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BIOGRAPHY

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

Prior to becoming Global General Counsel, Laura was named Conflicts and Ethics Counsel in 2008; Assistant General Counsel in 2011; General Counsel in 2016; and Partner and General Counsel-Americas in 2018.

Laura began her career at BCLP in 2002 as a Summer Associate. Her legal practice involved representing corporate clients in products liability defense, general commercial litigation, and employment litigation and advice. She also defended leading financial institutions against

individual claims for violation of federal and state lending laws, mortgage servicing claims, and consumer protection and unfair competition claims.

Known for her collaborative approach among internal and external constituents, Laura is a frequent speaker at industry events discussing ethics, leadership and issues encountered by law firm general counsel.

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT & HONORS

- Wyman Board of Trustees (2021 - present)
- St. Louis National Charity Horse Show Board Member (2021 - 2023)
- St. Louis Regional Business Council - Mentor (2019)
- Forsyth School - Personnel Board Sub-Committee (2012-14)
- Forsyth School - Auction Committee (2012-13)

ADMISSIONS

- Missouri, 2003

EDUCATION

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

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

RELATED CAPABILITIES

- Mass Torts & Product Liability
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Environmental and Toxic Tort
- Catastrophic Accidents
- Consumer Products
- Food, Ag & Nutrition
- Pharmaceutical & Medical Devices (Mass Torts)

- Business & Commercial Disputes

RESOURCES

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"The Recent Explosion in Disqualification Motions" - 23rd Annual LMRM Conference (2024)

"The Case of the Credulous Lawyer" - ALAS Annual Meeting (2024)

"Issues Frequently Encountered by Law Firm General Counsel" - ALAS New General Counsel Conference (2022)

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

"Path to Leadership" - 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)

RELATED INSIGHTS

News

Aug 12, 2024

BCLP appoints Laura Giokas as firm's Global General Counsel