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FOCUS AREAS

Advertising, Promotions,
and Marketing

Internet Strategy and
Litigation

Litigation

Supreme Court and
Appellate

HIGHLIGHTS

Leading Internet Lawyer

Lauren represents the world's leading internet services in connection with a range of sensitive and cutting-edge litigation and regulatory matters. She recently defended YouTube and Google as trial counsel in the landmark social media addiction bellwether trial in Los Angeles.

Precedent-Setting Victories

Over the past decade, Lauren has played a central role in litigating some of the most significant cases affecting intermediary liability for hosting and moderating content online, including *Prager University v. Google*, *Gonzalez v. Google*, *Taamneh v. Twitter*, and *NetChoice v. Moody*.

Decorated Practitioner

Lauren has been consistently recognized as a leader in her field by various publications. She was named to *Bloomberg Law's* 2023 "They've Got Next: The 40 Under 40" list, included among the *Daily Journal's* 2023 "Top Women Lawyers," and recognized by the *Daily Journal* in its 2020 "Top 40 Under 40" list. She was also named among *Lawdragon's* "500 Leading Litigators in America," in 2024, 2025 and 2026.

EXPERIENCE

Lauren Gallo White is a partner in Wilson Sonsini's internet strategy and litigation group, where she represents industry-leading internet and digital media companies in complex, high-stakes litigation and regulatory matters involving novel technology and novel theories of liability. Her practice focuses on issues related to online content moderation, online speech, privacy, and intellectual property. She has significant experience managing all phases of litigation in state and federal courts around the country—from trial to the U.S. Supreme Court. Lauren regularly advises clients on issues related to product design, product marketing, and general operations, including matters relating to content hosting, removal, and filtering, as well as decisions about data use and management. She also regularly advises clients regarding risks arising from the operation of generative AI chatbots.

Lauren is lead counsel for Google and YouTube in a range of cases attacking their content-moderation practices on a variety of grounds. She has secured numerous, precedent-setting victories in cases involving Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act, the First Amendment, the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA), the Lanham Act, federal and state anti-discrimination laws, the Video Privacy Protection Act (VPPA), the Wiretap Act (ECPA), and the Anti-Terrorism Act.

Lauren has authored numerous amicus briefs in the federal courts of appeal and in the U.S. Supreme Court, including on behalf of public interest groups in cases addressing important legal and policy issues related to free speech, technology, privacy, and intellectual property (e.g., *Woodhull Freedom Foundation v. United States*; *United States v. Microsoft*; *West Virginia v. Environmental Protection*

Agency; Carolyn Jewel, et al., v. National Security Agency, et al.; Malwarebytes, Inc. v. Enigma Software Group USA, LLC; and Edgar v. Ratcliffe).

Prior to joining the firm, Lauren clerked for the Honorable Mary H. Murguia of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and for the Honorable William F. Kuntz, II of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York. Lauren previously worked as an associate at Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP.

CREDENTIALS

Education

- J.D., Columbia Law School
Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar; Recipient, Andrew D. Fried Memorial Prize for Best Student Essay on Intellectual Property Law; Editor-in-Chief, The Columbia Journal of Law & the Arts
- B.A., Rhetoric and English, University of California, Berkeley
Phi Beta Kappa, With High Distinction in General Scholarship, With Honors in Rhetoric

Honors

- Named among *Lawdragon's* "500 Leading Litigators in America," 2024-2026
- Recognized in the 2023 edition of *Bloomberg Law's* "They've Got Next: The 40 Under 40"
- Named among the *Daily Journal's* "Top Women Lawyers 2023," which recognizes top performing women lawyers in California
- Named by the *Daily Journal* to its 2020 list of California's "Top 40 Under 40," which recognizes leading attorneys who have achieved outstanding results on behalf of clients
- Recipient, Wilson Sonsini Pro Bono Service Award, 2016-2018 and 2020
- Honored with a "Commitment to Justice Award" by Her Justice (formerly InMotion) in 2013 for her successful pro bono representation of a mother seeking custody and child support in the New York Family Court

Admissions

- State Bar of California
- State Bar of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

MATTERS

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- Trial counsel for YouTube and Google in the landmark bellwether social media addiction trial and in the ongoing consolidated mass proceedings.
- Counsel for NetChoice and the Computer & Communications Industry Association (CCIA) in its successful constitutional challenge to Florida's Social Media Platforms Bill, SB7072.
- Counsel for CCIA in its successful constitutional challenge to Texas's App Store Accountability Act, SB2420.
- Counsel for Roku in defending against a case brought by Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel, asserting privacy violations under the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), the VPPA, and state privacy laws.
- Counsel for Google in *Garcia v. Character Technologies, Inc.*, a landmark litigation seeking to hold a generative AI chatbot platform liable for allegedly addicting a minor user and causing his death by suicide.
- Appellate counsel for Google in *In re: Google Play Store Simulated Casino-Style Games Litigation* —a multidistrict litigation brought by users of allegedly illegal "social casino" apps.
- Defeated class certification and secured a favorable settlement for YouTube in *Schneider v. YouTube*, a putative class action seeking to hold YouTube liable for direct and secondary copyright infringement.

- Successfully defended Google and YouTube in cases challenging their decisions to remove or limit access to online content, including *e-ventures v. Google*, *Tulsi Now v. Google*, and *Prager University v. Google*, in which the Ninth Circuit issued the first federal appellate decision holding that private online platforms are not public forums subject to the First Amendment.
- Secured summary judgment for Google in a case brought by stock photo company that attacked Google's search results and advertising operations as anticompetitive and fraudulent (*Dreamstime LLC v. Google LLC*).
- Successfully defended Google in nearly a dozen separate cases seeking to hold it responsible for terrorist attacks around the world (including *Gonzalez et al. v. Google*).
- Counsel for online advertising, digital media, and internet companies in putative class actions alleging violations of privacy and consumer protection laws (e.g., *In re Nickelodeon Consumer Privacy Litigation*).
- Secured denial of temporary restraining order against YouTube in a suit filed three weeks ahead of the 2020 U.S. presidential election by a group of creators linked to the QAnon conspiracy theory seeking to compel YouTube to restore their YouTube channels.