

Lauren Baer was raised in Florida's 18th Congressional District and calls Palm Beach Gardens home.

Lauren served in the Obama Administration acting as a senior advisor to Secretaries of State Hillary Clinton and John Kerry, and to U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Samantha Power. Lauren was responsible for ensuring that the promotion of U.S. values remained central to foreign policy and advised on a range of critical national security issues related to human rights and international law. Earlier in her career, Lauren was a litigator whose practice focused on international disputes and federal appeals. Lauren had an active pro bono practice that included successfully convincing the U.S. Supreme Court to limit the reach of Citizens United.

Lauren's extended family owns and operates Baer's Furniture, which was founded by her great-grandparents and has been providing home furnishings to families in the region since the late 1960s. After spending time in the family business, her father founded a commercial real estate company, which he operates from Palm Beach Gardens.

Lauren holds a B.A. from Harvard University, a J.D. from Yale Law School, and a MPhil from the University of Oxford, where she was a Marshall Scholar. She is also a proud graduate of Palm Beach County public schools, where she earned recognition as a valedictorian of Suncoast Community High School.

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