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Laura is a partner and national leader of the firm's Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG) initiative. She practices corporate and securities law with a focus on public companies and capital markets. She advises clients on a wide range of complex securities law matters, including corporate finance, corporate governance, continuous disclosure, public mergers and acquisition, and securities regulatory compliance. Laura's client service strategy revolves around her deep understanding of the law and ability to ask the right questions to understand clients' goals and provide tailored and practical solutions.

In addition to her work on transactional matters, Laura plays a lead role in the development and management of innovative legal content and current awareness materials, contributes to practice group and firm wide education initiatives, and monitors legal, regulatory and market developments with the goal of ensuring that BLG lawyers and clients benefit from the firm's collective and cutting-edge legal expertise.

Laura is the co-chair of BLG's Modern Slavery Taskforce, focused on unifying the firm on the newly enacted *Fighting Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act.* 

## Experience

 Counsel to Guardian Capital Group Limited in its \$1.67 billion go-private transaction with Desjardins Global Asset Management Inc.



## **Insights & Events**

- Author, "CSA updates venture issuers and director elections", BLG Article, July 2025
- Co-Author, "Canadian Securities Regulation, 6th Edition", LexisNexis Canada, June 2025
- Author, "CSA's Prospectus Relief marks strategic shift to boost market activity", BLG Article, April 2025
- Author, "Board diversity: A made in Canada approach?", BLG Article, March 2025
- Author, "Do you still need to report? Thoughts on the second reporting cycle under the Supply Chains Act", BLG Article, March 2025
- Author, "To disclose, or not to disclose, that is the question", BLG Article, January 2025
- Author, "Unfinished business: A decade of data on women in Canadian corporate leadership", BLG Article, January 2025
- Author, "Canada's Supply Chains Act (Modern Slavery Regulation) Resource Centre", BLG Article, December 2024
- Author, "Artificial intelligence and shareholder meeting format in focus for Glass Lewis and ISS in 2025",
   BLG Article, December 2024
- Author, "OCMT chokes on Bitfarms 15 per cent poison pill", BLG Article, November 2024
- Author, "Better guidance equals better reporting: Navigating the Supply Chains Act for year 2 reporting", BLG Article, November 2024
- Author, "Cleaning up disclosure: CSA provides guidance on AI washing and greenwashing", BLG Article, November 2024
- Author, "OSC short-selling prosecution dismissed", BLG Article, November 2024
- Author, "Canada Targets Net-Zero with a Green Taxonomy and Mandatory Climate Disclosures", BLG Article, October 2024
- Author, "Howdy (limited) partner: Six key features of Ontario limited partnerships", BLG Article, October 2024
- Author, "Modern slavery reporting: Key lessons from Public Safety Canada's 2024 annual report to Parliament", BLG Article, October 2024
- Author, "ESG litigation and regulatory risks: Managing claims and liabilities for Canadian businesses", BLG Article, July 2024
- Author, "Seven lessons learned after year one of supply chain reporting in Canada", BLG Article, July 2024
- Author, "Canadian Sustainability Standards Board proposes sustainability and climate-related disclosure standards", BLG Article, April 2024
- Author, "New SEC Climate Disclosure Rules prospective impact on Canadian issuers", BLG Article, April 2024
- Author, "Private equity and venture capital sponsors: Are supply chain/modern slavery reporting requirements on your radar?", BLG Article, April 2024
- Author, "Updated guidance on preparing a modern slavery report in Canada", BLG Article, March 2024
- Author, "Canadian Securities Administrators release updated guidance on virtual shareholder meetings", BLG Article, March 2024
- Author, "CBCA transparency register goes public", BLG Article, February 2024
- Author, "Do Canada's modern slavery reporting requirements impact investment managers?", BLG Article, February 2024



## **Beyond Our Walls**

#### **Professional Involvement**

- Member, Law Society of Ontario
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, New York State Bar Association
- Instructor, Institute of Law Clerks of Ontario (2023 Fellowship Securities Law Course)

## Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2025 edition of The Best Lawyers in Canada® (Mergers and Acquisitions Law) and since 2024 (Corporate Law).
- Recognized in the 2025 edition of The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory (Corporate Finance & Securities).
- Recognized as a 2024 Lexpert Rising Star. Leading Lawyer Under 40

### **Bar Admission & Education**

- New York, 2014
- Ontario, 2011
- Certificate, ESG, Climate Risk and The Law, York University, Osgoode Hall Law School, 2021
- J.D. (magna cum laude), University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, 2010
- LL.B., University of Windsor, 2010
- B.A., University of British Columbia, 2007

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