

Lauren Abendshien

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Insurance-industry clients count on Lauren Abendshien to produce the smart, well-written briefs and other documents that lead to successful resolutions in complex and difficult coverage disputes.

Lauren focuses her litigation practice on representing domestic and international insurers. With a professional background that includes work in the hard sciences, business consulting, and three years of judicial clerkships, Lauren approaches her work with intellectual rigor, attention to detail, and a love of language. She consistently produces written work product that protects her clients' interests, providing deep insights and novel interpretations that help achieve their goals and move contentious matters toward resolution.

Lauren's prior experience includes intellectual property litigation in a range of industries, including consumer-electronic technologies, pharmaceutical products, and biomedical devices.



EXPERIENCE

Clerkships

Hon. Joel M. Flaum, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit (2016-2017)

Hon. Manish S. Shah, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (2014-2016)

CREDENTIALS

Education

Yale Law School, J.D., 2012

Supreme Court Advocacy Clinic

Coker Fellow in Legal Writing

Yale University, B.S., Chemistry, 2006, *summa cum laude*

Phi Beta Kappa

Howard Douglass Moore Prize for Excellence in Chemistry

Montaigne and Scott Prizes for Excellence in French

Bar Admissions

Illinois

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Honors & Awards

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch (Commercial Litigation, 2026-2027; Insurance Law, 2023-2027; Litigation-Intellectual Property, 2023-2027; Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions-Defendants, 2025-2027), *Best Lawyers*®

Best Lawyers Women in Law: Ones to Watch (Commercial Litigation, 2026; Insurance Law and Litigation-Intellectual Property, 2026; Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions-Defendants, 2026), *Best Lawyers*®

Legal 500 Chicago Elite (Insurance Litigation, 2026)

Illinois Rising Stars in Insurance Coverage, *Thomson Reuters' Illinois Super Lawyers* (2019-2023)

Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD), Fellow (2025)

2025 Rising Star Academy, *State Farm*® Law Department

Languages Spoken & Fluency

French, Fluent