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Laurie is a co-founder of Cooley's Chicago office and the co-head of the Chicago corporate group. Her practice focuses on the representation of emerging and growth-stage companies and the investors who support them. She advises clients on a wide range of venture-backed private financings and counsels companies at all stages of growth on day-to-day corporate matters. In addition to her robust emerging companies and venture capital practice, Laurie's experience includes advising public and private companies on mergers and acquisitions, securities offerings, US Securities and Exchange Commission reporting and compliance, and governance matters.

Laurie, who is heavily engaged in Chicago's vibrant startup ecosystem and entrepreneurial community, serves on the board of directors of 1871, a nonprofit business incubator supporting technology and other startups in the Chicago area. She has lectured on a variety of topics relating to venture financings, including at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, University of Michigan Law School and 1871.

In 2021, Laurie won Crain's Chicago Business 2021 Notable Gen X Leaders in Law Award.

Prior to joining Cooley, Laurie was a partner at Latham & Watkins.

Education

University of Pennsylvania Law School

JD, 2005

Carleton College

BA, 2000

Admissions & Credentials

Illinois

Rankings & Accolades

Crain's Chicago Business: Notable Gen X Leaders in Law (2021)

Crain's Chicago Business: Notable Women Lawyers (2018)

The Legal 500 US: Venture Capital and Emerging Companies (2024 – 2025)