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OVERVIEW

As a trial attorney focusing on toxic tort matters, Erin understands that preparation in complex subject areas is key for offering clients the best defense.

Erin works with trial teams to represent clients at all phases of asbestos litigation, toxic tort claims and allegations of product or premises liability in both state and federal courts. In addition to asbestos matters, Erin defends clients in talc and glyphosate litigation as well as manufacturers and suppliers of other chemical and agricultural products.

Manufacturers and suppliers of automobiles, their parts and components; construction products including electrical and plumbing components; and power generation equipment are among the clients that have relied on Erin's litigation strategies. Suppliers of raw talc and asbestos as well as insulation contractors also turn to Erin for counsel and litigation solutions.

Erin understands that knowing the law is not enough when preparing an optimal toxic tort defense. He enjoys collaborating with experts in a variety of fields both inside and outside the firm to stay on top of the science and create a winning case strategy. Erin also understands that going toe to toe with plaintiffs' experts at deposition is often where a case is won and that preparation is the key to success.

Clients value his energy and curiosity as well as his extensive litigation background. Erin also has experience in construction defense, real estate disputes, and has represented banks and loan

Industries

Manufacturing
Technology
Transportation

Services

Asbestos Litigation
Product Liability
Toxic Tort

servicers in mortgage fraud–based claims, all of which inform his view on building a solid defense strategy.

Prior to earning his law degree, Erin interned with the Long Beach City Prosecutor and Orange County Public Defender.

Experience

- Second chaired a month-long asbestos trial in Santa Monica, California involving allegations of asbestos exposure from insulation materials allegedly supplied by client. Obtained favorable settlement in this living mesothelioma matter just days before case went to the jury.
- Second chaired a five-week long talc trial in Pasadena, California involving allegations of exposure to an asbestos-contaminated cosmetic talcum powder product. Settled living mesothelioma matter on behalf of talc mining client just prior to closing arguments.
- As part of a larger trial team, obtained favorable result for client manufacturer of glyphosate containing herbicide in highly publicized trial in Martinez, California.
- As part of larger trial team, obtained defense verdict after three-week trial for manufacturer of cosmetic talcum powder product in living mesothelioma matter.
- As part of larger trial team, obtained defense verdict after four-week trial for supplier of raw asbestos fiber in living mesothelioma matter.

Education

- J.D., Whittier Law School
 - *Journal of Child & Family Advocacy*
 - Trial Advocacy Honors Board, two-time mock trial competitor
- M.B.A., California State University, Dominguez Hills
- B.A., Kennesaw State University
 - English

Admissions

- California
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California

Community Leadership

- Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA), Veterans Legal Services Project
- Alliance for Children's Rights, Los Angeles County
- Public Counsel, Los Angeles
- Election Protection
- Youth baseball, soccer and basketball, Coach

*Contact Erin to set up an in-person consultation by appointment in the Los Angeles office.