## **ALSTON & BIRD**

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Laura Komarek represents clients in state and federal courts across the country and has experience with a wide range of litigation matters, including antitrust, complex commercial litigation, consumer class actions, and government and internal investigations.

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

- Prosecuting monopolization claims against a leading coffee pod company U.S.-based multidistrict litigation (MDL).
- Defending the founder and CEO of a semiconductor company against criminal charges in California state court for alleged theft of trade secrets.
- Member of the national counsel team in a large-scale automotive products liability and consumer class action MDL involving more than 200 nationwide class actions.
- Represented an aerodynamic products company and individual employees in a dispute involving breach of contract and warranty claims, and obtained dismissal of all individual defendants.
- 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.
- Resolved civil claims on behalf of a Fortune 500 auto-parts manufacturer related to alleged decades-long price fixing in the automobile parts industry.
- 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 executive and employee of an electronic health records vendor in response to a False Claims Act investigation by the DOJ.
- Counsel to a quick-serve restaurant chain defending against multiple putative nationwide class action lawsuits filed following allegations of a major data breach.
- Pro bono counsel to a Venezuelan citizen who sought the return of his children under the Hague Convention.

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#### **Publications & Presentations**

#### **Publications**

- "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.

#### **Education**

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

#### **Admitted to Practice**

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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