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Education

J.D., University of Arkansas
School of Law, 2015 (*summa cum laude*)

B.A., University of Arkansas, 2012

Bar Admissions

Not admitted in Illinois

Arkansas

Texas

Experience

Law Clerk, Hon. J. Leon Holmes, U.S.
District Court for the Eastern District of
Arkansas

Publications

Co-author, "Pro Bono Work: The
Benefits Outweigh the Costs,"
American Bar Association, June 2026

Author, "Four Steps to Making
Deposition Designations Less
Dreadful," American Bar Association,
August 20, 2025

Author, "Five Tips for Preparing an
Organized Trial Cross-Examination
Outline," American Bar Association,
December 11, 2024

Co-author, "Preparing a Corporate
Representative for Deposition:
Digital Due Diligence," American Bar
Association, July 27, 2022

Co-author, "Defending a Product
Liability MDL Remand: A Checklist
for Taking Over a Remanded Case,"
American Bar Association, July
22, 2021

Lauren Grinder focuses her practice on representing product manufacturers in mass tort proceedings in federal and state courts.

Ms. Grinder has extensive experience guiding clients through all phases of high-stakes litigation — including written discovery, deposition, workup, trial and appeal — and authoring and arguing dispositive motions in state and federal courts. She has significant experience developing and preparing trial narratives from the outset of litigation to a jury verdict. Accordingly, she has led the preparation of key witnesses for deposition and trial testimony in bellwether cases, presented at mock jury exercises and prepared the trial cross-examinations of expert witnesses. She has also assisted with preparing opening statements and closing arguments, developing facts and trial strategy from litigation outset, and selecting bellwether trial candidates.

Beyond litigation, Ms. Grinder has experience providing regulatory compliance and risk management advice to pharmaceutical companies and medical device manufacturers, as well as in guiding clients in response to civil investigative demands from state attorneys general.

Prior to joining Skadden, Ms. Grinder practiced at another global law firm. Her representative matters included:

- serving on a trial team that secured a defense verdict in a suit claiming personal injuries related to Roundup use
- serving on trial teams that secured defense verdicts in suits claiming personal injuries related to a medical device
- defending a multinational food and beverage corporation in coordinated state court proceedings and federal multidistrict litigation alleging failure to warn and design defect
- defending a major pharmaceutical company in multidistrict litigation alleging failure to warn
- defending a *Fortune* 500 chemical manufacturer in environmental and product liability litigation in state and federal courts
- defending a global health care and medical technology company in multidistrict litigation alleging failure to warn and design defect