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Professional Experience

Lauren leads the Family Law practice and is a North Carolina State Bar Board Certified Specialist in Family Law. Her experience encompasses various areas of civil litigation with a primary focus on complex familial issues. Her practice includes premarital and post-marital agreements, complex equitable distribution, custody and child support litigation, and adoption. Lauren routinely represents and counsels clients on financial family-related issues involving business valuations, pension valuations, military retirement division, Qualified Domestic Relations Orders, real property appraisals, and division of executive benefits. She also has extensive experience with interstate custody and jurisdictional issues, high conflict custody cases, custody evaluations, and adoptions.

Lauren handles litigation and non-litigation matters involving mediation, arbitration, premarital and post-marital agreements, separation agreements, and surrogacy agreements. She also represents clients before the NC Court of Appeals and NC Supreme Court on family-related cases after final judgment at the trial court level. Lauren practices throughout Eastern North Carolina. Prior to joining the firm, Lauren was a law clerk to Judge J. Douglas McCullough of the North Carolina Court of Appeals.

Practice Concentrations

Civil Litigation

Family Litigation

Education

J.D., *cum laude*, Campbell Law School, 2005. Fourth Circuit Editor, [Campbell Law Observer](#), Order of Barristers, National Trial Team, Top Advocate, International Academy of Trial Lawyers.

M.B.A., Campbell University, 2005

B.A., The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2002

Admitted to Practice

North Carolina, 2005

All state courts in North Carolina

United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina

Honors and Distinctions*

"The Best Lawyers in America," Best Lawyers[®], 2021-2022

"Rising Star," North Carolina Super Lawyers, 2011, 2014-2021

"Legal Elite," *Business North Carolina*, 2017, 2019, 2022



Representative Experience

Representation of client in valuation and division of multi-million dollar residential building, development, and rental business

Representation of client in division of multi-million dollar corporate benefit package, including vested and non-vested stock options

Representation of client in negotiation of Premarital Agreement to protect assets acquired prior to and during marriage

Representation in valuation and division of privately-owned grocery store

Representation of child in emancipation proceeding

Representation of clients in custody actions including modification of custody resulting in a change in primary custody

Representation of clients on appeal following trial on issues of custody, child support, equitable distribution, and domestic violence

Representation of parents in private adoptions, domestication of international adoptions, step-parent adoptions, and guardianship placement through the Department of Social Services

Professional and Community Affiliations

Chrysalis Counseling Center (board member)

Craven County Bar Association (300th Celebration Committee public relations chair, 2009 - 2010; secretary, treasurer, and vice president, 2009 - 2010)

Eastern North Carolina Inn of Court

North Carolina Symphony, New Bern Series (board member, 2014 - present)

New Bern Area Chamber of Commerce (Leadership Craven Alumnus, Class of 2010)

North Carolina Bar Association — Leadership Academy, 2015

North Carolina Bar Association — Sections: Family Law; Litigation

Merci Clinic (past board member)

Twin Rivers YMCA (board member 2013 - present, Secretary 2014 - 2015, 2016)

** Please see the following websites for an explanation of the membership standards for the following recognitions: www.bestlawyers.com; businessnc.com/special-sections/legal-elite/; and www.superlawyers.com/north-carolina.*