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Litigator Erin Edelman leads the firm's Restructuring, Insolvency and Bankruptcy practice and counsels clients in bankruptcy, commercial and real estate litigation matters.

In the business insolvency area, Erin represents the interests of debtors, secured lenders and unsecured creditors seeking to maximize their return through bankruptcy or out-of-court restructuring. Erin handles a variety of complex transactions and litigation related to corporate restructuring, including defending and prosecuting preference and related litigation, negotiating and documenting capital and debt structures, and loan workouts and asset acquisitions and divestitures. She is also involved in real estate matters representing utility companies and handling a variety of real estate litigation, including condemnation proceedings and large-scale tax appeals. In the finance industry, Erin represents lenders in pursuit of remedies for promissory note and guaranty breaches.

In addition, Erin has experience in a wide variety of civil litigation matters.

EDUCATION

- Saint Louis University School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*)
 - Saint Louis University Public Law Review (Staff Member and Symposium Editor)
 - Legal Research and Writing Teaching Assistant
 - Order of the Woolsack
 - Dean's List
 - Academic Excellence Awards
- University of Missouri (B.J., *magna cum laude*)
 - Strategic Communication
 - Dean's List
- University of Missouri (B.A., *magna cum laude*)
 - Political Science

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- American Bar Association (Co-chair, Asset Distribution Subcommittee of the Business Law Section)
- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Bankruptcy Association of Southern Illinois

SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Restructuring, Insolvency and Bankruptcy

Financial Services and Banking

Litigation

Real Estate

ADMISSIONS

Illinois

Missouri

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri

U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois

U.S. District Court, District of Colorado

- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (BAMSL)
- Bankruptcy Practice Memorial Fund
- The Missouri Bar

ACCOLADES

- *The Best Lawyers in America*[®] Ones to Watch, Banking and Finance Law (2021-present), Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law (2022-present)
- [*Missouri/Kansas Super Lawyers*[®]](#), Rising Star (2018-present)
- Lawdragon 500 Leading Global Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyers (2024)

BACKGROUND

Before joining the firm, Erin was in private practice at another St. Louis firm where she focused on general civil litigation. While in law school, Erin served as a judicial extern for Judge Angela T. Quigless with the Missouri Court of Appeals for the Eastern District.

EXPERIENCE

Summary Judgment for Lender Against Chapter 7 Debtor

Obtained summary judgment in favor of lender client on non-dischargeability claims asserted against a Chapter 7 debtor.

Conflicts Counsel in Health Care Corporation Chapter 11 Proceedings

Serving as conflicts counsel to the unsecured creditors committee for a health care corporation and 216 affiliated debtors in their Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings.

Removed Utility Client as Creditor in Bankruptcy Proceeding

Prevailed in U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Missouri for a client energy utility when a hospital Chapter 11 filing listed the client as a creditor to compel the utility to continue providing gas and electric service. Following an emergency evidentiary hearing, the court agreed the hospital was never a direct customer of the client and thus the Bankruptcy Code provisions did not apply, allowing the client to disconnect service.

Acquisition of Transmission Line Easements for Energy Client

Assisted client in securing electrical power transmission line easements by negotiation and condemnation. Despite having an original list of 80 parcels of land, the team settled the majority on a compressed timeline and went to hearing on just four parcels, all of which were ultimately resolved in our client's favor.

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Co-counsel to Armstrong Energy in Chapter 11 Bankruptcy

Served as co-counsel to the debtor, coal company Armstrong Energy, in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings.

Co-counsel to Retailer in Chapter 11, Post-bankruptcy Proceedings

Serving as co-counsel to a specialty footwear retailer and its related debtor affiliates in Chapter 11 restructuring and post-bankruptcy proceedings. Client is the largest specialty family footwear retailer in the Western Hemisphere with nearly 4,400 stores across more than 30 countries.

Counsel to the Unsecured Creditors Committee for a Consumer Refrigeration Company

Served as counsel to the unsecured creditors committee for a consumer refrigeration company in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings.

Obtained Reversal of Circuit Court Judgment Affirming Tax Assessments for Natural Gas Pipelines

Obtained a reversal in the Missouri Court of Appeals of a Missouri State Tax Commission ruling, upheld on appeal to the circuit court, that disallowed depreciation in the calculation of real and personal property tax assessments for a statewide system of natural gas pipelines. Because the pipelines crossed 16 counties in the state, each of the underlying county assessments had to be appealed separately, necessitating appeals in each district of the Court of Appeals.

Prosecution and Defense of Fraudulent Conveyance Actions for Multiple Clients

Prosecuted and defended fraudulent conveyance actions arising from alleged ponzi schemes, leveraged buyouts and alleged non-statutory insider transactions.

Representation of Secured Lenders in Agricultural Company Bankruptcy Proceedings

Represented the secured lenders in Chapter 12 and agricultural Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases.

\$5.1 Million Summary Judgment for Lender

Argued and obtained summary judgment in the amount of \$5.1 million for lender in a breach of guaranty lawsuit.

Co-counsel in Bioenergy Companies' Chapter 11 Bankruptcy

Served as co-counsel to global bioenergy companies in Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings.