

## LAURA P. MACDONALD, Partner

*Laura MacDonald is a partner in the firm's International Arbitration and Complex Commercial Litigation practice groups, and co-chair of the Lobbying Law & Government Ethics practice group. Ms. MacDonald represents companies in complex commercial disputes and class actions spanning a broad range of industries and substantive areas. In addition to litigation, she has significant experience representing clients in domestic and international commercial arbitrations as well as investor-state arbitrations conducted under the auspices of the major arbitral institutions.*

Ms. MacDonald also has experience counseling and representing companies and individuals in regulatory matters, including before the United States Department of Justice and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Ms. MacDonald maintains an active pro bono practice, which has ranged from representing an incarcerated person in a civil rights jury trial to obtaining political asylum for a mother and son in removal proceedings.

Ms. MacDonald received her B.A. in Political Science from Northwestern University in 2003. She then served in the White House Office of Cabinet Affairs and Domestic Policy Council before earning her J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law in 2008. Prior to joining Jenner & Block, Ms. MacDonald monitored the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC) in Phnom Penh for Northwestern's Center for International Human Rights.

Since 2014, Ms. MacDonald has been recognized annually by Super Lawyers as a New York Metro Area Rising Star.

### Awards

- *Legal500*  
International Arbitration, 2021
- Lawdragon 500 Global Litigation Lawyers, 2021
- Jenner & Block Mentorship Award, 2016
- *New York Metro Super Lawyers*  
"Rising Star," Business Litigation, Alternative Dispute Resolution  
2014-2019

### Community

- Northwestern Law Alumni Club of NYC  
Board Member.



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### PRACTICE GROUPS

Complex Commercial Litigation  
Financial Services Litigation  
International Arbitration  
Litigation  
Lobbying Law and Government Ethics

### EDUCATION

Northwestern University School of Law, J.D.,  
2008; *cum laude*; Managing Editor, *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*

Northwestern University, B.A., 2003; *cum laude*; Political Science Department  
Honors

### ADMISSIONS

New York, 2009

### COURT ADMISSIONS

US District Court, Southern District of New  
York, 2010

US District Court, Eastern District of New  
York, 2010

## Service to the Bar

- International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution  
Member, Arbitration and Y-ADR Steering Committees

Representative current and past engagements of Ms. MacDonald's include:

- Representing an Italian investor in an investor-state arbitration regarding real estate projects;
- Defending a U.S. multinational corporation in an international arbitration against a claim by an Asian municipality for rescission of a fully performed contract worth more than 100 million Euros;
- Defending a manufacturer in an international arbitration against a claim for over 50 million dollars in damages for various contract breaches;
- Defending companies against class action lawsuits involving:
  - disclosure of tax consequences of debt cancellation by debt collectors under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act; and
  - marketing and advertising practices related to consumer products under various state consumer fraud statutes;
- Representing various companies in purchase price and valuation process disputes;
- Representing a bond issuer in a dispute with an indenture trustee over redemption of high-yield notes;
- Representing an asset manager in a lawsuit concerning the potential early termination of an interest rate swap;
- Representing an originator in a Department of Justice Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act (FIRREA) investigation.

Pro bono engagements include:

- Obtaining asylum for a mother and son from El Salvador in removal proceedings;
- Representing a New York State prisoner in a jury trial in the Southern District of New York on his section 1983 claim of deliberate indifference to serious medical needs;
- Representing a victim of domestic abuse against claims of child neglect.

## Publications

- Co-Author, "Covered Investors," *The Investment Treaty Arbitration Review*, July 6, 2021
- Co-Author, Client Alert: Supreme Court to Decide Whether US Courts Can Assist Discovery in Private International Commercial Arbitrations, March 30, 2021
- Co-Author, Client Alert: Submission Agreements – How to Join the Pandemic Arbitration Party Even If You Weren't Invited, June 29, 2020
- Co-Author, Client Alert: Lobbying Considerations During the COVID-19 Pandemic, April 17, 2020
- Updated Guide on Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards and Court Judgments in the United States (2nd ed.), November 30, 2018
- New Guides on Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards and Court Judgments in the United States and England and Wales, October 2017

## Speaking Engagements

- Current Issues in Federal and State Lobbying, Jenner & Block Lobbying Law and Government Ethics Practice, November 13, 2019
- “Strategies for Managing Complex Litigation,” Association of Corporate Counsel of New York City, June 13, 2019