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Erin is a knowledgeable and enthusiastic advocate who maintains a diverse practice that includes insurance regulatory advice, insurance coverage and defence, product liability, municipal liability, and class actions.

Erin brings an insightful and business-centric approach to her insurance practice. Whether advising insurers and intermediaries on regulatory compliance, complex coverage matters, or defending insurers and insureds, Erin facilitates solutions that are timely, reflective of client business objectives, and with regard to reputational risk.

On the product liability side, Erin has done a deep dive into the regulatory and commercial environments across various sectors including automotive, telecommunications infrastructure, medical devices, and consumer products.

Erin has appeared before the Ontario Court of Appeal, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, the Financial Services Commission of Ontario, and the Licence Appeal Tribunal. Erin enjoys volunteering with Pro Bono Ontario and formerly served on the boards of three charities/non-profits.

Experience

- Defending municipal police services from tort and Charter claims
- Defending municipalities from tort, maintenance, and infrastructure claims
- Defending telecommunications providers
- Defending manufacturers and distributors in product liability claims

- Class actions
- Insurance defence in the motor vehicle context, including accident benefits
- *Drew v. Walmart Canada Inc.*, 2016 ONSC 8067
- *16-003190 v. The Personal Insurance Company*, 2017 CanLII 39672

Insights & Events

- Author, "What's guaranteed – and what isn't: The Supreme Court of Canada draws the line on GRC coverage in *Emond v. Trillium Mutual Insurance*", BLG Article, February 2026
- Author, "Insurance Legal Ledger: BLG's business insurance newsletter (Winter 2026)", BLG Article, February 2026
- Author, "The Court holds that the duty to defend is not a bridge too far", BLG Article, November 2025
- Author, "B.C. Insurer Exemption Regulation: Amendment clarifies the scope of an exemption for manufacturers and retailers", BLG Article, October 2025
- Author, "New Ontario life and health MGA licensing framework set to launch June 1, 2026", BLG Article, May 2025
- Author, "Steer clear of non-compliance: Alberta's new restricted insurance licence for dealership programs", BLG Article, January 2025
- Author, "Buckle up: Alberta's new guidelines on motor vehicle protection products and potential for captive insurance", BLG Article, November 2024
- Author, "Ontario Court of Appeal confirms coverage despite breach of a statutory condition", BLG Article, November 2023
- Author, "Ontario Superior Court recognizes new tort for online harassment", BLG Article, February 2021
- Author, "Offers to settle certification motion may have limited cost consequences", BLG Article, August 2020
- Author, "ONCA provides direction on use of AB settlement information at trial", BLG Article, June 2020
- Author, "Ontario Superior Court provides direction on proper conduct in carriage motions", BLG Article, June 2020
- Author, "A summary of Canadian class action procedure and developments", BLG Article, June 2020
- The Sensor: Autonomous transportation in the time of COVID-19, BLG Perspective, April 2020
- Contributor, "A Summary of Canadian Class Action Procedures and Developments," BLG Publications, September 2018.
- Author, "Court of Appeal rejects "Appropriate Means" argument in finding that limitation period expired", BLG Article, September 2018
- Author, "Costs In (Ontario) Class Actions: When You Start A Fire, You May Get Burned", BLG Article, August 2018
- Author, "Superior Court Affirms Municipality's Right To Counsel Of Their Choosing", BLG Article, June 2017

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Professional Involvement

- Member, The Advocates' Society
- Member, Canadian Defence Lawyers
- Member, Toronto Lawyers Association
- Past member, Executive Committee, OBA Class Actions Section

Community Involvement

- Member of the Board of Directors, Borden Scholarship
- Board of Directors, Cardus

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2015
- Juris Doctor (cum laude), University of Ottawa, 2014
- Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Great Distinction, Major in Psychology, Trinity Western University
- Certificate in Leadership and Applied Public Affairs, Laurentian Leadership Centre

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