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Areas of Focus

Anti-Corruption and FCPA

Culture Risk and Sensitive
Investigations

Human Rights and Global
Strategy

Investigations, Compliance,
and Defense

Monitorship Practice



Overview

With Erin Schrantz’s help, companies build robust compliance programs designed to prevent and detect misconduct. Her thorough investigations and compliance risk assessments pinpoint a wide range of potential risks, from possible fraud to corruption and toxic workplaces. With her insight, organizations develop a culture of compliance that reflects their organizational values and mitigates risk.

A Co-Chair of the firm’s Investigations, Compliance, and Defense Practice, Erin leads monitorships, cross-border investigations into financial crimes, and potential Foreign Corrupt Practices Act violations. Recognized by *Global Investigations Review* as one of the top 100 worldwide “Women in Investigations,” her knowledge of changing industry trends and regulatory developments helps organizations identify potential risks and confront problems proactively. With her support, companies build processes and procedures that foster continuous improvement.

From her experience working with companies of varying size, maturity, or geographical footprint, Erin crafts solutions based on her clients’ unique business needs and priorities. While leading monitorships and helping clients implement remediation plans as part of large-scale resolutions, she gains deep insight into how companies operate from the front office to the boardroom. She partners with general counsel and chief compliance officers to help them calibrate effective and sustainable ethics and compliance programs.



I'm able to help my clients effectively solve problems because I take the time to understand their organizational culture, priorities, and resources.”

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- Public Company Advisory Group

Representative Matters

- Leading the compliance team for the court-ordered Monitor of The International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW) to resolve civil and criminal liability of the union through a consent decree. As monitor, Erin oversees the union's elections and the overhaul of its compliance and control functions and investigates or seeks the removal of union officials who engage in certain types of misconduct.
- Led the compliance team for the Monitor of Credit Suisse AG following the bank's \$715 million settlement with the New York Department of Financial Services, part of a broader \$2.6 billion settlement that involved the U.S. Department of Justice and federal regulators.
- Led global FCPA compliance risk assessments in 25 countries throughout South America, Asia and Europe. Helped the chief compliance officer revamp global anticorruption compliance program.
- Team leader of an investigation that produced an internal report to the board of directors for General Motors Company (GM) regarding events leading up to certain faulty ignition switch recalls. In just over two months, Erin and the team collected and searched more than 41 million documents and records and conducted more than 350 witness interviews to support GM's response to federal agencies and Congress.

Credentials

Admissions

- Illinois, 2000

Education

- Indiana University School of Law–Bloomington, JD, *cum laude*, 2000

- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, BA, high honors, English, 1997

Court Admissions

- US Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit
- US District Court, Central District of Illinois
- US District Court, Northern District of Illinois

Service / Recognition

Awards

- *The Best Lawyers in America*, Criminal Defense: White-Collar, 2024, 2026
- *Illinois Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, 2011; 2015

Community

- Investor and Outreach Committee Member, Women Employed

Service to the Bar

- *American Bar Association*, Section of Litigation, Co-Chair of Criminal Litigation Committee
- *American Bar Foundation*, Fellow