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Lauren Wawrzyniak is an accomplished litigator with a love of learning and a drive to win.

Known for her strategic focus, sound analysis, and strong results in insurance defense, Lauren concentrates her civil defense practice on high-exposure tort matters involving wrongful death, premises liability, and sexual misconduct. With nearly 20 years of experience in complex tort litigation, Lauren has built a reputation for quickly mastering the factual and legal aspects of every case and deftly tackling the evolving challenges each case presents.

Lauren guides businesses and individuals through high-stakes litigation in both state and federal courts, often in matters involving reputational risk and public scrutiny. She has resolved many such claims through confidential settlements that reflect her ability to protect clients' interests without prolonged litigation. Her early mastery of case details enables her to craft litigation strategies that yield results through dispositive motions and settlements. When a trial is necessary, she brings disciplined preparation and courtroom presence shaped by years of experience.

From initial liability assessment through trial, Lauren aligns her legal approach with each client's business objectives. Whether defending a corporation in a premises liability suit or navigating the sensitive terrain of sexual misconduct allegations, she combines legal precision with a grounded understanding of broader risks, especially when reputations, operations, and insurance exposure are at stake. Her judgment, discretion, and clarity under pressure help clients maintain control in the most complex disputes.

Lauren earned her undergraduate degree, *cum laude*, from Michigan State University and her law degree, *cum laude*, from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, where she served as Associate Editor of the Law Review. She has been recognized by Michigan Super Lawyers as a Rising Star and named a Top Woman Attorney by Hour Detroit and DBusiness. Lauren has also taught business law, negotiations, and securities law as an adjunct professor, sharpening her ability to translate complex legal frameworks into clear, actionable advice.

PRACTICE AREAS

Business & Commercial Litigation
Insurance Coverage
Insurance Defense
Insurance Fraud
Malpractice and Professional Liability
Non-Profit and Human Services

EDUCATION

University of Detroit Mercy Law School,

Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, 2006
Associate Editor, *University of Detroit Mercy Law Review*
Vice President, Women's Law Caucus
Pupil, American Inns of Court
Study Abroad, Tulane University at Spetses, Greece
(international contracts and health law)

Michigan State University,

Bachelor of Arts in Communications and Public Relations
cum laude, 2002

BAR ADMISSIONS

State of Michigan
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

State Bar of Michigan, *Insurance & Indemnity Law, Litigation, Negligence, and Young Lawyers Sections*
Oakland County Bar Association, *Participant, American Inns of Court, 2008-10*
Association of Defense Trial Counsel
Detroit Economic Club
#thePursuit (Professional Women's Group), Co-Founder

VOLUNTEER & COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Junior League of Birmingham, 2012

HONORS & AWARDS

Super Lawyers Rising Stars – 2011 to present
DBusiness Magazine Top Lawyers – 2012
Hour Detroit Magazine Top Women Attorneys – 2014 to present



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