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Erik has a dynamic civil litigation practice that includes general tort and insurance coverage matters, complex commercial and antitrust litigation, employment covenants and trade secrets, securities litigation and products liability.

He has substantial experience with issues arising in the transportation, restaurant and sports industries. He regularly litigates cases before federal and state courts in North Carolina and other states.

His work also extend to news organizations in multiple media law cases, as well as the defense of individuals and corporations in a variety of white collar criminal matters.

In the transportation sector, Erik has represented trucking companies in catastrophic accident/injury cases and has experience defending motor vehicle manufacturers from various tort and warranty claims. He has also defended national restaurant chains in matters ranging from alleged food contamination and inadequate security to premises liability.

In the sports industry, Erik's representations include the Atlantic Coast Conference; professional football, baseball and soccer teams; the local organizers of Greensboro's PGA TOUR golf tournament; a national amateur sports organization; and multiple other sports organizations, insurers and a water park.

Erik also serves as a member of the firm's Executive Committee.

Services

- Entertainment & Sports Law
- Litigation
- Antitrust
- Artificial Intelligence
- Class Actions
- Transportation & Logistics
- White Collar Criminal Defense & Government Investigations

Before Fox Rothschild

Erik was a Partner at Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP, which combined with Fox Rothschild in 2018.

Bar Admissions

- North Carolina

Court Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of North Carolina
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of North Carolina
- U.S. District Court, Western District of North Carolina

Education

- Vanderbilt University Law School (J.D., 1990)
- Duke University (A.B., 1987)

Memberships

- American Bar Association
 - Tort and Insurance Practice Section
 - Vice-Chair for the Commercial Transportation Litigation Committee
- DRI, The Voice of the Defense Bar
 - Commercial Litigation Committee
 - Sports Law Subcommittee
 - Trucking Law Committee
- Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference, Permanent Member
- Sports Lawyers Association
- Past Rotarian (Paul Harris Fellow)

Board of Directors

- Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro, past Executive and Steering Committee Member, Future Fund
- Greensboro Sports Council, past Chairman of the Board and past President
- Habitat for Humanity of Greater Greensboro, past Board Member
- Tournament Hosts of Greensboro, past Chair

Honors & Awards

- Recipient of the Centennial Award by the Greensboro Bar Association (2024)
- North Carolina *Super Lawyers*, General Litigation (2006-2019)
- Selected to the "Best Lawyers in America" list for Commercial Litigation (2011-2026), Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants (2013-2026) and Sports Law (2017, 2020-2026) in Greensboro, NC
- *Business North Carolina's* Legal Elite, Litigation (2010, 2011, 2013-2016, 2024)
- Benchmark Litigation, North Carolina Local Litigation Star (2013-2022, 2024-2026)
- *Sports Business Journal's* Power Players: Sports Lawyers and Outside Counsel (2016)
- Martindale-Hubbell's (AV) Peer Review Rating

Publications

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What the House Settlement Means for College Sports