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As a transactional lawyer, my job is to help clients get from where they are to where they want to be. Whether the goal is starting a business or forming a joint venture, raising capital, or planning for business succession, my broad-based business law background and experience give me the know-how to get it done. My practical approach to business transactions means that mergers and acquisitions are handled efficiently. Problems and disputes are dealt with and disposed of as they arise so that clients end up with the results they want.

Laura has a broad-based transactional law practice. She assists companies and entrepreneurs with all stages of development and operations—including the formation and structuring of business and investment entities, business contracts, mergers and acquisitions, and wind-downs and terminations. She also regularly helps entities raise capital through private securities offerings.

Laura's clients hail from a wide range of industries, including manufacturing, hospitality, healthcare (physician's groups and so-called 501-As), and real estate development. She has even developed an interesting niche, as she has now represented several optometry groups design their exit strategy and sale.

A strong legal writer, Laura is always anticipating how a document might be interpreted in the event of a dispute or litigation—and drafting or negotiating with this in mind. She also excels at continuing to work a problem or negotiation, utilizing different creative approaches, until both sides reach an agreement or resolution.

Prior to attending law school, Laura earned her Ph.D. in ancient art and archaeology and worked on digs in Israel and Turkey. In some ways, she views law as similar discipline—requiring attention to detail, careful

investigation and analysis, and the ability to draw and strategically utilize reliable conclusions.

Significant Matters

Corporate

- Represented fast-food franchisee with over 100 locations in restructuring involving investor buyouts, entity roll-ups, and debt refinancing.
- Represented client in acquisition and subsequent disposition of controlling interest in insurance company.
- Represented multiple optometrists and other healthcare providers in sales of their practices.
- Acquisition of local fast casual dining chain.
- Purchase of over 30 restaurants in national fast food franchise.
- Purchase of a controlling interest in granite countertop fabrication and sales business.
- Acquisitions of insurance brokerage businesses.
- Purchase of direct sales home décor business.

Real Estate

- Represented investor group in multiple joint ventures with developers of multi-family real estate projects.
- Represented real estate developer in multiple private offerings for the development of office parks.
- Represented multiple foreign and out-of-state companies in moving to or starting up operations in Texas
- Representation of buyer in purchase of \$40 million office building in Austin, Texas.
- Representations of private investor group in acquisitions of distressed hotel properties or distressed loans secured by hotel properties in various states.
- Securing property tax abatements for industrial park developer.
- Representing landlord in negotiating lease of Las Colinas office building.

Areas of Focus

Industries

- Real Estate and Construction
- Health Care
- Hospitality
- Manufacturing
- Financial Services
- Non-Profit

Services

- Corporate and Mergers & Acquisitions

- Banking and Finance
- Private Equity and Investments
- Health Care
- Real Estate

Education

- University of Texas at Austin School of Law, J.D., 2007, with honors
- Institute of Fine Arts, New York University, M.A. and Ph.D., Ancient Art and Archaeology, 2000
- New York University, B.A., 1990, summa cum laude
 - Phi Beta Kappa

Admissions

- Texas, 2007
- U.S. District Court Northern District Texas

Leadership

- Board of Management, White Rock YMCA
- Member: American Bar Association, Business Law Section and Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section
- Member: State Bar of Texas, Business Law Section and Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section
- Member: Dallas Bar Association, Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section and Real Property Law Section
- National Charity League, 2019-present
- Attorneys Serving the Community (2007-present)

Recognition

- Named to Texas Rising Stars list, as published in *Texas Monthly* magazine, 2014



Speeches/Publications

- Author, *New Laws Affect the Corporate Practice of Medicine Doctrine* (2012).

Outside of Work

I am a proud single mom of an amazing teenage daughter. I enjoy running and biking throughout Dallas but especially at White Rock Lake. And I love to travel!