Lauren T. Rhoads

Associate

Lauren Rhoads joined Ottenwess Law in 2026 as an associate attorney. Ms. Rhoads is an experienced defense litigator who focuses her practice on medical malpractice, professional liability, and healthcare law, with a particular emphasis on appellate work. Her appellate practice includes the Michigan Court of Appeals, Michigan Supreme Court, and Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. She has also contributed to briefing presented before the United States Supreme Court.

Ms. Rhoads is licensed to practice law in Michigan and is admitted to the United States District Court of Eastern Michigan and United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. She is also a member of the Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society Advocates Guild and the Michigan Defense Trial Counsel.

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Bar Admissions

State Bar of Michigan, November 2022
United States District Court of Eastern Michigan, March 2025
United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, December 2025

Legal Experience

Ottenwess Law, PLC Southfield, MI
Associate Attorney, November 2026 – Present

Foley, Baron, Metzger, & Juip, PLLC Livonia, MI
Associate Attorney, November 2022 – October 2026

Foley, Baron, Metzger, & Juip, PLLC Livonia, MI
Paralegal, October 2021 – November 2022

Emily G. Thomas, Esq. Lansing, MI
Law Clerk, October 2020-May 2021

Michigan Department of Health and Human Resources Lansing, MI
Policy & Planning Administration Intern, May 2020 – August 2020

Bahrie Law, PLC Lansing, MI
Law Clerk, May 2019 – August 2020

Corbet, Shaw, Essad, & Bonasso, PLLC Warren, MI
Litigation Paralegal, April 2015 – August 2018

Education

Michigan State University College of Law, East Lansing, MI
Juris Doctor, Concentration in Health Law – 2021

Honors & Activities:

- Environmental & Agricultural Law Society, *President*
- MSU Law Board of Advocates, *Member*
- Moot Court Health Law Team, *Member*
- Dean's List, *Honoree*

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
Bachelor of Arts, International Studies-Global Environment & Health Policy – 2017

Honors & Activities:

- Alpine Ski Team, *Member*
- Pi Beta Phi Sorority, *Member*
- The Detroit Partnership, *Planning Team Officer & Community Coordinator*
- Global Brigades – Medical/Public Health Brigade, *Team Member*

Professional Honors and Awards

- Super Lawyers Rising Star, Medical Malpractice Defense – 2024, 2025, 2026
- DBusiness Top Lawyer, Medical Malpractice Law – 2026
- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America® – 2027
- Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society Advocates Guild, *Member*

Professional Affiliations

- State Bar of Michigan, Health Care Law & Appellate Sections, *Member*
- Michigan Defense Trial Counsel, *Member*
- Michigan Defense Trial Counsel Softball Team, *Member*
- Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society, *Member*
- ABA Regional Arbitration Competition, *Volunteer Judge*