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OVERVIEW

A leading Milwaukee trust and estate litigation attorney, Erin provides tenacious, pragmatic advocacy to clients in difficult situations.

Erin practices almost exclusively in the niche field of fiduciary litigation, asset disputes, and contested probate and trust litigation throughout Wisconsin. She represents individuals on all sides of contested probate administration, contested trust administration, guardianship cases, will contests, allegations of undue influence or competency questions during the drafting of estate planning documents, and other controversies surrounding the making or administering of estate plans. She also defends fiduciaries against actions seeking their removal. Erin frequently represents clients in evidentiary hearings and bench trials. As a Wisconsin trust and estate litigation attorney, she has handled cases across the state, and she has reached successful resolutions for clients in numerous counties, including Dane, Florence, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, St. Croix, Washington, and Waukesha Counties.

Erin came to the practice of law nearly 20 years ago as a civil litigator in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin area, handling a wide variety of cases. An assertive, driven personality who loved debate and oral argument, Erin thrived on winning for clients, and a decade ago, she began taking on Wisconsin fiduciary litigation and contested probate and trust cases. She loved having the opportunity to assist clients in such a personal area of law, and her fiduciary practice grew.

Known as a tenacious and determined advocate, Erin blends strategy with pragmatism in every case she handles. Recognizing the emotional toll that disputes

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over wills or inheritances can have on families, she collaborates closely with clients, helping them see the situation from an outsider's perspective. Ultimately, every legal move Erin makes is tailored to steer clients towards a successful resolution.

Experience

- Negotiated positive resolution of related guardianship, trust, and civil actions involving allegations of incompetency, undue influence, theft, and elder abuse in Dodge County.
- Reached pre-litigation resolution of life insurance proceeds dispute in Milwaukee County.
- Obtained order reducing and limiting personal representative's attorney's fees on behalf of beneficiary in Milwaukee County contested probate litigation.
- Successfully defended against trustee's attempt to liquidate trust assets for less than fair value in Kenosha County.
- Successfully negotiated the resolution of extended trust litigation in Milwaukee County for a trustee/beneficiary client, including the termination and division of multiple family trusts.
- Obtained additional discretionary trust distributions for beneficiary where payments were previously denied by trustee in Dane County.
- Reached multimillion-dollar settlement of a Milwaukee County estate dispute and wrongful death action on behalf of a beneficiary client.
- Facilitated transfer of corporate trusteeship for trustee/beneficiary clients in Waukesha County contested trust matter.
- Obtained order denying claim against estate on behalf of personal representative after evidentiary hearing in Milwaukee County contested probate litigation.
- Successfully defended individual trustee client in Milwaukee County against a petition to remove filed by beneficiary alleging undue influence.
- Succeeded in removal of personal representative in Florence County contested probate litigation.

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Experience

- Negotiated settlement of St. Croix County contested trust action on behalf of trustee in matter involving allegations of conversion and fraudulent modification of estate planning documents.
- Favorably resolved Milwaukee County probate litigation involving complex marital property issues and incompetency allegations.

Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America®*
  - Employment Law - Individuals, 2021-2027
  - Litigation - Trusts and Estates, 2024-2027
  - Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs, 2019-2027
- *BizTimes Media*
  - Notable Woman In Law
- The National Trial Lawyers Top 100 Civil Plaintiff Trial Lawyers in Wisconsin
- *Wisconsin Super Lawyers*, 2021-2025
  - Rising Star, 2009-2020
- *Wisconsin Law Journal*
  - Leader in the Law, 2017

Education

- J.D., Marquette University Law School
- B.A., Marquette University

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Admissions

- Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin

Community Leadership

- Marquette University Law School, Adjunct Faculty
- Divine Savior Holy Angels High School Mock Trial Coach
- Village of River Hills Elections Official



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