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Introduction

Laura is an experienced corporate and securities law attorney. Her clients include start-ups, emerging growth and established companies. She advises companies in a range of business-related matters including financing, mergers and acquisitions, corporate restructuring, and supporting ongoing operations. Laura's professional experience also includes serving as in-house counsel at a biotechnology nonprofit company. Her unique ability to provide clear, practical advice to clients in a range of businesses is integral to her practice.

Experience & Results

- Representation of Datalight Incorporated in its acquisition by Tuxera Inc.
- Representation of Silver Falls Capital in connection with its acquisition of BirdBuffer, CITC Corp, AgriAir and Omnitec
- Representation of Porch.com in its acquisition Kandela, Hire-a-Helper and Rynoh
- Represented Ethan Stowell Restaurant Group in its merger with Kigali Kitchens
- Represented Ethan Stowell Restaurant Group in a stock financing
- Represented Athira Pharma in convertible note financings

Education

- Agnes Scott College (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2003)
- Mercer University, Walter F. George School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2007)
 - Order of the Coif
 - Order of Barristers
 - George Waldo Woodruff Award of Excellence
 - CALI Award

Admissions

- Washington
- Alabama

Professional & Community Involvement

- American Bar Association
- American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)
- Huntsville-Madison County Bar Association

Publications/Speaking Engagements

- Author, "New Law Helps Washington State Businesses," *One Accord*, July 30, 2019
- Speaker, "Washington State's New Law Restricting Non-Compete Agreements," Summit Law Group and New Tech Northwest CLE, June 26, 2019
- Speaker, "Funding Your Start Up," SURF Incubator Seminar Presentation, April 24, 2018
- Author, "Involuntary Commitment of People with Mental Retardation: Ensuring All of Georgia's Citizens Receive Adequate Procedural Due Process," *Mercer Law Review*, 2007
- Author, "Gonzalez v. Raich: Has New Federalism Gone Up in Smoke?," *Mercer Law Review*, 2006