



Erin A. Kelly

Partner

About

Erin Kelly is an accomplished and forward-thinking litigator who represents clients in high-stakes intellectual property and complex commercial disputes. She is known for her analytically driven courtroom advocacy, her ability to translate complex technical concepts into winning litigation strategies, and her business acumen in securing client-focused, commercially minded results.

An authentic leader, Erin builds formidable teams and deep, collaborative partnerships with both in-house counsel and business stakeholders. By bringing an incisive mindset to every engagement, she balances litigation strategy with overarching business goals, providing the clarity required to litigate cases effectively and efficiently.

Erin has substantial experience in intellectual property litigation and strategy, representing both plaintiffs and defendants, in matters involving patent infringement, trademark and trade dress infringement, copyright infringement, unfair competition, trade secret misappropriation, and related contractual disputes. She excels at evaluating technology across varied industries, including aerospace, medical devices, biotechnology, computer hardware and software, banking, fintech, advanced manufacturing, and consumer products. She is experienced in designing multi-jurisdictional defense plans and global portfolio strategies that are results-driven and advance business objectives.

Erin regularly represents companies in commercial disputes. She is adept at resolving cases through mediation, arbitration, and other tribunals when such outcomes align with her client's business objectives.

Her practice spans federal and state courts, international tribunals, and the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB).

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Education

Creighton University School of Law, J.D., magna cum laude, Creighton Law Review

University of Colorado, M.S., Aerospace Engineering

University of Colorado, B.S., Aerospace Engineering

Practice Areas

Intellectual Property Litigation & Prosecution

Trade Secrets

Litigation

Experience

- Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner
- Holme Roberts & Owen

Bar Admissions

- Colorado
- USPTO
- U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

Awards

Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch, Intellectual Property, 2025

Super Lawyers: Rising Stars, Intellectual Property, 2012–2018

Judge Donald P. Lay Law Review Award, 2008

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Related Matters

Patent Litigation, Trademark & IP Enforcement

- Represented a leading window treatments manufacturer in a federal bench trial against a direct competitor. Secured judgment on all claims—including direct infringement and active inducement—and defeated all counterclaims, resulting in a permanent injunction, a finding of exceptionality, and an award of attorneys' fees and costs.
- Acted as national trial counsel for medical practices facing coordinated patent infringement claims. Developed and implemented a cohesive, multi-jurisdictional defense strategy, managed coordinated discovery, aligned non-infringement and invalidity positions, and supported challenges to the validity of the asserted patents.
- Served as local trial counsel for a global medical device manufacturer in federal litigation. Following a bench trial, secured a favorable judgment on all claims for cancellation of a competitor's trademark registration and a declaratory judgment of non-infringement, eliminating a key competitive threat.
- Represented a health food company in federal litigation involving trademark counterfeiting, infringement, unfair competition, cybersquatting, and breach of contract. Following the defendant's breach of a settlement agreement, secured a default judgment, permanent injunction, statutory damages, and an award of attorneys' fees.

International Arbitration & Commercial Disputes

- Represented a foreign technology company in a multi-week International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) arbitration. Resolved a complex, cross-border IP contract dispute with a U.S.-based software company regarding video game application technology, successfully reinforcing the client's contractual rights.
- Played a key role as co-defense and trial counsel in federal court defending a contract and negligence dispute arising from a fire at an energy facility. Following a jury trial, secured a favorable verdict on counterclaims, eliminating significant liability exposure and mitigating reputational risk for individual clients.
- Represented a national movie theater chain as trial counsel in state court bench trials arising from pandemic-related government closures. Successfully navigated emerging legal theories to achieve resolution prior to court judgments.