

# Erin A. Walsh

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## PARTNER

### Overview

Well-rounded attorneys can think on their feet, ask better questions, and understand the long term effects of each question they ask or decision they make. Erin is one of those rare well-rounded advocates who understands that creativity, critical thinking, and experience lead to successful resolutions for her clients.

Erin defends a wide-range of clients in class actions in state and federal courts throughout the country. She has extensive experience successfully defending claims brought pursuant to the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA), the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), the Chicago Residential Landlord and Tenant Ordinance (RLTO), Section 1983, and a wide-range of state consumer protection and unfair trade statutes. In addition, Erin has successfully represented numerous companies in mass tort cases alleging claims of benzene and asbestos exposure.

As a member of the cybersecurity team, Erin assists clients in crafting privacy policies and the interpretation and implementation of evolving data privacy laws, such as the California Consumer Protection Act and other state privacy statutes. She also has experience guiding clients in the data breach notification process. In addition, Erin has cultivated a knowledge in privacy concerns specific to schools and children, such as the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Children's Online Privacy Protection Rule (COPPA). She is also a certified privacy professional (CIPP-US) and a recognized Privacy Law Specialist by the American Bar Association.

### Experience

Obtained Summary Judgment on Behalf of a Leading Transportation Service in a National Class Action Based on Allegations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act

### SERVICES

Business Litigation

Class Action

Contaminants & Toxic Materials

Cybersecurity & Data Privacy

### EDUCATION

Certified Privacy Professional (CIPP-US)

University of Illinois College of Law, J.D., 2006, *cum laude*

Trinity College, B.A., 2003

### ADMISSIONS

Illinois

Won a Motion for Summary Judgment in a Telephone Consumer Protection Act Case in a Federal Court in Florida

Successfully Defeated Class Certification in Two Landlord Tenant Class Actions

Coordinated with the First Responders as to a Ransomware Attack from Overseas

Achieved a Significant Victory Raising the Adequacy Bar for Certification

Successfully Achieved an Appeal Before the Illinois Appellate Court Holding that the Defendant Who Hired the Fax Broadcaster was Not Liable for TCPA Violations

### Membership & Involvement

- Member: Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel; Defense Research Institute (DRI); International Association of Privacy Professionals
- Volunteer Judge: Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition

### Firm News

SmithAmundsen Promotes Three to Partner  
February 22, 2021

### Alerts

DC Circuit Invalidates FCC Fax Rule Effectively Closing the Door to TCPA Class Actions Based on Alleged Violations

### Speaking Engagements

SmithAmundsen Hosts University of Illinois College of Law Students for Their "Expedition to the Profession" Day  
SmithAmundsen, Seminar; Chicago, IL, October 6, 2016

Direct Marketing  
Illinois Chamber of Commerce, Webinar, April 20, 2016

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