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Laura Gerdes Long concentrates her practice on defending casualty and professional liability claims as well as consulting on and litigating, where necessary, employment and health care matters.

Insurance. For insurance companies and their insureds, Laura routinely litigates matters related to auto accidents, legal malpractice, and complex coverage issues arising from first- and third-party claims. She applies her mediation and direct negotiation skills to resolve matters wherever possible.

HIPAA. Heavily involved with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) since its implementation, Laura is sought after as a speaker, trainer, and consulting advisor regarding HIPAA's effect on health care providers, employers, and municipalities. For over two years, she served the City of St. Louis as an independent contract lawyer on HIPAA compliance issues.

Health Care. For doctors, nurses, psychologists, and other health care professionals, Laura consults on licensing, disciplinary issues, and loss or restriction of hospital privileges.

Employment. Laura is knowledgeable in employment law polices and best practices, including the privacy and security requirements under HIPAA. Her litigation experience includes defending numerous discrimination cases, whistleblower and retaliation claims, and EEOC investigations. She also consults preventatively to help employers guard against the threat of suits.

Laura has briefed and argued cases before the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, and the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. She formerly served as prosecutor and assistant city attorney for various municipalities in St. Louis County.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Presenter/Panel Member:

- "New Tools Available with Respect to Wellness, HIPAA and FLSA Compensation Issues," Associated Industries of Missouri
- "HIPAA Privacy Regulations," Missouri Association of Counties, Missouri Municipal Attorneys' Association, Missouri City Clerks and Finance Officers' Association
- "HIPAA Panel Discussion," Missouri Paralegal Association
- "Medical Records Law," Lorman Resources for Nursing Seminar (2012, 2013)
- "Contemplating Death or Disability: The Professional Will for the Psychologist," St. Louis Psychological Association (2012)
- "Medical Records Law in Missouri," Lorman Education Services Continuing Education Seminar (2014; CD & Reference Manual)
- "HIPAA, HITECH, and Sharing Information," a webinar for the National Health Care Anti-Fraud Association (NHCAA) Behavioral Health Interest Group

Co-presenter:

- "Untangling Legal Responsibilities and Patient Well-Being: Knowledge and Tools to Guide the Mental Health Practitioner," Care and Counseling, Inc. (2011; Part Two 2012); St. Louis Psychological Association (2011)

Television/Radio Guest:

- "Protecting Electronic Medical Records Under the New Health Care Act," KTVI Fox2 News with Elliot Weiler and Kim Hudson
- Ramifications to Mizzou of Swimmer Sasha Manu Corey's rape and suicide case: The Charlie Brennan Show, KMOX NewsRadio 1120 and Press Box with Frank Cusumano on CBS Sports Radio 920

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Greater St. Louis Mothers of Twins Club, board member, librarian, community service
- City of Kirkwood, Missouri, Board of Adjustment, former member
- The Missouri Bar/Missouri Judicial Conference Annual Meeting Planning Committee (2012)
- City of Ladue, Missouri, Zoning Board of Adjustment



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AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Civil Litigation
- Professional Liability Defense
- Insurance
- Health Care Law
- Employment

EDUCATION

- J.D., Washington University School of Law (1992)
- B.A., cum laude, European Studies focus on Soviet Union, Vanderbilt University (1988)
- IADC Trial Academy, Stanford Law School, California (2009)
- MODL Trial Academy (1996)

ADMISSIONS

- Missouri
- Illinois
- U.S. District Courts, Eastern and Western Districts, Southern and Central Districts of Illinois
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit

ASSOCIATIONS

- The Missouri Bar
- Illinois State Bar Association
- The Women Lawyers' Association of Greater St. Louis
- St. Louis Area Health Lawyers Association
- Medical Group Management Association of Greater St. Louis
- Healthcare Businesswomen's Association (HBA)

RECOGNITION

- AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated, Martindale-Hubbell