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education

Loyola University New Orleans College of Law (J.D., 1993, *magna cum laude*)

- *Law Review*

Loyola University New Orleans (B.A., Political Science, 1981, *magna cum laude*)

admissions

Louisiana

Texas

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas

I was born to be a litigator given my competitive drive, my attention to detail, and my demand for excellence. I am passionate about my work and diligent in my preparation. I approach every problem as a challenge but evaluate every case on its own merits. I am known to craft creative solutions to complex problems, often deviating from the expected and instead developing a successful strategy that evolves out of innovative ideas. My focus always remains on the best interests of my client and the preferred outcome.

Highly regarded for her ability to attain favorable outcomes for her clients, both in the courtroom and around the negotiation table, Erin Fury Parkinson focuses her practice on litigation. She defends companies in state and federal courts, primarily in Louisiana and Texas, but has appeared as trial counsel in several other states. While Erin has tried numerous cases to verdict, she has also had claims dismissed based on persuasive pre-trial motion practice, and she has resolved hundreds of cases to the satisfaction of her clients through alternative dispute resolution, whether it be arbitration, mediation, or more informal settlement discussions.

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
 U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
 U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas

industries

Chemical, Energy, and Industrial Services
 Insurance
 Manufacturing
 Technology

services

Appellate
 Asbestos and Toxic Torts
 Aviation and Aerospace
 Class Action Defense
 Cybersecurity and Data Privacy
 Environmental
 Insurance Defense and Coverage
 Products Liability

honors

- *Martindale-Hubbell™ AV* Preeminent® Peer Review Rated Lawyer
- *The Best Lawyers in America®* (Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants), 2011–2020
- *Louisiana Super Lawyers* (Class Action/Mass Torts: Defense; Aviation and Aerospace; Insurance Coverage; Environmental), 2018–2020
- *New Orleans CityBusiness* "Ones to Watch" 2016
- *New Orleans CityBusiness* "Leadership in Law" 2008

Erin receives a significant amount of work as referrals from top insurance companies, and she handles cases in such areas as aviation, environmental law, premises and product liability, and toxic exposure stemming from asbestos, benzene, and NORM. In advocating for insurers, she defends coverage claims made against various types of insuring agreements, including director's and officer's liability, as well as general liability, standard auto, environmental, pollution and cyber policies. Erin also advises firm clients in matters relating to insurance issues in vendor agreements, master services agreements, closing documents and other types of contracts.

For more than three decades, treating each case as a separate, individual matter, Erin always looks for a novel approach to successfully defend a claim or negotiate a settlement. In the asbestos arena, she is known to advance aggressive, and sometimes unique, defense strategies, gaining a multitude of favorable outcomes for the premises owners of petrochemical and chemical facilities and power plants. Erin also works with clients at a national level to find ways to seek more transparency relating to asbestos settlement trusts.

In her appellate practice, she has appeared on behalf of clients before the Federal 11th Circuit Court of Appeal, the Federal 5th Circuit Court of Appeal, the Louisiana 4th and 5th Circuit Courts of Appeal and, most recently, the Louisiana 1st Circuit Court of Appeal.

Despite her passion and aggressiveness in defending her clients, Erin emphasizes civility and professionalism with everyone, from clients, to other defense counsel, to opposing counsel and the courts. As an attorney who is well respected both by lawyers with whom she works and the judges before whom she appears, she has served as liaison counsel in both state and federal courts and is often retained by clients to serve as local counsel. Erin is proud of her ability to work collaboratively and places a premium on responsiveness.

Erin is an advocate for, and mentor to, younger attorneys, with special attention to increasing the opportunities that are available to diverse attorneys. She is proud to serve

as a member of McGlinchey's Diversity Committee and as head of its Women's Initiative Network.