



## Erin Beachum

### ASSOCIATE

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### OVERVIEW

## Erin defends clients in toxic tort and product liability matters.

Erin first came to the legal industry as a paralegal and quickly realized that the field would be an excellent fit for her love of writing and public speaking. However, what she enjoyed most about her paralegal role was simply working with clients: Erin loved getting to know their businesses and observing how the firm worked to customize legal strategies to fit individual client goals. Enthusiastic about the opportunity to work more directly with clients and help them get to where they wanted to be, Erin enrolled in law school.

As a law student, Erin soon discovered that she was especially fascinated by her tort classes. She knew mass tort would be a practice area applicable to a wide variety of clients and businesses, and she contributed to product liability research during her summer associateship at Husch Blackwell. Today, Erin represents clients in both mass tort and product liability litigation and particularly enjoys getting to know each individual client's business.

Many of the matters Erin works on take place in highly contentious Illinois venues for toxic tort cases, allowing her to draw on her experience as a judicial extern in Cook County. Erin's externship gave her the opportunity to work directly with a Cook County judge, getting a full perspective on how courts work and observing the interplay between judges and attorneys. She also draws on her award-winning work in law school moot court, where she learned to think quickly on her feet and to know her argument backwards and forwards.

### Industries

Manufacturing  
Technology  
Transportation

### Services

Asbestos Litigation  
Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution  
Product Liability  
Toxic Tort

At the end of a case, Erin wants clients to be confident that she's done everything in her power to fight for them.

## Education

- J.D., University of Illinois College of Law
  - *summa cum laude*
  - Order of the Coif
  - *University of Illinois Law Review*, Notes Editor
  - Frederick Green Moot Court Honorary Round Oralist
- B.A., Michigan State University
  - *summa cum laude*

## Admissions

- Illinois



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