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Lauren Fenton-Valdivia is a principal in the firm's Litigation department and is Chair of the firm's Diversity & Inclusion Committee. Lauren has a diverse litigation practice and routinely represents corporate clients in state and federal court. Lauren has experience handling a variety of complex litigation, including commercial disputes, employment litigation, professional liability and environmental matters. Lauren has experience in all stages of litigation, including handling complex written discovery, fact and expert depositions, and the oral argument of high stakes motions. Lauren has further served as trial counsel for numerous corporate clients in state and federal court, trying cases to verdict, and in various arbitration proceedings. Lauren also has experience in large scale, multi-district class action matters.

Lauren strives to understand her clients' business models and goals and integrate them into all facets of her legal strategy and defense. To that end, Lauren's litigation practice is complimented by her work counseling corporate clients on employment and regulatory matters. Lauren is admitted to practice in Florida, New Jersey and New York and the United States District Courts for the Middle and Southern Districts of Florida, the District of New Jersey, the Northern, Southern and Eastern Districts of New York and the Northern District of Ohio.

Lauren served as Law Clerk to the Honorable Thomas M. Moore, J.S.C., at the trial court level where her love of litigation and trial work first took hold. Lauren received her B.A., *cum laude*, in Political Science from Rutgers University, Rutgers College in 2008, where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Sigma Iota. At Rutgers, Lauren was a Henry Rutgers and Carr Scholar and a member of the Honors Thesis Program, which Thesis was completed while Lauren worked full-time. Lauren received her J.D. from Seton Hall University School of Law in 2011. At Seton Hall, Lauren was a Presidential Scholar, Dorothy Day Scholar, and a student lawyer in the Civil Litigation Clinic.

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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Business & Commercial
Litigation

Employment Strategic Advice
& Counseling

General Litigation

Labor & Employment Law

Professional Liability

EDUCATION

- Seton Hall University School of Law, J.D., 2011
- Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, B.A., 2008

ADMISSIONS

Florida

New Jersey

New York

U.S. District Court, District of
New Jersey

Awards & Accolades

- Recognized on the *New Jersey Super Lawyers* "Rising Stars" List, 2019, 2020

Experience

- Bressler Achieves Big Win in a Jury Trial in New Jersey
- Trial counsel for an international sugar company in complex commercial and employment matters in New York, including trying to verdict an employment discrimination matter.
- Trial counsel for an international sugar company in an FLSA collective action in Ohio.
- Trial counsel for an international diagnostics laboratory in professional malpractice, employment and commercial matters in New Jersey and New York.
- Lead trial counsel for a health care organization in an employment discrimination matter in New Jersey.

Lauren's reported decisions include:

- *Lewis v. Am. Sugar Ref., Inc.*, No. 14-cv-02302 (CRK)1, 2019 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 18058, at *1 (S.D.N.Y. Jan. 2, 2019)
- *Lewis v. American Sugar Refining, Inc.*, 325 F. Supp 3d 321 (S.D.N.Y. 2018) (Employment Discrimination and Retaliation)
- *Lewis v. American Sugar Refining, Inc.*, 2018 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 139223 (S.D. N.Y. August 15, 2018) (Injunction; Employment Discrimination and Retaliation)
- *Lewis v. American Sugar Refining, Inc.*, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 108842 (S. D.N.Y. July 11, 2017) (Employment Discrimination and Retaliation)
- *Wolverine Flagship Fund Trading Limited v. American Oriental Bioengineering, Inc.*, 444 N.J. Super. 530 (App. Div. 2016) (cert. denied) (Securities Fraud)

News & Alerts

Bressler, Amery & Ross Names New Chair of its Diversity & Inclusion Committee
Firm News, 04.03.2020

U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio

U.S. District Court, Western District of New York

U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

16 Bressler Attorneys Recognized as 2020 Super Lawyers in New Jersey
Firm News, 03.26.2020

Bressler, Amery & Ross Promotes Seven Attorneys to Principal and One to Counsel
Firm News, 12.16.2019

20 Bressler Attorneys Recognized as 2019 Super Lawyers in New Jersey
Firm News, 03.18.2019

Speaking Engagements & Events

Lauren Fenton-Valdivia to Present at Women in Legal & Corporate Leadership Virtual Summit
Speaking Engagement, 11.19.2020

Creditor's Rights, Workouts & Bankruptcy: How to Navigate Potential Disruption During the COVID-19 Pandemic
Webinar, 04.22.2020

The Show Must Go On: Arbitration, Litigation and other Legal Practices During COVID-19
Webinar, 04.08.2020

NJICLE Webinar: Navigating the Default Judgment
Webinar, 02.18.2020

Contracts: Arbitration Agreements, Special Damages Considerations and Settlement Agreements
Speaking Engagement, 10.22.2019

The Interplay Between Email and the Law: Ethical and Practical Considerations for In-House Counsel
Speaking Engagement, 04.04.2019

Michael Hensley and Lauren Valdivia to Present on The Interplay Between Email and the Law: Ethical and Practical Considerations for In-House Counsel
Speaking Engagement, West Palm Beach, FL, 07.09.2018

The Interplay Between Email and the Law: Ethical and Practical Considerations for In-House Counsel
Speaking Engagement, Secaucus, NJ, 06.12.2018

Articles & Publications

There's 'Power in Admitting Shortcomings' in Past D&I Initiatives, Bressler's New Diversity Chair Says
New Jersey Law Journal, 04.15.2020

The New York State Senate Votes to Expand Employment Harassment and Discrimination Laws
Alert, 07.12.2019

NJ Supreme Court Strikes a Compromise, Affirming Self-Critical Analysis Privilege While Ordering Narrative Responses to Interrogatories Seeking Underlying Facts
Alert, 08.06.2018

New York's Lavern's Law Expands the Discovery Rule Such that the Statute of Limitations Runs from the Cancer Diagnosis

Alert, 02.15.2018

Professional Affiliations

- New Jersey State Bar Association, immediate past Secretary, Minorities in the Profession Section