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Partner Laura Labeots Named Among Crain's Notable Women in Law

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Sept. 9, 2020 — Lathrop GPM Partner [Laura Labeots, Ph.D.](#) was recently named a 2020 [Notable Women in Law](#) honoree by *Crain's Chicago Business*. The recognition highlights “women who have a track record of setting legal precedents, winning big cases for their clients and mentoring the next wave of women in law — all while finding ways to give back to their communities.”

An [Intellectual Property](#) partner in the firm's Chicago office, Labeots advises on worldwide patent and trademark prosecution, litigation, opinion work (freedom-to-operate, patentability, invalidity and infringement analyses), due diligence, licensing, trade secrets and *inter partes* review proceedings before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Labeots noteworthy experience includes helping a prominent research institution procure a large portfolio of patents related to Nobel-prize winning nucleic acids-based research; drafting an Amicus Brief for the U.S. Supreme Court for the prominent case, *Athena Diagnostics v. Mayo Collaborative Services*, which deals with subject matter eligibility of biotech patents; executing a worldwide prosecution strategy for a large corporation involved in polymer manufacturing; and implementing a patent portfolio plan for a multi-million dollar, high-tech company specializing in holography and laser technologies.

In addition, Labeots is an active member of the Lathrop GPM [Women's Initiative Network](#) that provides support, firmwide networking and mentoring for women attorneys, and is a co-chair of the Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago's Biotech Committee as well as a member of its Amicus Committee.

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