



Lauren Patten

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OVERVIEW

Lauren Patten, a partner in the firm's Nashville office, is a member of the Complex Commercial Litigation and Disputes practice group. She is a trial lawyer who handles complex commercial disputes, arbitrations, and internal investigations and has represented clients in both jury and bench trials in state and federal courts. Lauren also litigates disputes before arbitration panels and other quasi-judicial and regulatory bodies.

Lauren has represented local and global companies for over 12 years, and her areas of focus include:

- breach of contract and business / joint venture divorce in federal and state court and in arbitration;
- business tort, restrictive covenant, non-compete, unfair competition, and trade secret litigation;
- products liability litigation;
- trust and estate disputes;
- class action litigation; and
- catastrophic personal injury and wrongful death litigation on behalf of both plaintiffs and defendants.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- *Super Lawyers*® - Mid-South Rising Star, Business Litigation, 2014–2020
- *Best Lawyers in America*® - Commercial Litigation, 2019–2020, 2022
- *America's Top 100 Bet-The-Company Litigators*® - 2019-2020
- Nashville Bar Foundation, Fellow (2020)
- Phi Beta Kappa

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Nashville Bar Association

- Nashville Bar Foundation, Fellow (2020)
- Tennessee Bar Association
- American Bar Association

EDUCATION

- J.D., Vanderbilt Law School, 2008
- B.A., Vanderbilt University, 2004

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Tennessee
- United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- “From Safe Harbor to Choppy Waters: YouTube, the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, and a Much Needed Change of Course,” *Vanderbilt Journal of Entertainment and Technology*, Vol. 10, Fall 2007

NEWS & EVENTS

- 19 August 2021, Nearly 300 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2022 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch (*Rankings & Recognitions*)
- 3 February 2021, K&L Gates Launches Nashville Office with Hire of 25+ Lawyers (*Press Release*)

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Complex Commercial Litigation and Disputes
- Health Care Payor-Provider Disputes (U.S.)
- Securities and Transactional Litigation

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represented national hospital company in arbitration against former subsidiary following the spin-off of the subsidiary after which the newly-created company asserted claims in excess of \$400 million stemming from

the spin in addition to claims and counterclaims related to certain transition services agreements. Following a four-week arbitration, the client national hospital company prevailed on the majority of the claims.

- Represented national hospital company and directors against allegations of securities fraud brought in both state and federal courts by former investors in a spin-off of the company. Investors sought millions of dollars in damages, and the case was settled on terms highly favorable to the clients.
- Represented national hospital company in the enforcement of physician recruitment agreements.
- Represented the Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority in two suits involving claims for breach of contract, copyright infringement, and unjust enrichment. The Nashville MTA asserted counterclaims to recover almost \$5 million for an allegedly defective computer-aided dispatch system installed by plaintiff throughout MTA's busing transportation system.
- Represented convenience store-gas station owner/operator in action brought by State of Tennessee alleging price gouging in retail gasoline sales during shortage.
- Represented disinherited family members in a suit to set aside will and associated trusts related to a multi-million dollar estate. Settlement resulted in will and trusts being set aside and family members' inheritance being restored.
- Service as investigatory and advisory counsel to Board of Directors of surgery center to conduct investigation of numerous allegations of physician misconduct and issue report and recommendations to Board.
- Represented companies and individuals in a variety of business and commercial matters involving claims of breach of contract, interference with business relationships, misappropriation of trade secrets, procurement of breach of contract, and unfair competition.
- Represented companies and individuals in disputes involving restrictive covenants in employment and business contracts (non-compete agreements, non-solicitation agreements, restrictions on use of trade secrets, and confidential information) including in the areas of medical sales, commercial insurance, financial advisors and brokers, and banking.
- Represented individuals in trust and estate planning disputes, including cases to set aside wills, trusts, and contracts on the basis of undue influence and lack of mental capacity.
- Represented companies and individuals in catastrophic wrongful death and personal injury cases, including matters involving tractor trailer collisions, medical malpractice, fires and explosions.
- Represented man against doctor and medical practice after the man's doctor allegedly failed to perform agreed-upon prostate-specific antigen ("PSA") tests in conjunction with the man's yearly physicals over the course of several years; the man developed metastasized prostate cancer. The case was settled on terms highly favorable to the client.
- Represented woman who sustained severe burn injuries and the amputation of both legs and one arm against Ford Motor Company following a head-on motor vehicle collision in which claims of design defect were asserted; the case was settled the night before trial on terms highly favorable to the client.

- Represented woman who sustained extensive traumatic brain injury after her vehicle was hit by a tractor trailer; the case was settled on terms highly favorable to the client.
- Represented woman whose husband was killed after being hit by a fully-loaded tractor trailer in which the driver of the tractor trailer was alleged to have been speeding, distracted, and failed to brake for stopped traffic in front of him; the case was settled on terms highly favorable to the client.