Laura L. Dunn is an experienced trial attorney and accomplished litigator. As a member of the firm's litigation practice, Laura focuses her expertise on providing clients with strategic advice and level-headed counsel in matters before state and federal courts.

In addition to commercial and business law background, Laura is a nationally recognized civil and victim rights attorney as well as a social entrepreneur whose work has been featured in Forbes, Buzzfeed, the National Law Journal, and many other media outlets. She also is a published legal scholar who previously taught at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law. She has served as a liaison to the American Law Institute (ALI) Model Penal Code on Sexual Assault and Student Sexual Misconduct Project and is a previously appointed member to the American Bar Association (ABA) Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence (2016-2019) and Criminal Justice Section Task Force on College Due Process and Victim Protection (2017).

Laura serves as an expert witness and consultant on high-profile Title IX and campus sexual assault cases, such as the Lauren McCluskey and Jerry Sandusky lawsuits. Laura has trained countless campus community members, advocates, and attorneys through prominent institutions and organizations, including the Federal Bar Association, the National Association of Women Judges, the College Republican National Committee, the Democratic Attorneys General Association, the University of Chicago's Institute of Politics, Harvard Law, Stanford University, the Wisconsin Department of Justice, the Texas Municipal Police Association, and the Arkansas Bar Association.

While a student at Maryland Law, Laura contributed to Obama-era Title IX guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Education and served on its 2014 rule-making committee to develop regulations for the Clery Act's amendments under Section 304 of the 2013 Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act ("VAWA"). For this national advocacy, Laura was publicly recognized by then-Vice President Joe Biden as well as then-Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy on the Senate floor.

Upon graduation, in 2014, Laura founded the national nonprofit, SurvJustice, which received the 2017 AAUW Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award. For her ongoing advocacy to increase the prospect of justice for survivors of campus sexual violence by holding perpetrators and enablers accountable, Laura has received several awards and recognition, including the 2015 Echoing Green Global Fellowship, the 2016 Benjamin Cardin Public Service Award, the 2017 Special Courage Award from the U.S. Department of Justice's Office for Victims of Crime, a 2018 TED Fellowship, 2019 Leading Women Award from The Daily Record, and the 2019 Top 40 under 40 for the National Trial Lawyers, among other awards and recognitions.

In 2019, Laura founded L.L. Dunn Law Firm, PLLC, a national law practice focused on Title IX and campus sexual assault cases. In 2024, she sold this practice to C.A. Goldberg, PLLC. She joins Bailey Duquette P.C. with an expanded practice focused on a variety of litigation topics, as well as commercial and business law

Education

University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law (J.D.)
University of Wisconsin - Madison (B.A.)

Bar Admission

U.S. Supreme Court
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
U.S. District Court, District of Columbia
U.S. District Court, District of Maryland
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan
U.S. District Court, District of North Dakota
District of Columbia
Maryland
New York
Virginia

Selected Publications

Laura L. Dunn, *Students are a Little Safer with Biden's New Title IX Regulations*, NEWSWEEK (May 2, 2024)

Laura L. Dunn, *Much Ado About Cummings: The Curtailment of Civil Rights Enforcement and its Impact on Title IX*, 56 CREIGHTON L. REV. 3, 277–97 (2023)

Laura L. Dunn, *Mutual is not Always Equitable: The Misuse of Mutual No Contact Orders in Title IX Proceedings*, 14 LIBERTY UNIV. L. REV. 2, 283–316 (2020)

Laura L. Dunn, *Preventable Tragedy in the Lauren McCluskey Case: Addressing Campus-Based Intimate Partner Violence under the Clery Act*, ABA FAMILY LAW J. (2020)

Laura L. Dunn, *Why the U.S. Needs to Pass the Equal Rights Amendment – Finally*, TED IDEAS BLOG (Oct. 5, 2018)

Laura L. Dunn, *Lawyer: Betsy DeVos Took Away My Moment of Justice*, WASH. POST (Sept. 11, 2017)

Wendy Davis & Laura L. Dunn, *DeVos is Wrong to Rewrite the Obama Administration's Sexual Assault Guidance, TIME'S MOTTO (Sept. 8, 2017)*

Jon Krakauer & Laura L. Dunn, *Don't Weaken College Rape Policies*, NYT (Aug. 4, 2017)

Laura L. Dunn, *The Anti-Campus Sexual Assault Activism Movement Under Title IX, in PREVENTING SEXUAL VIOLENCE ON CAMPUS: CHALLENGING TRADITIONAL APPROACHES THROUGH PROGRAM INNOVATION* (Sara Carrigan Wooten & Roland W. Mitchell eds., 2016)

Laura L. Dunn, *Addressing Sexual Violence in Higher Education: Ensuring Compliance with the Clery Act, Title IX, and VAWA*, 15 GEO. J. GENDER & L. 3, 563–84 (2015) (Cited in Doe v. Hagenbeck, 870 F.3d 36, 53 n. 7 (2d Cir. 2017) (Chin, J., dissenting).

