



## ERIN M. FLOREK

### PARTNER

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As a partner in the firm's Intellectual Property practice group, Erin Florek assists medical device, chemical and life sciences companies in applying for and protecting U.S. and international patents.

With an emphasis in medical device and chemical-related technology, Erin counsels clients on freedom-to-operate, patent infringement, patentability and due diligence issues. She regularly prepares noninfringement and invalidity opinions, and assists in litigation analysis and inter partes review proceedings.

Erin's experience involves a variety of subject matters, such as small molecule design and development, chemical synthesis and related processes, pharmaceuticals, enzyme catalysts, medical devices and related manufacturing processes for cardiology and vascular access products, electrochemical cells, hydrogen generation cell, pesticide formulations, device coatings, microencapsulation, polymeric materials and heat transfer.

### EDUCATION

- Saint Louis University School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 2007)
  - Order of the Woolsack
  - Academic Achievement Awards (Legal Research and Writing I and II; Legal Professions)
- University of Mississippi (B.S., *magna cum laude*, 2004)
  - Chemical Engineering

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- The Missouri Bar
- Illinois State Bar Association

### CHARITABLE AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Old Bags™ (Planning Committee)

### ACCOLADES

- IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Professionals (2022-present)
- Best IP Attorneys in St. Louis, St. Louis Small Business Monthly (2022)

### SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Agribusiness and Food

Health Care and Life Sciences

Education

Intellectual Property

Manufacturing and Innovation

Patent

Biotechnology

### ADMISSIONS

Missouri

Illinois

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

- Managing Intellectual Property, IP Stars (2022-present)

## BACKGROUND

While in law school, Erin served as an intern law clerk for Judge David R. Herndon of the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois and for Judge Mary K. Hoff of the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District.

## EXPERIENCE

### **EPA Clearance for Large, Global Chemical Producer**

Managed multiple EPA clearance searches and analyses for one of the largest international chemical producers in the world.

### **IP Due Diligence Review for Billion-Dollar Fragrance, Flavors Company**

Managed large IP due diligence review for a billion-dollar fragrance and flavors company leading up to a significant acquisition.

### **Managed International Patent Portfolio for Health Care Company**

Managed U.S. and international patent portfolio related to heart pumps, cardiac catheters, electrocardiograms, heart mapping, heart monitoring and ablation therapy technologies.

### **Management of U.S. and Foreign Patent Families for Major Medical Device Companies**

Managed multiple U.S. and foreign patent families and provided strategic counsel for medical device companies involving technologies related to fluorescent imaging, vascular occlusion, neuromodulation, and renal and cardiovascular devices.

### **Portfolio Management, Strategic Direction for Multiple Consumer Products, Health Care Companies**

Managed global patent portfolios for and provided strategic counsel to multimillion-dollar consumer products and health care companies in the U.S. and abroad, including preparation and prosecution, opinion work, *Inter Partes* Review work and litigation.

### **Successful Chemical Plant Clearance**

Cleared all chemical engineering processes and related products for a major chemical plant in the U.S. for one of the largest international chemical producers in the world.

### **U.S. National Applications for Multibillion-Dollar Foreign Clients**

Managed the filing and prosecution of extensive U.S. National (371) applications for a number of multibillion-dollar foreign clients. Armstrong Teasdale represents clients based in China, Japan, Singapore, the United Kingdom, Germany, Australia and many other countries.

### **IP Due Diligence in \$3.4 Billion Acquisition of Medical Device Manufacturer**

Led IP due diligence for a major medical device company, including in-depth research and analysis of both the target company and its competitors, resulting in our client's decision to move ahead with its \$3.4 billion acquisition of a medical device manufacturer.

### **Successful Product Clearance in China, India and Indonesia**

Cleared an entire consumer product line in China, India and Indonesia for one of the largest food companies in the world.

