



## Erin A. Murphy

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### RELATED SERVICES

- Employment
- Commercial Litigation
- Education

### OFFICES

- Chicago

### OVERVIEW

Erin Murphy is a partner in the Chicago office of GRSM whose practice focuses on commercial, employment, and general litigation matters in both federal and state courts.

Erin has extensive experience defending clients ranging from Fortune 500 companies to start-ups throughout all stages of litigation. She has first-chaired 38 cases to verdict with favorable outcomes across Illinois. In addition to trial experience, Erin has significant experience representing clients in mediations and arbitrations. She is also an accredited Cook County arbitrator, which provides a valuable perspective to her defense practice.

In her employment practice, Erin defends employers in claims involving discrimination, harassment, retaliation, and wrongful termination. She also represents businesses and individuals in a wide range of complex commercial matters, which includes breach of contract claims, breaches of fiduciary duty, and various business-related torts.

Erin earned her J.D., *cum laude*, from DePaul University College of Law, where she served as a Legal

Writing Tutor for first-year students and received CALI awards for her coursework in Legal Writing and the DePaul Legal Clinics. During law school, Erin volunteered with the DePaul Domestic Violence Legal Clinic assisting petitioners seeking Emergency Orders of Protection in the Cook County Domestic Violence courts, as well as a program with the Cook County Juvenile Detention Center teaching juveniles about their legal rights.

Prior to law school, Erin earned her Bachelor of Science in Political Science and Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communications from the University of Iowa.

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- First-chaired 38 jury trials to verdict with favorable outcomes on behalf of clients throughout Cook, Will, Lake, and DuPage counties.
- Experience defending clients in both binding and non-binding arbitrations.

## PRESENTATIONS

- *#METOO: The Next Phase*, GRSM Legal Education Conference, Chicago (October 2019)

## CREDENTIALS

### Admissions

- Illinois
- United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois

### Memberships

- Chicago Bar Association
- Women's Bar Association

### Education

- J.D., *cum laude*, DePaul University College of Law, May 2014
  - CALI awards recipient: DePaul Legal Clinics II and LARC III (legal writing)
  - Served as legal writing tutor for first-year students
  - Volunteered with the Domestic Violence Legal Clinic, assisting petitioners seeking Emergency Orders of Protection in the Cook County Domestic Violence courts
  - Volunteered to teach youth at the Cook County Juvenile Detention Center courtroom procedures and their legal rights
- B.S. Political Science & B.A. Journalism and Mass Communications, The University of Iowa, May 2011
  - Dean's List: Fall 2009-Spring 2011
  - Honors Program