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BIOGRAPHY

Laura Giokas is the firm's General Counsel, managing and coordinating all firm-related legal matters. In this role, Ms. Giokas also advises the firm on strategic and operational decisions and develops firmwide protocols and policies in the risk management area.

Prior to becoming General Counsel, Ms. Giokas practiced in the firm's Commercial Litigation group, representing corporate clients in the areas of products liability defense, commercial litigation and employment litigation and advice. Her practice included the defense of products liability claims alleging personal injury and wrongful death. Ms. Giokas's practice also included defending leading financial institutions against individual claims for violation of federal and state lending laws, mortgage servicing claims, and consumer protection and unfair competition claims.

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT & HONORS

- Wyman Board of Trustees (2021)
- St. Louis National Charity Horse Show Board Member (2021)
- St. Louis Regional Business Council - Mentor (2019)
- Forsyth School - Personnel Board Sub-Committee (2012-14)
- Forsyth School - Auction Committee (2012-13)

ADMISSIONS

- Missouri, 2003
- United States District Courts for the Southern District of Illinois and Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri

EDUCATION

Boston College, J.D., *cum laude*, 2003

University of Missouri-Columbia, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2000

RELATED PRACTICE AREAS

- Mass Torts & Product Liability
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Catastrophic Accidents
- Consumer Products
- Food, Ag & Nutrition
- Pharmaceutical & Medical Devices (Mass Torts)
- Business & Commercial Disputes

RESOURCES

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"The Ethics of Multi-Jurisdictional Practice" - PLI The Law of Ethics and New Law (2020)

"Path to Leadership" panel - ALAS Advancing Women in Law Firm Leadership Conference (2018)

"Restrictions on Practice/Client Indemnity & Other
Troublesome Terms in Outside Counsel Guidelines," 43rd ABA National Conference on Professional
Responsibility (2017)

"General Counsel Forum" - AON Law Firm National Symposium (2017)