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Bar Admissions

- Maryland

Education

- University of Maryland Carey School of Law (J.D., 2018)
- University of Maryland (B.A., 2008)

Practice Groups

- Criminal Defense & Investigation
- Litigation

Bio

Lauren McLarney is a partner in the white collar criminal and government investigations group, and her practice focuses on criminal defense and disability rights advocacy. She currently represents the Young Lawyer's Division on the Board of the Maryland Chapter of the Federal Bar Association.

Lauren recently joined the legal profession after a seven-year career in politics. Prior to law school, Lauren was the Manager of Government Affairs at the National Federation of the Blind (NFB), where she led the legislative advocacy team in honing NFB's policy priorities and helping usher bills through Congress. She specialized in education policy, dedicating four years to an initiative that would make it easier for colleges and universities to procure digital materials that are usable by students with disabilities. She also worked on matters related to copyright, technology and transportation, and oversaw team members' work to reform the Fair Labor Standards Act and influence the Workforce Investment Act. At NFB, Lauren gave annual presentations before thousands of people at the organization's national convention, and the hundreds who participated in its annual advocacy week. Prior to NFB, Lauren was a grassroots lobbyist for a nutrition policy group and a press intern for the late Senator Edward Kennedy. Lauren is still personally invested in the disability rights movement and brings that energy and commitment into her law practice.

After her first year of law school, Lauren worked as a law clerk at Levin & Curlett, where she worked directly under the managing partner on white collar criminal cases and other defense matters. Most notably, she sat second chair in a reverse waiver hearing in a high-profile murder case, a proceeding that ended favorably and left a lasting

impression on the need for justice reform. Lauren then worked as a law clerk for Brown Goldstein & Levy, a firm that specializes in civil rights litigation, where she spent nearly a year under some of the finest disability rights lawyers in the country on discrimination cases. Lauren also served as a student attorney at the National Association of the Deaf, worked for Delegate Brooke Lierman during the 2017 Maryland General Assembly, and interned for U.S. Magistrate Judge Stephanie A. Gallagher. Finally, she was a Board Member of the Maryland Public Interest Law Project during all three years of law school.

After getting her J.D., Lauren returned to Levin & Curlett as the firm's first associate. She lives in (and loves) downtown Baltimore.

Experience

- Represented widow of man who died after four days in the Allegany County Detention Center due to deliberate indifference of the jail's medical providers, obtained a published opinion reversing trial court's dismissal of case after oral argument. *Stevens v. Holler*, 68th F.4th 921 (4th Cir. 2023)
- Successfully exposed a flawed solicitation process for a multi-million dollar vending opportunity on behalf of two unsuccessful bidders; the bidding process had to be re-done. In re *Skinner* (South Carolina, 2022). Successfully represented a blind vendor in grievance over his displacement from a vending facility by no fault of his own; the state was ordered to give him the first suitable/acceptable assignment. *McClurge v. Texas Workforce Commission* (Texas, 2023)
- Got a 16-year sentence for a violation of probation vacated. *State v. Greene* (2023 Cir. Ct. of Baltimore City) (got 16-year sentence vacated and more favorable)
- Served as defense counsel in three-month federal jury trial and persuaded Court not to sentence to juvenile client to life imprisonment. *U.S. v. Jose Joya Parada*, Case 1:16-cr-00259-JKB (D. Md.)
Represented non-profit in PIA action compelling disclosure of key for codes used on Case Search. *Administrative Office of the Courts v. Abell Foundation*, 480 Md. 63 (2022)
- Represented two employees of an international car company in the U.S. Government's investigation into the diesel emissions scandal.