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Bio

Laura Hartz represents and advises businesses, entrepreneurs, nonprofits, and individuals on a wide range of issues, including land use, real estate, acquisitions, project development, due diligence, site control, nonprofit matters, and general business matters. Laura also has specialized expertise in energy and natural resources, as well as agriculture and food systems, and is able to provide guidance to clients on opportunities related to these areas.

As a business and real estate attorney, Laura is able to combine her passion for helping clients and her interest in energy, food, agriculture, and land use. Recent examples of her work include serving as transactional counsel for a large land trust, guiding a solid waste client through emergency local permitting in the aftermath of a facility fire, leading the acquisition of a boutique hotel for a regional developer, and assisting a sustainable agriculture nonprofit with organizational issues. Laura has been recognized by national and regional publications such as Super Lawyers who listed her as 2024 “Rising Star.”

Practice Areas

Business & Corporate
Non-Profit & Tax Exempt
Entities
Energy & Public Utility Law
Environmental & Natural
Resources
Land Use & Conservation
Real Estate

Admissions

Maine
New Hampshire
U.S. District Court for the
District of New Hampshire

Prior to joining Drummond Woodsum, Laura worked for another New England law firm where she represented a variety of clients, including a public garden, a community-supported solar company, a biomass power generator, a carbon credit development company, and an energy and natural gas provider. She also regularly appeared before Select Boards, Zoning Boards, and Planning Boards in pursuit of relief for various clients—both developers and those opposing development.

Representative matters included obtaining a variance for the placement of solar panels as part of negotiating a power purchase agreement and serving as local title counsel for an international renewable energy power company in its acquisition of a multi-county, wind energy project.

Laura enjoys exploring Maine's coast, mountains, and bakeries with her spouse, child, and chocolate lab. In addition to pursuing outdoor passions like trail running and bird watching, she likes to bake and coax her sourdough starter into doing the same.

Education

BA Hamilton College, *magna cum laude*

MS Tufts University

JD Vermont Law School, *magna cum laude*

Recognition

New Hampshire's Union Leader 40 under 40 Award

Phi Beta Kappa

James Soper Merrill Award at Hamilton College

Mission Scholar at Vermont Law School

Super Lawyer's Rising Star, 2024

Memberships

New Hampshire Women's Bar Association

New Hampshire Bar Association

Maine Bar Association

Community/Public Service

Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Hampshire, *Past President*