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Laura Farber has dedicated her legal career to employment and commercial litigation, with a primary focus on counseling clients in employment disputes. A member of both our litigation and employment departments, she is an accomplished trial lawyer who has been recognized in the “Top 50 Women Lawyers in Los Angeles” list by the *Los Angeles Business Journal*, the *Daily Journal*'s "Top Labor and Employment Lawyers," and "Leaders of Influence: Labor & Employment Attorneys" by the *Los Angeles Business Journal*. Laura was elected as President-elect of the American Bar Association (ABA) in August of 2026 and will serve as President from August of 2027 until August of 2028.

She is the immediate past California State Delegate to the American Bar Association’s House of Delegates, a member of the ABA Day Planning Committee, an advisory member of the Council for the Fund for Justice and Education, a California Lawyers Association Delegate to the House of Delegates, and has been actively involved in numerous leadership roles since 1994. Laura has also served as chair of the 2024–25 American Bar Foundation Fellows, a global honorary society of attorneys, judges, law faculty, and legal scholars dedicated to the highest principles of the legal profession and to supporting the research of the ABF focusing on how law and society intersect.

Laura also served as President of the Tournament of Roses Association overseeing the January 1, 2020, 131st Rose Parade and the 106th Rose Bowl Game. She also served as Chair of the Rose Bowl Management Committee, overseeing and negotiating the Rose Bowl Game’s entry into the College Football Playoff.

A native of Argentina, Laura was honored as the recipient of the Mary V. Orozco Abriendo Caminos Award in 2023 by the Latina Lawyers Bar Association for her outstanding leadership, excellence in the legal field, and commitment to public service and to her communities. She has also been awarded the 2022 National Latina Woman of the Year by the Mexican American Opportunity Foundation (MAOF), the 2022 Woman of the Year selected by U.S. congressional Representative Judy Chu representing the 27th Congressional District of California, the Power of Leadership Award from the League of Women Voters Pasadena Area in 2020, Woman of the Year representing the 41st Assembly District of California in 2019, KTLA's 2019 Honoree in "Hispanic Heritage Month Visionaries," the NAACP Pasadena Branch President’s Award in 2019 at the Ruby McKnight Williams Awards Dinner, the Judge Harry Pregerson Award at the 2019 Roybal Legacy Gala from the Edward Roybal Foundation, the Aspires Role Model Award in 2020 from Aspires-West Pasadena, and the Asian Pacific American Bar Association’s 2020 Trailblazer Award.

Related Capabilities

Employment

Litigation

Experience

Speaking Engagements

Podcast Guest, "**Can We Make the Profession Better? Leaders of the ABA House of Delegates Speak Out.**" *Litigation Radio*, Legal Talk Network, American Bar Association Litigation Section, January 27, 2026

Panel Speaker, "Opening Doors: Insights on Clients, Practice, and Business Development," Pasadena Bar Association Women's Section, April 2025

Panel Speaker, "How to Get On a Philanthropic Board," Association for Corporate Growth Los Angeles, The Women of ACG Regional Fall Conference, 2024

Panel Speaker, "Women at Work: Overcoming Barriers and Bias," Pasadena Commission on the Status of Women, Herstory, 2024

Panel Speaker, "The Importance of Community Engagement," Alliance of Women Directors, International Women's Day Celebration, 2024

Panel Speaker, "Career Development | Strategies for Hiring Managers," Project Management Institute Los Angeles, 2021

Panel Speaker, "Practice Forward Amid Covid-19 and Beyond," National Conference of Bar Presidents, 2021

Speaker, "¡Adelante, Latinos! Hispanic Heritage Month Speaker Series: Laura Farber: Attorney-Community Leader," ¡Adelante, Latinos!, 2020

Panel Speaker, "Myths About Diversity," American Bar Association Real Property, Probate & Trusts Law Section, American Bar Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, August 9, 2003

Speaker, "Investigating Sexual Harassment Claims," ABA Annual Meeting, Toronto, 1998

Speaker, "The Early Years: Young Lawyer's Strategies for Success," Los Angeles County Barristers, 1998

"I love what I have the opportunity to do day in and day out, at the best place with the best people with whom any lawyer could work; a firm with a focus on integrity, ethics, excellence, high-quality service and value to clients, significant support for community involvement and personal fulfillment."

