



Laura Fraher

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Education

- St. John's University School of Law, JD, *Magna Cum Laude*; *St. John's Law Review*
- State University of New York at Geneseo, BA

Practices & Industries

- Commercial Litigation
- Construction & Surety
- Energy

Admitted to Practice

- New York
- District of Columbia
- Maryland

Court Admissions

- US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- US District Court for the District of Columbia
- US District Court for the District of Maryland
- US District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- US District Court for the Northern District of New York
- US District Court for the Southern District of New York
- US Supreme Court

Biography

With over two decades of commercial litigation experience, Laura focuses her practice on complex commercial and construction litigation, including power and energy construction matters. Laura is a creative and compelling advocate who strategically guides clients toward effective solutions at all stages of the dispute process, including litigating in state and federal courts, in arbitrations, and at the appellate level.

In addition to her litigation practice, Laura has extensive transactional experience drafting, negotiating, and providing strategic advice to clients regarding construction contracts for large-scale projects, including commercial, residential, and EPC contracts for power plant and industrial facility projects.

Bar Associations

- Maryland State Bar Association, Construction Law Section and Litigation Law Section
- LGBT Bar Association of the District of Columbia

Selected Memberships & Affiliations

- Barclay Damon's Women's Forum
- Construction Lawyer's Society of America, Fellow

Representative Experience

- Successfully represented a major general contractor in achieving a favorable resolution in a fiercely contested and highly publicized case involving the Silver Spring Transit Center project in Montgomery County, Maryland. After four weeks of a jury trial, the county dropped its multimillion-dollar claims and agreed to pay our client \$3 million on the client's

affirmative claims. The case involved highly technical issues regarding concrete construction, schedule analysis, and damages.

Prior Experience

- Shapiro, Lifschitz & Schram, Attorney
- Cahill Gordon & Reindel, Associate
- US District Court for the Eastern District of New York, Honorable Joanna Seybert, Law Clerk
- Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, Associate

Selected Community Activities

- SMYAL, Board Member and Major Donor Committee Co-Chair
- Team DC, Former Vice President and Board Member

Selected Honors

- Selected to *Super Lawyers*, Washington DC: Construction Litigation, 2017–2024

Selected Media

- *Construction Business Owner*, "Inside the Baltimore Bridge Collapse & Aftermath"
- *Must Know Minute*™, "SLS Trial Attorneys – This Is How We Do It"
- *Highways Today*, "Legal Lessons of the Kansas City Bridge Collapse"
- *Journal of Emerging Issues in Litigation*, "Litigating a Claim to Recover Liquidated Damages: Enforceability Depends on Evidence of Good Faith Expectations"