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### Profile

Lauren Russell is an experienced trial lawyer on Dunn Carney's Litigation Team in Portland, Oregon. She specializes in employment litigation and advice, business disputes, and professional liability defense. Lauren has tried several jury trials to verdict and an arbitration to decision. She has a keen ability to get to the root of a dispute and achieve excellent, efficient results for her clients. Lauren is a formidable advocate both in and outside the courtroom.

Lauren's former experience as a daily newspaper reporter and freelance writer in her home state of Montana helps her craft a persuasive narrative from her clients' stories. Lauren is a savvy communicator who pairs a deep understanding of the applicable law with a detailed knowledge of the facts of a case. She particularly enjoys learning about her clients and their businesses and helping them find practical solutions to thorny legal issues.

While in law school, Lauren clerked for the Oregon Department of Justice's Appellate Division and externed for the Hon. Ann Aiken, then-Chief District Judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon.

Lauren chairs Dunn Carney's Pro Bono Committee, serves on the task force dedicated to the retention and advancement of attorneys, and participates in the firm's summer associate hiring and mentoring program in Portland. She also serves on the board of Community Warehouse, a Portland nonprofit that connects essential furnishings to neighbors in need through unique community partnerships.

In her free time, Lauren enjoys hiking, skiing, and paddling in the Pacific Northwest with family and friends.

### Admissions

Oregon

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U.S. District Court, District of Oregon

Washington

#### **Education**

University of Oregon School of Law, J.D.; *Oregon Law Review*, Articles Editor

University of Montana, B.A., Journalism, *summa cum laude*

## **Results & Expertise**

#### **Outcomes**

- Achieved \$350,000 settlement in a wrongful death case against assisted living facility on behalf of elderly disabled resident.
- Obtained \$445,000 recovery in breach of contract case against medical center on behalf of wrongfully fired doctor.
- Achieved \$350,000 settlement pre-litigation on behalf of person injured in a car accident.
- Obtained \$50,000 settlement pre-litigation on behalf of homeowner whose house was damaged when a drunk driver crashed his car into the home.

#### **Published Work**

["Timber Trespass: The Oregon Court of Appeals Holds That Plaintiffs Can Recover Double Damages When There Is an Injury to Timber or Produce, Even If the Injury Was Not Willful,"](#) The Verdict, a publication of the Oregon Association of Defense Counsel, 2021, Issue 3.

["Dunn Carney's IDEA Squad fosters open discussion; Don't be afraid to make mistakes,"](#) The Oregon State Bar Bulletin, August-September, 2019.

["Make the Most of your Relationships with Senior Lawyers,"](#) The Young Lawyer, a publication of the American Bar Association, Spring 2018

Author, *Shielding the Media: In an Age of Bloggers, Tweeters, and Leakers, Will Congress Succeed in Defining the Term "Journalist" and in Passing a Long-Sought Federal Shield Law?* 93 Or. L. Rev. 193 (2014)

#### **Presentations**

*"eDiscovery in the Zoom Age: Practical Considerations and Potential Pitfalls,"* Oregon Association of Defense Counsel Annual Meeting, 2021.

#### **Practice Areas**

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## **Honors & Affiliations**

### **Professional Affiliations**

Oregon Association of Defense Counsel

Oregon Women Lawyers

Multnomah Bar Association

Legal Aid Night Clinic

[Michael E. Haglund Pro Bono Award](#)

Campaign for Equal Justice Associates Committee

Community Warehouse Board, 2021-present