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Practice Areas

Business Finance,
Bankruptcy & Restructuring

Contract/Commercial

Admissions

Minnesota

Wisconsin

Education

Juris Doctor, University of
Minnesota Law School,
2009, *cum laude*

Bachelor of Science,
University of Wisconsin-
Madison, 2006



Erin has more than ten years' experience helping lenders, trade vendors, committees, debtors, buyers, and other creditors navigate all facets of insolvency, bankruptcy, and financial distress. This includes pre-bankruptcy advising and workouts, bankruptcy, and state court receivership proceedings. Recent experience includes:

- Negotiation of loan renewals, refinancing, and forbearance agreements;
- Litigation and resolution of cash collateral use, adequate protection, debtor-in-possession financing, critical vendor status, reclamation claims, executory contract and lease disputes, claims objections, automatic stay litigation, and dischargeability and avoidance actions;
- Representation of secured and unsecured creditors in commercial collections, foreclosures, and other complex commercial litigation matters including state and federal appeals;
- Asset sales and auctions through receivership or bankruptcy proceedings;
- Representation of Fee Examiners and Fee Committees in large Chapter 11 bankruptcies, through qualitative and quantitative analysis of fee applications and negotiation and litigation of disputes. Recent representative fee review engagements include: *In re Energy Future Holdings Corp., et al.*, *In re The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, et al.*, and *In re Samson Resources Corp.*

Prior to joining Godfrey & Kahn, Erin practiced bankruptcy and commercial litigation at a Madison law firm for five years, where she frequently appeared as counsel for a Chapter 7 panel trustee. While a student at the University of Wisconsin – Madison, Erin was a member of the women's crew team. In her free time, she continues to enjoy competitive rowing.

Court Admissions

United States District Court, Central District of Illinois
 United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois
 United States District Court, Southern District of Illinois
 United States District Court, Southern District of Indiana
 United States District Court, Northern District of Indiana
 United States District Court, District of Minnesota
 United States District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin
 United States District Court, Western District of Wisconsin
 Third Circuit Court of Appeals
 Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals

Professional Association Memberships

American Bankruptcy Institute
International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation
Western District of Wisconsin Bankruptcy Bar

Activities

American Bankruptcy Institute – Special Projects Leader, Real Estate Committee
Madison South Rotary Club – Board of Directors
Western District of Wisconsin Bankruptcy Bar – Treasurer, Past Chair

Honors

Recognized by *Super Lawyers* as a *Wisconsin Rising Star* (2011 - present)

Recognized by *Best Lawyers* "Ones to Watch" (Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2021 - present)