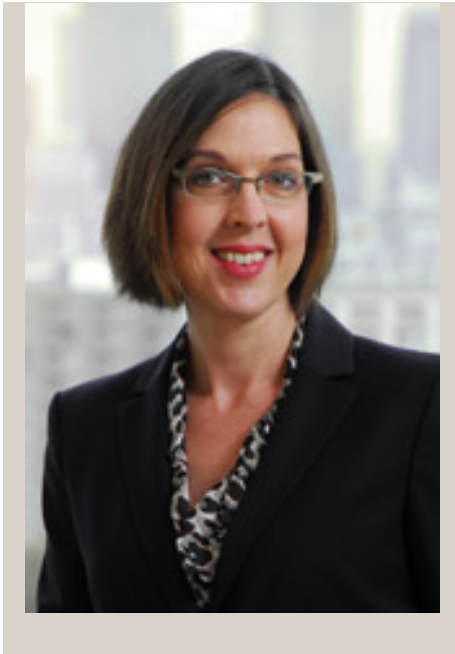


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Practice Areas

Business Litigation
Franchise Litigation
Products Liability

Professional Profile

Laura's practice includes a variety of commercial litigation matters, with a focus on business torts and consumer litigation. Other practice areas include professional negligence claims, unfair competition, fraud, and contract disputes. Laura has tried numerous cases, both small and large, in state and federal courts as well as arbitrations throughout the country. Recently, Laura has represented:

- A Multinational Financial Service Provider in consumer arbitrations;
- A Fortune 500 company in Lanham Act litigation concerning a national advertising campaign by a competitor;
- A number of automobile manufacturers in both franchise and commercial litigation relating to consumer protection laws; and
- A national consumer product manufacturer in defending product liability claims.

Laura received her undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and spent 10 years working in the field of neuroscience as a researcher. Laura then attended law school at the University of Kansas, from which she graduated in 2004. While in law school, Laura was a member of the *Kansas Law Review* and was on the school's National Moot Court team. Laura was awarded the Foulston & Seifkin Prize for Excellence in Appellate Advocacy for her Moot Court argument. Laura also received the West Outstanding Scholastic Achievement Award and was inducted into the Order of the Coif upon graduation.

After graduation from law school, Laura served as Clerk for the Honorable Mary Beck Briscoe in the Tenth Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals. After her clerkship, Laura was an Associate in the Business Litigation section at then Blackwell Sanders, now Husch Blackwell. At Blackwell, Laura defended a variety of business disputes in Missouri and Kansas state and federal courts, including claims of fraud, breach of contract, and other business torts.

Laura joined Berkowitz Oliver in 2009 and became a partner in 2014. Laura is married to a neuroscientist and has 2 young children. Most of her time outside of work is devoted to kids' school and activities, but when she has a moment to herself she enjoys baking, gardening, and doing Pilates. Laura is also involved in several local non-profit organizations including Impact KC, which gives small gap-filling grants to local non-profit organizations.

Professional Memberships

- Kansas Bar Association
- Missouri Bar Association
- Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association
- Ross T. Roberts Inn of Court, 2006-2007

Education

- University of Kansas (J.D., 2004)
 - Member, *Kansas Law Review*
 - Member, National Moot Court Team
 - Order of the Coif
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (B.A. in Biology and Anthropology, 1992)

Clerk Experience

- Served as Clerk for the Honorable Mary Beck Briscoe, U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit from 2004 to 2005

Admissions & Qualifications

- Missouri, 2004
- Kansas, 2005
- U. S. District Court, Western District of Missouri
- U. S. District Court, District of Kansas
- U. S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit