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OVERVIEW

Clients rely on Erica's command of trial tactics and strategy to guide them through complex commercial litigation.

Possessed of deep trial experience and end-to-end case management skills, Erica is a veteran litigator who has tackled a range of legal challenges, including contract disputes, real property litigation, business torts, employment litigation, and trust and probate litigation. She excels at leading litigation teams in connection with difficult subject matters, trying circumstances, and tough venues. She brings to each assignment a thorough understanding of the litigation process and how to use it to achieve her clients' business objectives. Her clients range from high-net-worth individuals and small and medium-sized businesses to large multinational corporations.

Throughout her career, Erica has given back to the community through pro bono representation, serving as a Guardian ad Litem and pro bono Attorney ad Litem for children in foster homes. Erica also served on the Next Generation Committee of the Shelter for Abused Women and Children.

Industry

Financial Services & Capital Markets

Services

Commercial Litigation

Consumer Fraud Litigation

Financial Services Litigation

Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution

Trust, Estate, & Fiduciary Litigation

Recognition

- Litigation Counsel of America, 2019-present
- Florida Super Lawyers, “Florida Rising Star,” 2013-2015; 2021
- Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, AV Peer Review Rating, 2013-present
- America’s Top 100 Bet-the-Company Litigators, 2019-present

Education

- J.D., Saint Louis University School of Law
 - Dean’s Scholar
- B.A., University of Illinois
 - English
 - Dean's List

Admissions

- Florida
- Illinois
- Missouri
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri

Community Leadership

- Board of Directors, Next Generation Committee, Shelter for Abused Women and Children, 2013-2015
- Guardian ad Litem, Lee & Collier Counties, 2011-2015
- Pro Bono Attorney ad Litem, Lee & Collier Counties, 2012-2015

*Erica works remotely and is licensed in Florida, practicing in Naples. Contact Erica via email or phone for in-person/virtual meetings. Use our Chicago address for mail/deliveries only.