



Lauren Ditty

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Overview

Lauren is a commercial trial lawyer who represents both plaintiffs and defendants in state and federal court. Lauren represents clients in a wide range of disputes and has extensive experience writing and arguing dispositive motions, taking and defending depositions, and examining and cross-examining witnesses at trial. In addition to her trial practice, Lauren has experience briefing and arguing appeals, including appeals to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Lauren began her career as a middle school English teacher and later transitioned to policy work, crafting public school improvement and support plans in both Texas and Colorado. She earned her Master's degree in Policy, Organization, and Leadership Studies from Stanford University and went on to manage Texas' school turnaround efforts in four school districts across the state.

Eventually turning her focus to the law, Lauren received her JD with honors from The University of Texas School of Law, where she was a member of the Texas Law Review. During law school, Lauren served as a student attorney for the Domestic Violence Clinic, interned for two federal judges, and earned the Dean's Achievement Award in three courses.

Lauren joined Scott Douglass & McConnico after clerking for the Honorable Robert Pitman of the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas.

Experience

Trial

- Co-chaired federal jury trial that resulted in a complete defense verdict for a global online travel company in an action filed under the Helms-Burton Act that sought \$1.7 billion in damages.
- Trial counsel for criminal defendant in federal jury trial involving conspiracy and wire fraud charges.

- Obtained dismissal of two challenges to a municipality's Reproductive Justice Fund on jurisdictional grounds.
- Obtained temporary restraining order on behalf of a municipal utility in case arising out of Winter Storm Uri
- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of real estate client in case involving wrongful foreclosure claim.
- Obtained dismissal on personal jurisdiction grounds on behalf of wearable technology company in matter involving the alleged breach of a stock option agreement. *Attia v. Ouraring, Inc.*, No. 1:22-CV-01142-DAE, 2023 WL 8654404, at *1 (W.D. Tex. May 31, 2023)
- Co-authored amicus brief on behalf of a national medical organization in support of Plaintiffs' constitutional challenges to Texas's abortion statutes.
- Part of the team that successfully represented families and medical providers in obtaining a temporary injunction that temporarily blocked the enforcement of Senate Bill 14, Texas's gender-affirming care ban

Appeals

- Briefed and argued appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit on behalf of wrongfully imprisoned individual appealing from dismissal of claims seeking civil damages from state actors.
- Briefed and argued appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit on behalf of an individual appealing the dismissal of his breach of contract and equitable claims for forum non conveniens.
- Successfully represented a municipality in an appeal arising from a jurisdictional dispute related to the municipality's Reproductive Justice Fund. *San Antonio Fam. Ass'n v. City of San Antonio*, 720 S.W.3d 377 (Tex. App.—San Antonio 2025, no pet.)
- Successfully represented pro bono client in family law matter in appeals to both the First Court of Appeals and the Texas Supreme Court

Awards

- Best Lawyers®: Ones to Watch, Commercial Litigation, 2026
- Texas Super Lawyers® Rising Stars, Appellate, 2025

News & Insights

- SDM Names Lauren Ditty and Ross Sutherland as Partners
- SDM wins defense verdict on billion-dollar Helms-Burton Act claim
- SDM Lawyers Recognized in 2026 Best Lawyers® Awards and Best Lawyers Ones to Watch® in America

Practice Areas

- Appellate
- Business Litigation & Torts

Education

- J.D., The University of Texas School of Law, with honors

- M.A., Stanford University, Policy, Organization, and Leadership Studies
- B.A., Georgetown University, *summa cum laude*

Admissions

- State Bar of Texas
- U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Fifth and Ninth Circuits
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas

Activities

- Austin Bar Association, Member
- Austin Young Lawyers Association, Member
- Greater Than, Midwest Cohort, Member: 2020–2021