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Related Services

Antitrust ■ Class Action & Multidistrict Litigation ■ Commercial ■ Corporate Plaintiff's Litigation ■ Litigation ■ Privacy, Cyber & Data Strategy ■ White Collar, Government & Internal Investigations

Laura Komarek represents clients in a wide range of complex commercial litigation with an emphasis on antitrust cases in the food & beverage, and agriculture sectors. Laura has represented clients in cases alleging horizontal and vertical conspiracies, unilateral monopolistic conduct, and a variety of other traditional and novel antitrust theories. Laura is recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® “Ones to Watch” for Commercial Litigation.

Laura received her J.D. from Vanderbilt University Law School, where she was awarded Best Oralist. During law school, Laura served as a legal intern for the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Eastern District of Louisiana and for the Hon. Paul A. Magnuson of the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota. Laura was also a law clerk for the general counsel of the Minnesota Vikings.

An All-American athlete in college, Laura is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Trinity College, with honors in political science. At Trinity College, she was twice awarded Top Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Before law school, Laura spent two years as a special education teacher with Teach For America in New Orleans.

Representative Experience

Antitrust

- Counsel to a billion-dollar poultry producer in response to a DOJ Antitrust Division criminal investigation and parallel private antitrust class action claims.
- Counsel for McLane Company prosecuting monopolization claims against Keurig Green Mountain in U.S.-based multidistrict litigation.
- Represented a health care services company in obtaining regulatory approval for their \$1.8 billion merger of equals with Almost Family Inc., creating the leading in-home health care provider in the U.S. with more than 780 locations in 36 states.
- Resolved civil claims on behalf of a Fortune 500 auto- parts manufacturer related to alleged decades-long price fixing in the automobile parts industry.
- Plaintiff's counsel to one of the world's leading computer manufacturers in litigation involving price fixing in the capacitor and optical disk drive industries.

White Collar, Government & Internal Investigations Team

- Counsel to the senior vice president of an international design, engineering, and construction firm in response to a federal grand jury investigation involving the allegedly corrupt procurement of a municipal contract.
- Defended an executive and employee of an electronic health records vendor in response to a False Claims Act investigation by the DOJ.
- Defended a physician in response to a state attorney general investigation of regenerative medicine products and purported violations of the Georgia Fair Business Practices Act.
- Defended the founder and CEO of a semiconductor company against criminal charges in California state court for alleged theft of trade secrets.

Health Care Litigation

- Counsel to a national insurance company in multiple arbitrations in response to contract dispute with a provider hospital.
- Defended a multinational health care services company in response to False Claims Act whistleblower allegations.

Publications & Presentations

Publications

- “Monaco Memo and Its Impact on Antitrust Compliance Programs,” *American Bar Association*, March 21, 2023.
- “Below-Cost Pricing Brings Potential Liabilities,” *Progressive Grocer*, May 7, 2021.
- “Computer Crime in the 21st Century,” in *White Collar Crime: Business and Regulatory Offenses*, Law Journal Press, 2018.

Professional & Community Engagement

- American Bar Association, Section of Antitrust Law, Agriculture and Food Committee, vice chair (2023–2026)
- American Bar Association, Section of Antitrust Law, Cartel and Criminal Practice Committee, Young Lawyer Representative (2022–2023)
- American Bar Association, Section of Antitrust Law, Janet D. Steiger Fellowship Project, Young Lawyer Representative (2021–2022)

Education

- Vanderbilt University (J.D., 2016)
- Trinity College (B.A., 2011)

Admitted to Practice

- Georgia