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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*.

She currently serves as immediate past 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 focused on how law and society intersect. In the American Bar Association, Laura is California’s State Delegate in the House of Delegates, a member of the ABA Day Planning Committee, an advisory member of the Council for the Fund for Justice and Education and has been actively involved in numerous leadership roles since 1994. 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.

Related Capabilities

Employment

Litigation

Experience

Speaking Engagements

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."

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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

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

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

Recognized in "Leaders of Influence: Labor & Employment Attorneys," *Los Angeles Business Journal*, 2023–2024

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 list, 2005–2011, 2014–2025

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 Foundation

Chair of the Fellows, 2023–2024

Chair-Elect, 2022–2023

Secretary, 2021–2022

American Bar Association

Co-Chair, Coordinating Group on Practice Forward, 2020–2022

California State Delegate to the House of Delegates, 2016–present

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 Delegates, 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

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

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