

Hinshaw Adds Partner Laura Cannon to Government Practice in New Orleans

Laura Cannon brings former federal appeals court experience.

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Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP today announced that Laura Cannon has joined the firm's appellate team within the Government Practice Group as a partner in New Orleans. Previously, Cannon served as a Criminal Justice Act Attorney for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Cannon's arrival closely follows the addition of Carol Rooney, who joined the appellate practice as a partner in Tampa earlier this spring, and Anshuman Vaidya, who joined the Government Practice Group as a partner in Chicago, also earlier this year.

"Laura's experience with the Fifth Circuit and the inner workings of the federal appeals court process brings significant depth to our appellate team," said Catherine Weiler, who heads Hinshaw's appellate practice. "Hinshaw has handled 19 cases before the Fifth Circuit just in the last five years. With her addition, we are expanding our appellate practice on the Gulf Coast and nationwide. We are so pleased that she has joined the firm."

Cannon has extensive experience with a broad range of appellate matters, judicial opinions, and issues of first impression. Her practice focuses on appellate cases related to commercial litigation, insurance matters, and consumer financial services. She also advises clients on white-collar crime compliance and defends public entities in constitutional cases. She decided to return to private law practice at Hinshaw because of the firm's geographic footprint, nationwide appellate practice, and presence in New Orleans.

"I worked previously with Lauren Campisi, who leads the New Orleans office," Cannon said. "I really appreciate her leadership and management approach. Hinshaw's reputation as a leading appellate and litigation firm was a big draw for me as well. I'm looking forward to growing my practice and helping expand the appellate group."

She began her law practice at McGlinchey Stafford and practiced at other firms in New Orleans. She also served as a law clerk for the Hon. Judge Stephen Higginson on the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Hon. Judge Nanette Jolivet Brown on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

In addition to her law practice, she serves as a mentor to women college students through Generation Hope, an organization that works to provide educational and economic opportunities for teen parents and their children.

Cannon earned her B.A., *cum laude*, in political science and history from Tulane University, and her J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Tulane University Law School.

Media Coverage

- *LawFuel*: “[Hinshaw Adds Partner Laura Cannon to Government Practice in New Orleans](#)” (April 23, 2025)
- *Bloomberg Law*: “[Hinshaw Recruits Laura Cannon as Government Practice Partner](#)” (April 24, 2025)
- *Bloomberg Law*: “[Laterals, Moves, In-House](#)” (April 25, 2025)
- *The Advocate*: “[New hires at Pennington, Hinshaw & Culbertson, Advantage Capital](#)” (April 27, 2025)
- *Nola.com*: “[New hires at West Jefferson Medical Center, Advantage Capital, Hinshaw & Culbertson](#)” (April 27, 2025)
- *Westlaw Today*: “[Hinshaw names new appellate partner in New Orleans](#)” (April 28, 2025)
- *Global Legal Chronicle*: “[Hinshaw Adds Partner Laura Cannon to Government Practice in New Orleans](#)” (April 29, 2025)
- *New Orleans CityBusiness*: “[Laura Cannon, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP](#)” (April 29, 2025)
- *Louisiana State Bar Association Bar Journal*: “[People, Lawyers on the Move, Newsmakers](#)” (August/September 2025)

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