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Lauren Watson is an associate in the Tax, Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation Practice Group in the firm's Chicago office.

Prior to earning her law degree, Lauren was a pilot in the US Air Force, primarily flying the E-3 AWACS out of Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma. Notably, she deployed in support of Operation Inherent Resolve in 2017, where she flew more than 340 combat flight hours and earned an Air Medal for Meritorious Achievement in Aerial Flight. In addition to her flying duties, Lauren served in multiple command positions, including her position as a Training Squadron Flight Commander where she supervised new pilots, flight engineers, and navigators as they became initially qualified in the E-3. Lauren retired from the Air Force as a Captain (0-3) in 2019.

### **Practices**

Employee Benefits
Executive Compensation
Tax

#### Education

LL.M. in Taxation, Northwestern University, 2022 J.D., University of Oklahoma, 2022 B.A., Michigan State University, 2013

#### **Admissions**

Illinois

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