

Laura Lee Mittelman

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Laura Mittelman is a litigator and trial lawyer, with a practice focused on high-stakes business, real estate, and environmental matters. In her business practice, she advocates for clients in a wide variety of complex commercial disputes. Laura handles matters concerning contract formation, performance, and enforcement, as well as business-related tort and unfair competition claims. She has extensive experience with partnership and shareholder disputes. Laura also helps her business clients defeat class actions.

Laura has a thriving real estate litigation practice. She handles commercial and high-end residential matters, such as those focused on land use, property boundaries, and construction. Laura's experience encompasses resolving landlord-tenant issues. As part of her real estate practice, Laura represents businesses and individuals in all areas of environmental law, including contaminated property disputes and cost recovery actions. Laura's practice also includes representing condominium associations, unit owners, and property managers in litigation.

Laura's clients range from individuals and closely held businesses to multinational corporations. She advocates for clients in state, federal, and multi-district litigation forums, with experience at both the trial and appellate levels. Laura regularly takes cases to trial before judges and juries.

Clients appreciate Laura's practical and efficient legal solutions that eliminate or mitigate problems. Laura adds value at all stages of disputes. She works proactively to help clients find viable alternatives to litigation, such as negotiation or mediation, and she helps guide them toward the best available approach to achieving their objectives. Laura deeply values open collaboration with clients to evaluate and minimize the risk exposure associated with litigation.

Before joining Goulston & Storrs, Laura was a partner in the business litigation practice of a regional, mid-sized firm. She began her practice as an associate in an Am 50 international law firm.

Accolades

- ALM New England Legal Awards – New Leaders in the Law (2023)

- Best Lawyers in America® Ones to Watch, Commercial Litigation & Real Estate Law (2023-2025)
- Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly, Up & Coming Lawyer (2021)
- American Bar Association, On the Rise – Top 40 Young Lawyers (2020)
- Women’s Bar Association, Women’s Leadership Initiative (2017-2018)
- Boston Chamber of Commerce, Women’s Leadership Program (2016-2017)
- DePaul Law Review – Managing Editor of Notes and Comments (2010-2011)
- Wine Spirit Education Trust, Level 3 Award in Wines
- French Wine Scholar (FWS) post-nominal, with honors
- Italian Wine Scholar (IWS) post-nominal, with honors
- Boston University Metropolitan College of Food and Wine, Wine Studies Certificate

Affiliations

- Boston Bar Association
- Massachusetts Women’s Bar Association
- Massachusetts Real Estate Bar Association (REBA) – Litigation Section
- Association for Corporate Growth (ACG)
- Environmental Business Council of New England (EBC)
- Boston Sommelier Society
- Middlebury College Alumni Association

Community Involvement

- Pan-Mass Challenge – eleven-time rider and heavy hitter
- Chicago Marathon – Advocate Health Care (2023)
- Boston Marathon – Team BMC (2019, 2020)
- NYC Marathon – Boston Children’s Hospital (2019)
- Boston Bar Association “Law Day in the Schools” (2015-present)
- Tech Goes Home Board of Directors (2017-2019)

Languages

- Spanish

Admissions

- Massachusetts

- Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts
- U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit

Education

- DePaul University College of Law (J.D., *summa cum laude*, 2011)
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- Middlebury College (B.A., 2008)

Representative Matters

Defense of International Sporting Equipment Manufacturer in Contract Dispute

Defended international sporting equipment manufacturer in a contract dispute regarding whether royalty payments were owed in connection with several lines of products.

Defense of Trademark Infringement and Contract Claims

Represented the founder of a world-famous rock band in federal jury trial against former band guitarist on trademark infringement and contract claims.

Representation in \$16M Fraud Claim Against 40 Act Custodian Bank

Represented mutual fund trustees in claims against 40 Act custodian bank arising out of \$16 million fraud by fund's adviser.

Defense of \$24M Fraudulent Conveyance and Breach of Fiduciary Duty Claims

Successful defense of a \$24 million claim for fraudulent conveyance and breach of fiduciary duty before the First Circuit.

Defense of National Fitness Chain in Nationwide Class Action

Defended national fitness chain in nationwide class action litigation relating to memberships.

Secured Favorable Settlement for Shareholder in Fiduciary Duty Dispute

Obtained a favorable settlement for a shareholder of a closely held business after aggressively pursuing his claims of breach of fiduciary duty and unfair practices.

Pro Bono Efforts

Prior pro bono efforts include an appeal before the Illinois Supreme Court, as well as matters relating to the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services and the Cook County Domestic Violence Victim's Assistance Project.