- Second-chaired an arbitration involving the dissolution of a partnership formed by the heirs of a deceased celebrity that resulted in a ruling in the client's favor on all claims.

Professional Activities

Lauren is a member of the State Bar of California and the Bar Association of San Francisco.

Education

J.D., magna cum laude University of Pennsylvania Law School (2001)

B.A., magna cum laude University of Pennsylvania (1998)