Laura L. Dunn, *Must Justice for Women Presume Guilt of the Accused?* WSJ (Dec. 12, 2013)

Selected Speaking Engagements

School-Based Title IX Proceedings, National Alliance of Victim Rights Attorneys & Advocates, National Crime Victim Law Institute (Dec. 4, 2024)

The ERA – Why Do We Care, Women in Law Section, New York State Bar Association (New York, NY) (Jan. 18, 2024)

Preserving Access & Protecting Victims: The Role for Advocates as Title IX & Clery Act Advisors, Annual Conference on Crime Victim's Issues, Virginia Victim Assistance Network (Virginia Beach, VA) (Nov. 16, 2023)

Title IX Damages Post-Cummings, Mid-Year Conference, National Crime Victim Bar Association (Washington, D.C.) (Mar. 31, 2023)

Title IX: Serving as an Advisor in Campus Proceedings to Build Your Lawsuit, Annual Conference, National Crime Victim Bar Association (St. Louis, MO) (Oct. 8, 2022)

Gender Violence, Renaissance Weekend (Monterey Bay, CA) (Sept. 4, 2022)

Sexual Violence & Abuse of Powers in Higher Education, Title IX Conference, UVA School of Law (Charlottesville, VA) (Apr. 1, 2022)

Deliberate Indifference? Holding Law Enforcement & Educational Institutions Accountable for Effectively Responding to Sexual Assault, Pugh Symposium on Social Justice, Louisiana State University (Baton Rouge, LA) (Mar. 25, 2022)

Title IX, High Education Resource Services (HERS) (Virtual) (Oct. 19, 2021)

Title IX & Sexual Misconduct on Campus, 26th San Diego International Summit on Violence, Abuse & Trauma Across the Lifespan (Virtual) (Aug. 29, 2021)

Responding to K-12 Sexual Misconduct: A Guide to School Personnel Navigating the 2020 Title IX Regulations, Pennsylvania Coalition Against Sexual Assault (Virtual) (Aug. 3, 2021)

Representing Students of Campus Gender Violence, Maryland Crime Victim Rights Conference (Virtual) (Apr. 20, 2021)

School Resource Officer and Title IX: K-12 Responses to Sexual Misconduct, End Violence Against Women International (EVAWI) (Virtual) (Apr. 6, 2021)

Using the Clery Act Where the New Title IX Regulations Fail, ABA (Virtual) (Jan. 27, 2021)

The New Title IX Regulations: A New Era, D.C. Bar Association (Virtual) (Aug. 3, 2020)

Sexual Assault Claims on the College Campus, Pennsylvania Bar Institute (Philadelphia, PA) (Feb. 7, 2020)

Mutual Is Not Equitable: Misuse of No Contact Orders in Title IX Proceedings, Liberty University Law Symposium (Lynchburg, VA) (Nov. 1, 2019)

Federal Law Overview, Pro-Bono Attorney Network Training, Equal Rights Advocates (San Francisco, CA) (Apr. 26, 2019)

Keynote, Teal Meal, Students Against Sexual Violence, James Madison University (Harrisonburg, VA) (Apr. 25, 2019)

Uneven Bars: Reporting Sexual Assault in College Sports, Spring CLE Conference, ABA (Baltimore, MD) (Apr. 11, 2019)

Title IX Panel, Employment Practice Group Annual Meeting, JAMS (New York City, NY) (Apr. 5, 2019)

Trauma, Title IX Neutrals Training, JAMS (Washington, DC) (Mar. 6, 2019)

Title IX & Campus Sexual Assault Panel, Name It, Face It Symposium, Harvard Graduate School of Education (Cambridge, MA) (Sept. 21, 2018)

Women's Caucus, Natural Resource Defense Counsel (Washington, DC) (Sept. 4, 2018)

Keynote, 6th Annual Title IX Summit, Rowan University (Glassboro, NJ) (June 12, 2018)

It's Time for the Law to Protect Victims of Gender Violence, TED Talk (Vancouver, Canada) (May 2, 2018)

Title IX, Fall Policy Conference, Democratic Attorneys General Association (Nashville, TN) (Sept. 14, 2017)

Campus Sexual Assault Training, Statewide Law Enforcement Training on Violence Against Women, Texas Municipal Police Association (San Antonio, TX) (July 7, 2017)

Best Practices in Addressing Campus Sexual Assault, Wisconsin Department of Justice, UW–Stevens Point (Stevens Point, WI) (July 2, 2017)

Title IX & Campus Sexual Assault, Arkansas State Bar Association, Annual ArkBar (Hot Springs, AR) (June 16, 2017)

Mitigating Campus Sexual Assault in a Changing Political Climate, Scar School of Policy & Government, George Mason University (Fairfax, VA) (Apr. 18, 2017)

Keynote, Annual Conference, Virginia State Sex Offender Treatment Association (Williamsburg, VA) (Mar. 17, 2017)

