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Lauren is a litigation associate in the Eminent Domain Department at Richards, Watson & Gershon and primarily focuses on government contracts. She has extensive experience litigating throughout every step of the process from the initial filing of the case to assisting in remedies after a successful verdict.

PRACTICE AREAS

Eminent Domain

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Southern California, Gould School of Law

B.A., *magna cum laude*, University of Southern California

WORK FOR CLIENTS

Lauren has represented a range of governmental entities on a variety of land use and real property related issues and has helped each of them achieve their individually tailored goals.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Prior to joining Richards, Watson & Gershon in 2024, Lauren was at Michelman and Robinson, where she specialized in complex corporate litigation.

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

Member, Los Angeles County Bar Association

EXPERIENCE

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

- ▶ **Fishback v. County of Ventura.** Represented County of Ventura as lead trial counsel in significant environmental protection case involving illegal dumping of 8,000 truckloads of unpermitted construction debris into the canyons above Simi Valley, CA. Obtained judgment in favor of county ordering defendants to clean up all unpermitted fill material, and to pay \$21.7 million in statutory penalties to the county — the maximum statutory penalty

under the Public Resources Code. This case represents the first statutory penalties ever awarded for illegal disposal of solid waste.

PUBLICATIONS

Handling Claims Against Government Entities: Here's How and When to Do It, Action Guide
Continuing Education of the Bar, California (2010)

Co-Author, California Government Tort Liability Practice
Continuing Education of the Bar, California (2014)