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### Practice Areas

Bankruptcy & Financial  
Restructuring

### Admissions

Minnesota

Vermont

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, Southern District of Texas  
 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 – Co-Chair, Real Estate Committee  
IWIRC, Wisconsin Chapter – Chair  
Madison South Rotary Club – Past President and Brat Czar  
Turnaround Management Association, Chicago/Midwest – Secretary and Milwaukee Committee Co-Chair  
Western District of Wisconsin Bankruptcy Bar – Treasurer, Past Chair

## Honors

American Bankruptcy Institute *40 Under 40* (2022)  
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)