



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.