Title IX Investigations, 38th Annual National Conference on Law & Higher Education, Center for Excellence in Higher Education Law & Policy (Orlando, FL) (Feb. 11-12, 2017)

Campus Sexual Assault: Overview of What You Need to Know for Campus Proceedings, Part 1-3, National Alliance of Victim Rights Attorneys (Virtual) (Oct. 13, 2016; Sept. 14, 2016; Aug. 10, 2016)

Guest Lecture, One in Five: The Law, Policy & Politics of Campus Sexual Assault, Stanford University (Washington, DC) (Sept. 9, 2015 & Sept. 13, 2016)

Campus Sexual Violence, National Sexual Assault Conference (Washington, DC) (Sept. 1, 2016)

Representing College Students in Campus Hearings, Federal Bar Association (Virtual) (June 29, 2016)

Sexual Assault, College Campuses & the Military, 11th Annual Congressional Caucus, National Association of Women Judges (Washington, DC) (June 22, 2016)

Breaching the Ivory Tower: Effective Legal Advocacy within Campus Hearings, Annual Victim Rights Conference, National Crime Victim Law Institution (Portland, OR) (June 11, 2016)

Campus Sexual Assault as an Institutional Balancing Act: Procedural Requirements under VAWA, Theorizing Consent, University of Texas–Austin (Austin, TX) (Apr. 30, 2016)

Campus Sexual Assault: A Civil Rights Perspective, Six-Part Luncheon Series, Civil Right & Social Justice Section, ABA (Teleconference) (Feb. 25, 2016)

Effective Representation of Victims of Campus Violence: A Victim Legal Assistance Network Training, National Crime Victim's Law Institute (Virtual) (Feb. 17, 2016)

Keynote, La. Sexual Assault Student Activist Conference, Newcomb College Institution, Tulane University (New Orleans, LA) (Feb. 13, 2016)

Keynote, 33rd Annual Conference on Crime Victim's Issues, Virginia Victim's Assistance Network (Williamsburg, VA) (Nov. 19, 2015)

Campus Sexual Violence Adjudication Training, University of Maryland – Baltimore County (Baltimore, MD) (Sept. 20, 2015)

Guest Lecture, One in Five: The Law, Policy & Politics of Campus Sexual Assault, Stanford

University (Washington, DC) (Sept. 9, 2015)

Campus Sexual Assault: Prevention, Support & Justice, National Global Health Law: O'Neill Colloquium, Georgetown University Law Center (Washington, DC) (Sept. 9, 2015)

Advocacy under the Campus SaVE Act: Addressing Gender Violence on Campus, Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault (Virtual) (Aug. 12, 2015)
Campus Safety: Addressing Sexual Violence, 61st Biennial Convention, College Republican National Committee (Washington, DC) (June 12, 2015)

Preparing for the Red Zone: Tackling Sexual Assault on Campus, Stetson Center for Excellence in Higher Education Law & Policy (Virtual) (May 5, 2015)

Supporting Survivors of Campus Sexual Violence, Beyond Campus Adjudication Conference, University of New Hampshire School of Law (Durham, NH) (Mar. 17, 2015)

Strengthening Title IX: Campus Safety, Accountability & Transparency, Institute of Politics, University of Chicago (Chicago, IL) (Mar. 11, 2015)

Victim Activism Plenary, 2015 Violence Prevention Conference, National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) (National Harbor, MD) (Jan. 12, 2015)

Addressing Campus Sexual Assault, Annual Campus Adjudicator Training, University of Maryland – Baltimore County (Baltimore, MD) (Sept. 20, 2014)

Campus SaVE Act Update, CUPIC, George Mason University (Fairfax, VA) (Aug. 6, 2014)

Voices Panel, Sexual Assault Summit, Dartmouth College (Hanover, NH) (July 15, 2014)

The Fight Against Campus Sexual Assault, 10th Annual Young Feminist Leadership Conference, Feminist Majority Foundation (Washington, DC) (Mar. 29, 2014)

Campus Sexual Violence Activism, Converge! Reimagining the Movement to End Gender Violence, University of Miami Law School (Miami, FL) (Feb. 8, 2014)

The Public Duty Doctrine: Lessons from Castle Rock, Annual Victim Rights Conference, National Crime Victim Law Institute (Portland, OR) (June 7, 2013)

Keynote, Campus Sexual Assault Conference, Justice Center for Research, Penn State University (University Park, PA) (Oct. 15, 2013)

Overview of Clery & Sexual Assault Response, Campus Grantee Training, Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice (Washington, DC) (Feb. 29, 2012)

Guest Lecturer, Title IX Seminar, Harvard Law School (Cambridge, MA) (Sept. 6. 2010)

Professional Affiliations

American Bar Association
National Crime Victim Bar Association
New York State Bar Association
New York City Bar Association
Virginia State Bar Association
Maryland State Bar Association
District of Columbia Bar Association
National Crime Victim Bar Association
National Women's Law Center Title IX Attorney Group