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Laura M. Sturges is Of Counsel in the Denver office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. She practices in the firm's Litigation Department, and has substantial experience in a number of areas, including Foreign Corrupt Practices Act ("FCPA") investigations and compliance initiatives, antitrust litigation, commercial litigation, False Claims Act cases, appellate litigation, and SEC enforcement proceedings.

Laura currently is leading a team conducting an FCPA investigation in Brazil, including interfacing with U.S. authorities. She previously served as a core member of an international team of Gibson Dunn lawyers assisting the compliance monitor in connection with the then-largest FCPA settlement ever. She has helped clients trouble-shoot FCPA compliance programs and identify potential violations in a variety of contexts, and regularly conducts M&A and third-party due diligence. Her FCPA compliance monitoring work includes activities in Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, and Africa.

In addition to her FCPA experience, Laura has significant and wide-ranging experience in other areas of litigation. She recently represented clients facing antitrust claims in the healthcare industry, and resolved complex trade secret and employment litigation on behalf of a financial services client. She has extensive experience representing clients in complex contract dispute litigation in both state and federal court in a variety of industries, including real estate, construction, and hedge fund investing. Laura also assisted in the successful representation of clients accused of violating the False Claims Act in the Medicare context at both the federal district and appellate levels.

Laura also maintains an active pro bono practice, including representing asylum candidates, assisting refugees, and successfully representing a local charitable organization from trial court through the Colorado Supreme Court. Her commitment to pro bono has led to her twice receiving the firm’s Frank Wheat award, given annually to lawyers in the firm who obtain significant results for their pro bono clients and demonstrate leadership and initiative that serve as inspiration to others.

She is admitted to practice law in the State of Colorado. Laura is a member of the Colorado, Denver, and Colorado Women’s Bar Associations, recently chaired the Law Alumni Board of Directors of the University of Colorado School of Law, and is a member of the Georgetown University Alumni Admissions Committee in Colorado. She is also a member of the Board of Directors for Work Options for Women. Laura was named a “Colorado Rising Star” by Colorado Super Lawyers magazine in both 2010 and 2012. Laura has been recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Corporate Law since 2022.

Before joining the firm, she served as a law clerk to The Honorable Phillip S. Figa in the United States District Court for the District of Colorado. Laura earned her law degree magna cum laude in 2005 from the University of Colorado School of Law, where she graduated first in her class. She graduated cum laude from Georgetown University with a

Capabilities

Litigation
Anti-Corruption & FCPA
Antitrust and Competition
Appellate and Constitutional Law
Crisis Management
FDA and Health Care
Labor and Employment
Law Firm Defense
Securities Litigation

Credentials

Education

University of Colorado - Boulder - 2005
Juris Doctor

Georgetown University - 1998 Master of Arts

Georgetown University - 1996 Bachelor of Arts

Admissions

Colorado Bar

Clerkships

USDC, Colorado, Hon. Phillip S. Figa, 2005 - 2007

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Bachelor of Arts degree in History and a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies, where she was a two-time NCAA All-American in Cross Country and Track. Before attending law school, Laura taught high school social studies.

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