

COUNSEL

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PROFILE

Laura is a restructuring lawyer with substantial experience in cross-border insolvency and creditor-side chapter 11 disputes. She regularly represents distressed debt investors, ad hoc creditor groups, and large international companies seeking global insolvency resolutions.

Laura has extensive experience in high-value chapter 11 litigation concerning contested plans of reorganization, section 363 sales, debtor-in-possession financing, and the assumption or rejection of executory contracts, among others. She has represented debtors in highly publicized, landmark chapter 15 cases and helmed cross-firm coordination efforts to design and execute global restructuring strategies involving concurrent insolvency proceedings. She regularly advises international companies on insolvency considerations and litigation risk around joint ventures, long-term operating contracts, and other complex cross-border transactions.

Outside formal bankruptcy proceedings, Laura advises clients on a range of bankruptcy-adjacent matters, including insolvency-related state law disputes. Her thought leadership pieces have focused on constructive fraudulent transfer claims under state and bankruptcy law, and publications of her novel legal theories have garnered national awards.

Laura has worked as a writing consultant for some of the world’s top thinkers in law, economics, and applied statistics. Her consulting clients include national bestselling authors as well as law professors and economists at Stanford, Yale, Cornell, and M.I.T. Short films written, directed, and produced by Laura have won accolades across the United States and in Europe, and most recently she directed a Nobel Laureate in his 2024 Nobel Prize Lecture in Economic Sciences.

PRACTICES

Creditor Rights, Bankruptcy, and Restructuring
Financial Institutions and Private Funds
Securities and Shareholder Disputes

EDUCATION

Yale Law School, J.D.; author, *Yale Law Journal*; Captain of the Yale Law Blind Wine-Tasting Team (U.S. champions 2013; U.S. 2nd place 2014)
Stanford University, B.S., with distinction, Chemistry

ADMISSIONS

Bars
Florida
U.S. District Court: Southern District of Florida

AWARDS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch, Bankruptcy and Creditor Rights and Insolvency & Reorganization Law (2022; 2025)
Florida Rising Star, *Super Lawyers* (2022-2024)
Burton Award for Distinguished Legal Writing for 2016 co-authored publication “**A Solution for Competing Foreign Insolvency Proceedings**,” *Law360* (2017)

EXPERIENCE

Best Bankruptcy Law Note in America for 2014 publication “Ex Ante Review of Leveraged Buyouts,” *Yale Law Journal* (2014)

Laura's experience includes:

- Negotiated trust distribution procedures in representation of the ad hoc group of opioid victims in the Purdue Pharma chapter 11 bankruptcy
- Coordinated cross-border teams in the U.S., England, the Netherlands, and Brazil in global restructuring of \$19 billion in debt of Brazilian telecom giant and prepped foreign law expert witnesses in landmark S.D.N.Y. chapter 15 litigation adjudicating disputed COMI and competing foreign insolvency proceedings
- Represented a Brazilian oil & gas company in litigation of novel ch. 15 issues and collaborated with offshore teams in BVI and Cayman to coordinate global restructuring of \$1.5 billion of debt across New York law-governed bonds, project financing loans, and working capital facilities
- Drafted bankruptcy and appellate briefs successfully obtaining and affirming order excluding approximately \$500 million from taxable foreign-currency gain with creative application of bankruptcy tools post-plan confirmation
- Constructed novel arguments that Illinois had issued \$14.3 billion in debt in violation of its constitution in litigation in the Supreme Court of Illinois
- Obtained first-ever U.S. recognition of an Azerbaijani restructuring in Bank of Azerbaijan's \$3.2 billion restructuring

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

“Valuing Pledges in Favor of Antecedent Debt under Constructive Fraudulent Transfer Law,” *Norton Journal of Bankruptcy Law and Practice* (April 2021)

Speaker, R3 & Insol Europe International Restructuring Conference, London (2018)

Co-author, “**A Solution for Competing Foreign Insolvency Proceedings**,” *Law360* (September 2016)

Author, “Ex Ante Review of Leveraged Buyouts,” *Yale Law Journal* (2014)

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