COUNSEL

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Laura Lim specializes in appellate procedure and thrives on guiding clients and trial lawyers through its quirks. As a subject-matter generalist, Laura handles civil appeals spanning a wide range of issues, including business disputes, contract disputes, real estate, and tort law, among others. She also assists trial lawyers in drafting dispositive motions and post-trial motions, with an eye toward pursuing or defending against subsequent appeals. She has briefed cases in the California Supreme Court, California Courts of Appeal, and the federal Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Laura's behind-the-scenes experience with the California and federal courts helps her craft effective, compelling arguments as an appellate advocate. Before joining GMSR, Laura was a research attorney for Justice John S. Wiley Jr. at the California Court of Appeal and a law clerk for Judge George H. Wu in the Central District of California. Laura also worked at an international firm as a litigator, where she gained first-hand experience in all stages of civil litigation.

Laura graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, where she earned the Prosser Prize and Best Brief Award in Written and Oral Advocacy.

EDUCATION

J.D., University of California, Berkeley, School of Law (2017), Prosser Prize (Written and Oral Advocacy), Best Brief Award (Written and Oral Advocacy), California Law Review, Policy Advocacy Clinic.

B.A., University of California, Berkeley (2012), English and Psychology.

BAR ADMISSIONS

California

HONORS

- *California Lawyer* Attorneys of the Year (CLAY Award), conferred by *The Daily Journal/California Lawyer Magazine* (2025)
- Named in *The Best Lawyers in America*® "Ones to Watch" (Appellate Practice) (2024-2027)
- Southern California Super Lawyers Rising Stars, Appellate (2025-2026)

PUBLICATIONS

Jun 30, 2025 Staying Judgments Pending Appeal: A Practical Overview

May 2, 2023 VERDICT Magazine, Backdoor Attorney Fees: Costs-of-Proof Awards

SPEAKING AND INVOLVEMENT

2026	Before The Appeal: A California Litigator's Pre-Appeal Checklist, South Bay Bar Association, Civil Litigation Luncheon
2026	Before The Appeal: A California Litigator's Pre-Appeal Checklist, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Appellate Courts Section
2025	Before The Appeal: A California Litigator's Pre-Appeal Checklist, Beverly Hills Bar Association
2023	The Appeal Killers: Avoiding the Traps That Can Doom Your Appeal Before It Begins, CLE Webinar

NOTABLE WINS

Aug 22, 2024	Rattagan v. Uber Technologies, Inc. (2024) 17 Cal.5th 1