Laura V. Farber
Partner

Credentials

Admissions

California, 1990

District of Columbia, 1992

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, 1992

U.S. District Court, Central District of California, 1991

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, 1992

U.S. District Court, Southern District of California, 1992

U.S. Supreme Court, 2005

Education

Georgetown University Law Center, J.D. (*cum laude*)

University of California, Los Angeles, B.A. (*cum laude*, with Departmental Highest Honors, Mortar Board)

Languages

Spanish

Publications

Feature, "**Local Attorney Becomes President-Elect of American Bar Association**," *Pasadena Outlook* and *South Pasadena Review*, August 21, 2026

Feature, "**Setting the Bar: Pasadena-based law partner named president-elect of American Bar Association**," *Pasadena Weekly*, August 13, 2026

Feature, "**Laura Farber will the be the ABA's first Latina president. For now, she's listening.**" *Daily Journal*, August 7, 2026

Feature, "**3 Things To Know About The ABA's New President-Elect**," *Law360*, August 5, 2026

Feature, "**Laura Farber hopes to bring people together in ABA's top role**," *ABA Journal*, July 1, 2026

Co-Author, "California's long-awaited PAGA overhaul," *Daily Journal*, 2024

Author, "Chapter 29. How The Power of Hope, El Poder de La Esperanza, Can Open Doors: 'Remember, We All Come From Somewhere,'" *My Story… From Humble Beginnings to Professional Success: A Young Professional's Guide*, 2024

Author, "Non-compete agreements are gaining traction, but courts may step on the brakes," *Daily Journal*, 2023

Quoted, "The big opportunities in the legal profession are at small firms," *Los Angeles Times*, 2010

Honors & Awards

Featured in "500 Leading Corporate Employment Lawyers," *Lawdragon*, 2026–2027

Recognized in "Leaders of Influence: Labor & Employment Attorneys," *Los Angeles Business Journal*, 2023–2026

Named in "Best of L.A. Legal: Top Attorneys in Employment Los Angeles," *Los Angeles Magazine*, 2026

Featured in "Best of Pasadena Legal: Employment & Labor," *Pasadena Magazine*, 2026

Selected to the Southern California Super Lawyers list, 2005–2011, 2014–2026

Selected to "Top Attorneys," *Pasadena Magazine*, 2010, 2014–2016, 2021–2025

Named in "Leaders of Influence: Nonprofit & Philanthropy," Los Angeles Business Journal, 2024

Featured in "Top Labor and Employment Lawyers," *Daily Journal*, 2023–2024

Selected to "Pasadena Top Attorneys" issue in Civil Litigation, Labor & Employment, and Personal Injury, *Pasadena Magazine*, 2023

Recipient of "Mary V. Orozco Abriendo Caminos Award," Latina Lawyers Bar Association, 2023

Featured in "Top 50 Women Lawyers in Los Angeles," *Los Angeles Business Journal*, 2022

Recipient of "National Latina Woman of the Year Award," Mexican American Opportunity Foundation (MAOF), 2022

Selected as "Woman of the Year" by U.S. Congressional Representative Judy Chu representing the 27th Congressional District of California, 2022

Recognized in "Women of Influence: Attorneys," *Los Angeles Business Journal*, 2022

Recognized in "Business of Law: Visionaries" special issue, L.A. Times B2B Publishing, 2021

Recipient of "Power of Leadership Award," The League of Women Voters Pasadena Area, 2020

Recipient of "Aspires Role Model Award," Aspires-West Pasadena, 2020

Recipient of "Trailblazer Award," Asian Pacific American Bar Association, 2020

Named "Woman of the Year," representing the 41st Assembly District of California, 2019

Honoree in "Hispanic Heritage Month Visionaries," KTLA, 2019

Recipient of NAACP Pasadena Branch President's Award, 2019

Recipient of "The Judge Harry Pregerson Award," Edward Roybal Foundation, 2019

Recipient of "Difference Makers Award," American Bar Association Solo, Small Firm and General Practice Division, 2019

Named in "Most Influential Women Lawyers" issue, *Los Angeles Business Journal*, 2019

Recipient of "Spirit of Excellence Award," ABA Commission on Racial & Ethnic Diversity, 2003

Named "Woman of Excellence in the Law," YWCA, March 26, 2004

Selected to Southern California Super Lawyers, Top Women Attorneys, 2016

Selected to Southern California Super Lawyers, Business Edition, 2011–2012

Selected to Southern California Super Lawyers Under 40 list, 2004

Selected to Southern California Super Lawyers Rising Stars list, 2004

Community Involvement

Professional Organizations

American Bar Association
President-Elect, present
Co-Chair, Coordinating Group on Practice Forward, 2020–2022
California State Delegate to the House of Delegates, 2016–2025
Chair, House of Delegates Committee on Rules & Calendar, 2022–2024
Member, House of Delegates Rules and Calendar Committee, 2016–2018
House of Delegates Steering Committee of the Nominating Committee, 2018–2020, 2021–2022
Chair, House of Delegate, Credentials and Admissions Committee, 2010–2012
Vice-Chair, House of Delegates Credentials and Admissions Committee, 2008–2010
Vice-Chair, House of Delegates Select Committee, 2004–2008
Member, Nominating Committee House of Delegates, 2004–2007, 2015–present
Member, Tellers Committee House of Delegates, 2002–2004
Chair, Latin America and Caribbean Initiative Council, 2015–2020
Member, Rule of Law Initiative Board, 2015–2020

American Bar Association: Board of Governors
Member Executive Committee, 2014–2015
Chair, Program Planning and Evaluation Committee of the Board of Governors, 2014–2015
Member, 2012–2015

