

Erin E. Bradham

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Overview

Erin is a member of the Litigation and Dispute Resolution practice, where she focuses on complex commercial litigation, particularly disputes involving insurance, healthcare, aviation and class action defense. She has served as trial counsel in multiple lawsuits in state and federal courts, including a two-week jury trial that resulted in a defense verdict in her client's favor.

Deeply committed to pro bono service, Erin has secured asylum and other immigration relief for more than a dozen individuals fleeing political persecution or harm in their home country.

Experience

Prior to joining Dentons, Erin:

- Secured a complete defense verdict as trial counsel, following a two-week trial in a breach of contract and bad faith action on behalf of a major insurance carrier, where plaintiffs sought more than \$1 million in damages.
- Secured claim dispositive sanctions for plaintiffs' violation of a discovery order in a multimillion dollar case.
- Won summary judgment in an insurance coverage case seeking more than \$20 million in punitive damages.
- Secured summary judgment on key damage claims in a builders' risk insurance coverage action in which the plaintiff alleged more than \$200 million in damages. In a significant victory for the insurer, the court rejected claims for alleged delay (business interruption) damages and most of the alleged physical damages, as well as the plaintiffs' bad-faith and punitive damage claims.
- Obtained summary judgment in a \$45 million contract dispute.

Recognition

Honors and Awards

- *Southwest Super Lawyers* 2012-2017: Recognized as a Rising Star in Civil Litigation Defense
- *AZ Business Magazine* 2013: Featured in "Women to Watch"

Insights

- Co-author, "No Signs Of Turning, Tide Of Insurer COVID Wins Persists," *Law360*, October 13, 2021
- Co-author, "Outliers Offer False Hope For Virus Biz Interruption Claims," *Law360*, April 21, 2021
- Co-author, "Restaurant Virus Coverage Ruling Is An Outlier," *Law360*, August 27, 2020

Activities and Affiliations

- Ladder Down leadership training, Class of 2016
- Member, Board of Directors, Friends of the Tonto National Forest

Presentations

- Speaker, "Common Coverage Issues Arising from Catastrophes," PLRB 2018 Regional Adjusters Conference - Central, Des Moines, IA, September 12, 2018
- Speaker, "Common Coverage Issues Arising from Catastrophes," PLRB 2018 Regional Adjusters Conference - Western, Glendale, AZ, June 26, 2018
- Speaker, "Summary Judgment Strategies," Arizona State Bar, Insurance Institute, June 8, 2017
- Speaker, "Litigating Bad Faith Insurance Claims in Arizona," National Business Institute, June 27, 2016
- Speaker, "Shelter from the Storm: Reasonable Reliance on Experts as a Defense to Bad Faith," Arizona State Bar, Insurance Institute, February 28, 2016
- Speaker, "Bad Faith Insurance Litigation: Scope of Extra-Contractual Damages," Strafford Webinar, July 22, 2015
- Speaker, "Advanced Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Law," National Business Institute, June 8, 2011

Areas of focus

Practices

- Class Action Defense
- Commercial Litigation

Industry sectors

- Insurance

Education

- Duke University School of Law, 2002, JD, *magna cum laude*; Order of the Coif; Editor, *Journal of Law and Contemporary Problems*
- College of William and Mary, 1999, BA, *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa

Admissions and qualifications

- Arizona