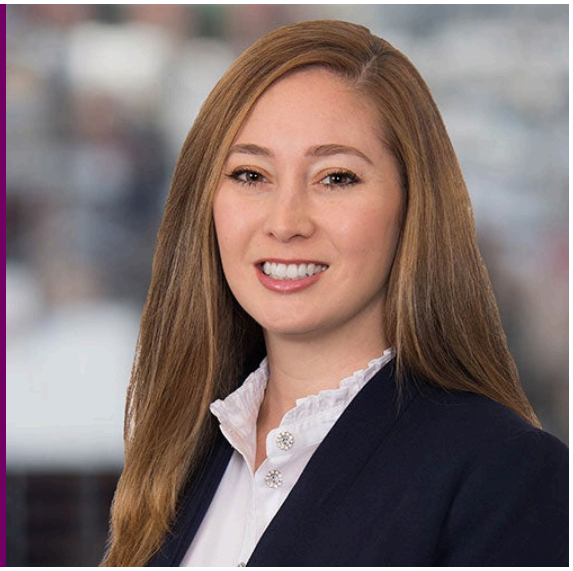
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Erica helps clients resolve complex disputes in state and federal court and in arbitrations. She draws from diverse trial experience across industries to provide clients with practical and actionable advice.

OVERVIEW

Erica is an experienced litigator who represents clients in business and commercial litigation. She handles a range of matters, including securities class action and shareholder derivative litigation, corporate governance disputes, complex breach of contract matters, and franchise litigation involving distribution, termination, and antitrust issues. Erica represents clients from many industries, including manufacturers, retailers, pharmaceutical companies, insurance companies, and petroleum marketers.

Erica offers perspectives that can only be developed through significant litigation and trial experience. In 2024, she second chaired a bench trial in federal court involving breach of contract claims and a bench trial in state court involving legal malpractice claims. In 2023, Erica first chaired a federal jury trial involving a Section 1983 claim. In 2017, she third chaired an antitrust bench trial in federal court. Erica leverages these experiences to streamline her clients' cases through early wins and resolutions whenever possible.

Erica's active pro bono practice includes assisting refugees and asylum-seekers in obtaining permanent legal residence and representing prisoners in civil rights litigation.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Representing an *AmLaw* 200 law firm in a purported class action lawsuit and related state court actions relating to claims in connection with the sale of securities by the firm's clients.
- Representing a leading high-growth value retailer and its officers in a class action involving claims brought under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 10b-5.
- Obtained a declaratory judgment award for a former managing member of a real estate investment fund disputing an allocation of proceeds from a company sale in the Delaware Court of Chancery.
- Represented an electric vehicle manufacturer that went public through a merger with a SPAC in a securities class action, and in related class actions and derivative litigation.
- Represented a pharmaceutical company and its officers in a class action involving claims brought under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 10b-5, and in related derivative litigation.

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- Dismissed antitrust and constitutional claims brought by a competitor in the fire alarm monitoring business.
- Secured a favorable settlement after litigating a breach of contract claim on behalf of a U.S. corporation against a foreign corporation in federal court.
- Represented numerous clients in responding to subpoenas, including subpoenas served by the U.S. Justice Department and Federal Trade Commission.
- Prosecuted breach of contract claim on behalf of a U.S. corporation against a foreign corporation in ICC proceeding.
- Obtained summary judgment for a petroleum marketing company dismissing claims for a violation of Virginia's Petroleum Products Franchise Act.

AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America®: Ones to Watch*: Corporate Governance and Compliance Law (2021-2025); Alternative Dispute Resolution (2023-2025); Litigation – Securities (2024-2025)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Business Litigation
- Litigation + Trial
- Securities Litigation
- White Collar Litigation + Investigations

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Temple University Beasley School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2014, note/comment and symposium editor, *Temple Law Review*; student intern, Judge Faith Angell, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- University of Pennsylvania, M.S.Ed., 2011
- Hamilton College, B.A., *cum laude*, 2009, world politics and Hispanic studies

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Pennsylvania

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit

LANGUAGES

- Spanish (intermediate)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, Annual Antitrust CLE Event – 2025, Troutman Pepper Locke, December 4, 2025.

- Panelist, “When the Entity is a Client (Ethics),” PBI Business Law Institute 2025, October 14, 2025.

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, “The Impact of ‘Jarkesy’: Grappling with the Seventh Amendment 250 Years Later,” *The Legal Intelligencer*, August 31, 2026.
- Co-author, “AI-Related Issues in Securities Cases: Privilege Pitfalls and ‘AI Washing’ Claims,” *The Legal Intelligencer*, May 26, 2026.
- Co-author, “From Comcast to Boeing: The Evolving Standard for Classwide Damages in Securities Class Actions,” *The Legal Intelligencer*, February 24, 2026.
- Co-author, “Willful Blindness: A New Pathway to Scienter in the Third Circuit,” *The Legal Intelligencer*, November 25, 2025.
- Co-author, “Navigating Confidential Witness Allegations in Securities Litigation,” *The Legal Intelligencer*, August 26, 2025.
- Co-author, “Coinbase Seeks Third Circuit Review of Federal Court’s Traceability Ruling,” *The Legal Intelligencer*, May 27, 2025.
- Co-author, “Continued Challenges Arising From SPAC-Related Litigation,” *Delaware Business Court Insider* and *The Legal Intelligencer*, August 28, 2023.
- Co-author, “FTC Seeks Public Comment on Potential Franchise Rule,” *Troutman Pepper*, March 24, 2023.
- Co-author, “Current Advice on Managing Resale Prices in Franchising,” *The Franchise Lawyer*, Fall 2021.
- Co-author, “Second Circuit: Nonspecific Fraud Allegations Aren’t Enough,” *Troutman Pepper*, April 27, 2021.