

Laura M. Maletta Senior Associate



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PRACTICE AREAS

- · Breach of Contract
- · Commercial Litigation
- Cyber Risk and Losses
- General Liability Coverage and Defense
- Insurance
- · Products Liability
- · Property Insurance
- Subrogation

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

- State Courts: New York, New Jersey
- United States District Courts: Southern District of New York; Eastern District of New York

EDUCATION

- Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, J.D., 2011
- New York University, magna cum laude, B.A., 2008

Laura's practice is focused on litigating and counseling her clients, including many of the world's largest insurance companies, on complex insurance coverage disputes. She has handled a diverse range of litigation in both state and federal courts across the country in first-party and third-party insurance coverage claims involving commercial property, builder's risk, equipment breakdown, commercial general liability, and cyber policies.

Her thorough approach to handling claims ensures that her clients' matters move forward expediently while also preserving their interests throughout the claim process.

Laura has experience working on both sides of the aisle. Prior to joining Zelle, she represented insurers and insureds in insurance coverage, personal injury, and property damage matters, advising and managing her clients' risks at all stages. She also defended insurers, municipalities, universities, and manufacturers.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Insurance Coverage

Prevailed on motions to dismiss on behalf of primary and excess insurers in cases seeking over \$100 million in business interruption coverage resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Represented New York City developer who sustained substantial property and soft costs damages when a frozen pipe burst. Settled the insured's claim for \$2.2 million dollars prior to depositions.

Represented self-insured in declaratory judgment action on additional insured coverage issues (*DD 11th Ave, LLC v. Harleysville Insurance Company of New York*)

Represented restaurant's Superstorm Sandy illusory coverage claim. Obtained favorable settlement.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

New York State Bar Association



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Selected for	nclusion in Best Lawyer	rs: Ones to Watch, 2024.