



# LAUREN C. THOMPSON

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## Practice Areas

- Accounting Malpractice
- Agriculture
- Appellate Work
- Arbitration
- Automobile Accident Defense
- Class Action Litigation
- Commercial Lines (Premises Liability)
- Contract Disputes
- Coverage Litigation
- Directors and Officers Litigation
- Dram Shop Litigation
- Employment Practices Liability
- Fraud Defense/EUO
- Mediation
- Medical Malpractice
- Municipal Liability Defense
- PIP
- Personal Lines (Premises Liability)
- Products Liability
- Professional Liability
- Subrogation
- Toxic Tort Defense
- Transportation Defense
- UM/UIM
- Wrongful Death Defense

Lauren's practice is diverse and includes products liability, automobile and commercial trucking accidents, premises liability, legal malpractice, personal injury, subrogation matters, coverage and contract disputes, occupational accident defense, class action lawsuits, environmental law, employment law, and appellate law in both state and federal courts for the U.S. Districts of Kentucky. She also has experience handling professional liability including directors and officers, accountant malpractice, contractors, medical professionals, and laboratory/scientist.

Lauren's experience handling pre-litigation matters, complex cases with extensive discovery, trying cases before Kentucky juries and appellate work before the Kentucky Court of Appeals, Supreme Court of Kentucky and Sixth Circuit allows her to effectively counsel clients and obtain favorable results.

Lauren graduated from Centre College in 2000, summa cum laude, where she majored in International Relations, traveled internationally, and played field hockey. Lauren then attended the University of Kentucky, College of Law where she graduated in 2007. During law school, Lauren was chair of the Foster Care Review Board and member of the

Women's Law Caucus, Moot Court Board, Trial Advocacy Board, Legal Clinic and American Trial Lawyers competition team.

Lauren has served as President of the Fayette County Bar Association, Women Lawyers' Association and is a member of the Kentucky Defense Counsel. She volunteers at the Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning and Catholic Action Center. Lauren enjoys spending time with her husband and two children, being outdoors, running, photography, and baking.

## **Memberships**

- Fayette County Bar Association
- Kentucky Bar Association
- Kentucky Defense Council
- MothersEsquire
- Women Lawyers' Association

## **Trial and Case Highlights**

- Lauren obtained a defense verdict in a premises liability personal injury action on behalf of a restaurant owner in Mason County Circuit Court. The plaintiff slipped and broke her wrist in the fall. After two days of trial, eleven out of twelve jurors returned a verdict in favor of the defendant finding that the restaurant did not breach any duty owed to the plaintiff and that the plaintiff had been adequately warned of the potentially hazardous condition. The defense verdict was also affirmed on appeal by the Kentucky Court of Appeals.
- In 2020, Lauren prevailed in a declaratory judgment action in an Eastern Kentucky court. The court found that a car dealership complied with the Kentucky statutory requirements to transfer ownership of a vehicle subsequently involved in an accident despite lack of title transfer and, therefore, was not the owner of the vehicle for insurance purposes.
- Lauren obtained Summary Judgment on behalf of a Louisville, Kentucky business in a premises liability matter wherein the plaintiff sustained a ruptured Achilles when he tripped over a vehicle battery.
- The Court of Appeals of Kentucky recently affirmed Summary Judgment awarded by the Fayette Circuit Court in favor of Lauren's client, a property management company. The court held that the "common area" exception to landlord liability did not apply, and the company was not liable to the plaintiff for personal injury due to alleged exposure to mold in this toxic tort claim.
- Lauren recently defended a class action lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky on behalf of pharmaceutical distributors. She obtained partial summary judgment dismissing the class' allegations for breach of the Consumer Protection Act and fraud which resulted in voluntary dismissal of the remaining claims.
- Partial Summary Judgement was awarded by the Fayette Circuit Court in favor of a manufacturer in products liability case dismissing the plaintiff's claims for strict liability and breach of warranty. This judgement forced a favorable settlement for the plaintiff's remaining negligence claim.

- Lauren also prevailed in obtaining Summary Judgment on behalf of corporate employer pursuant to the doctrine of worker's compensation exclusivity, KRS 342.690.
- An additional Summary Judgment was obtained on behalf of restaurant owner when Plaintiff missed the statute of limitations by one day.
- *South Woodford Water Distr. v. Byrd*, 352 S.W.3d 340 (Ky. Ct. App. 2011) Lauren prevailed on an interlocutory appeal; and the claims against the county water district were dismissed on the basis of governmental immunity in an opinion published by the Court of Appeals of Kentucky.

## **Admissions**

- Kentucky
- Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Supreme Court of Kentucky
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky

## **Education**

- University of Kentucky, College of Law, J.D.
- Centre College, B.S., *summa cum laude*