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### Related Expertise

Banking & Finance Litigation

Commercial Litigation

Energy, Mining &  
Infrastructure

Healthcare & Life Sciences

Insurance

International Arbitration

Securities Litigation

### Languages

English

### Biography

Laura is a senior associate in Baker McKenzie's New York office with 9 years of experience in international arbitration and commercial litigation. From 2016-2017, she spent 6 months seconded to Standard Chartered Bank's global disputes team in London, and 9 months seconded to the international arbitration team in the firm's London office. Laura regularly speaks and writes on international arbitration topics, is a member of the Global Advisory Board for ICDR Young & International, and serves as an inaugural member of the AAA-ICDR's Innovation & Technology Advisory Council. Within the firm, Laura is the North America steering committee representative for the global International Arbitration Associates Forum, which seeks to promote young and diverse practitioners, and is a member of the steering committee of the New York office's women's initiative. She is also actively engaged in pro bono matters, with a focus on representation of undocumented immigrants in removal proceedings.

As a law student, Laura was awarded the International Business Law Fellowship and served as Executive Articles Editor for the Brooklyn Journal of International Law. Prior to her law career, Laura worked for several years in the international development aid sector and in EU-US economic and trade policy coordination between legislators and multinational companies. In addition to her law degree, she holds an

Honors Bachelor's Degree in International Studies and a Master's Degree in International Peace and Conflict Resolution.

## **Practice Focus**

Laura focuses her practice on international arbitration and commercial litigation. She primarily advises foreign and domestic entities on cross-border contract, investment, and business tort disputes. Laura has significant experience in the energy, pharma, construction, and banking sectors. She has advised private parties and foreign states in complex disputes in ICC, AAA-ICDR, UNCITRAL, JAMS, and ICSID arbitrations and mediations, in New York federal and state courts, and various other US jurisdictions.

## **Representative Legal Matters**

- Acted for a US biomedical entity in an ICC arbitration with an African state entity, involving royalty claims for a patented scientific technology, achieving early dismissal of over 95% of claimed damages.
- Achieved favorable settlements of confidential UNCITRAL arbitrations for two clients, involving novel claims at the intersection of business and human rights.
- Acted for a major semi-public petroleum company in an ICC arbitration involving over 40 claims and counterclaims related to construction of off-shore oil platforms.
- Acted for a mutual insurer in JAMS mediations and various other ad hoc proceedings involving high-stakes coverage claims of public utility companies.
- Acted for a German pharmaceutical company in an ICC arbitration of a post-acquisition earn-out dispute involving medical device sales.
- Defended UK and African banks in a series of litigations involving enforcement of a foreign money judgment, breach of contract, and defamation claims in NY and DC courts, resulting in multiple dismissals at the trial and appellate levels.
- Successfully obtained US Section 1782 discovery order in aid of Dutch and UK

proceedings to enforce a Dubai arbitral award.

- Acted for a Hong Kong e-commerce company in a trademark infringement litigation featuring complex e-discovery issues in NY federal court.
- Acted for a Chinese company in moving to compel CIETAC arbitration of a civil RICO action in NJ federal court.
- Defended a Bermuda trustee against a Second Circuit appeal involving breach of trust and fraud claims.

## **Admissions**

New York~United States (2012)

U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York~United States (2013)

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York~United States (2013)

## **Education**

Brooklyn Law School (J.D., cum laude) (2011)

American University, School of International Service (M.A. International Peace and Conflict Resolution) (2007)

American University, School of International Service (B.A. International Studies, honors, magna cum laude) (2005)

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