American Bar Association: General Practice, Solo & Small Firm Division
Immediate Past Chair, 2012–2013
Chair, 2011–2012
Chair-Elect, 2010–2011
Vice Chair, 2009–2010
Secretary, 2008–2009
Director, 2006–2008
Council Member, 2003–2007
External Activities Group Coordinator, 2004–2005
Co-Chair, Host Committee, Fall Meeting, 2004
Chair, Diversity Committee, 2003–2004
Chair, Public Service Committee, 2002–2004

American Bar Association: Commission on Youth At Risk
Chair, 2009–2011
Vice-Chair, 2006–2009

American Bar Association: Commission on Domestic Violence
Member, 2005–2008

American Bar Association Journal
Board of Editors, 2006–2012

American Bar Association
Section Officers Conference Policy & Operations Committee & Long Range Planning Committee, 2004–2008
Executive Committee, 2003–2008
Liaison, Board of Governor's Program and Planning Committee, 2003–2005

American Bar Association: Young Lawyers Division
Division Delegate to the House of Delegates 2002–2005
Chair, 2001–2002
Chair–Elect, 2000–2001
Secretary/Treasurer, 1999–2000
Liaison, Commission On Women In The Profession, 1999–2000
Member, Committee on Long Range Planning, 1997–2000

District Representative, (District 32, Southern California), 1997–1999
Member, Cabinet, 1997–1998
Chair, Host Committee, Mid-Year Meeting Los Angeles, 1998–1999
Chair, Professional Development Conference, 1997–1998
Member, Committee on Resolutions, 1997–1998
Chair, Host Committee, Spring AOP, 1997–1998
Competition Judge, Award of Achievement, 1996–1998
Member, Host Committee, San Francisco Annual Meeting, 1996–1997
Vice Chair, Affiliate Outreach Project National Conferences Team, 1996–1997
Member Planning Board, Committee on Women in the Profession, 1995–1996
Public Subgrant Judge, 1995–1996

American Bar Association: Governance Commission
Member, 2003–2005, 2013–2015

American Bar Association: Presidential Appointments Committee
Vice-Chair, President-Elect Reginald Turner Presidential Appointments Committee, 2020–2021
President-Elect Judy Perry Martinez Presidential Appointments Committee, 2018–2019
President-Elect Linda Klein's Presidential Appointments Committee, 2015–2016
President-Elect, Mathis' Presidential Appointments Committee, 2005–2006
President-Elect, Grey's Presidential Appointments Committee, 2003–2004
President-Elect, Archer's President Appointments Committee, 2002–2003

American Bar Association: Tort, Trial and Insurance Practice
Chair, Law in Public Service Committee, 2007–2008
Member, ABA Tips Committee, 2006–2008
Member, Law in Public Service Committee, 2005–2007
Member, Fall Conference Planning Committee, 2005

American Bar Association: President-Elect Mike Greco's Presidential Initiative Planning Group, *2004–2005*

American Bar Association: Council of Fund for Justice and Education
Member, 2002–2003

American Bar Foundation
Sustaining Patron Fellow
Chair of the Fellows, 2023–2024
Chair-Elect, 2022–2023
Secretary, 2021–2022

Los Angeles County Bar Association Barristers
President, 1996–1997
President-Elect, 1995–1996
Vice President, 1994–1995
Member, Executive Committee, 1992–1994
Chair, Committee on Bias in the Legal Profession, 1994–1995
Member, Committee on Education, 1991–1993
Member, Committee on Strategic Planning, 1992
Chair, Committee on Bench and Bar Relations, 1992–1994
Delegate, American Bar Association House of Delegates, 2005–2015
Delegate, Conference of Delegates, 1993–1996
Trustee, LACBA Board of Trustees, 1995–1997
Member, Section of Litigation, Inns of Court, 1992–1997
Member, LACBA Nominating Committee Member, Committee on Minorities in the Legal Profession, 1992–1994

Mexican-American Bar Association
Member, 1991–present

Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles
Member, 1991–present

Latina Lawyers of Los Angeles
Member, 1998–present

The American Law Institute
Member, 2024–present

Charitable Organizations

Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association
Chair, Rose Bowl Management Committee, 2020–2025
Immediate Past President, 2020–2022
Chair, Football Committee, 2020–2022
President, 2019–2020
Executive Vice President, 2018–2019
Treasurer, 2017–2018
Secretary, 2016–2017
Vice-President, 2012–2016
Chair, Formation Area Chair, 2010–2012
Chair, Judging Committee, 2008–2010
Chair Decorating Places Committee, 2006–2008
Chair, Membership Development Committee, 2004–2006
Co-Chair, Strategic Planning Committee Membership Retention Task Force, 2004–2006
Vice Chair, Fanfest Committee, 2002–2004
Executive Committee, At-Large Member, 2000–2002

Pasadena Educational Foundation
Member, Committee on Business, 1993–1999

YWCA
Nominating Committee, 2004–2005
Public Policy Committee Chair, 1998–2001
Vice Chair, Public Policy, 2000–2001
Member, Board of Directors, 1997–2000

Clazzical Notes
Member, Board of Directors, 2016–present