



Erin L. Haney

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Erin Haney is an experienced litigator focusing on complex tort defense. She represents clients in high-stakes matters, bringing strategic judgment and a practical, client-centered approach to case management. Known for her clear communication and strong analytical skills, Erin works closely with clients to develop effective strategies grounded in clarity, responsiveness, and mutual trust.

Before joining Wilson Elser, Erin practiced in Florida for six years, defending clients in complex tort litigation.

During law school, Erin served as a law clerk at the United States Court of Federal Claims in the Office of Special Masters. She also completed a semester abroad, studying at the World Trade Organization in Geneva, Switzerland. Fluent in Spanish, Erin studied abroad as an undergraduate at the University of Alicante in Spain, deepening her cross-cultural understanding and linguistic acumen.

Medical Malpractice & Health Care

Erin has experience defending matters involving medical malpractice claims, including disciplinary complaints before professional boards and dental malpractice. She is part of a team of experienced medical malpractice attorneys, nurse paralegals, and paralegals that develops successful medical-related defense strategies.

Complex Tort & General Casualty

Erin handles a range of general liability matters, working to expedite resolution through procedural and substantive dismissals, successful tenders, and negotiated settlements. She employs proactive post-claim and post-suit risk assessment and mitigation strategies to help close matters efficiently and cost-effectively.

Professional Liability / Lawyers' Liability

Services

- Complex Tort & General Casualty

Erin represents a range of individuals in professional liability matters, with an emphasis on defending claims related to lawyers' liability and legal malpractice litigation.

Education

- American University Washington College of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 2018)
 - President, Action for Human Rights Association
 - Summer Program on International Organizations, Law and Diplomacy, Geneva, Switzerland
- Wright State University (B.A. English Literature; Spanish Languages & Literature, *summa cum laude*, 2015)

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Florida
- Maryland
- Virginia

Professional Affiliations

Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia

Languages

- Spanish

Client Wins

Legal Malpractice Claim Dismissed: Mathis and Haney Win for Attorney Removed Weeks Before Trial

Haley Mathis (Of Counsel-McLean, VA) and Erin Haney (Associate-McLean, VA) obtained dismissal of a legal malpractice claim in Fairfax County Circuit Court, Virginia, on behalf of Wilson Elser's attorney-client. The plaintiff in this matter retained our client to represent her in a 2022 divorce action but terminated the representation several weeks before trial. The plaintiff later alleged she was left without counsel during a complex divorce proceeding wherein the Circuit Court divided and distributed the couple's property in accordance with Virginia law governing equitable distribution. Dissatisfied with the result, the plaintiff sued our client, claiming she would have received a more favorable equitable-distribution outcome had he represented her more effectively prior to her terminating him. The court sustained Haley and Erin's demurrer, agreeing with their arguments that an alleged violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct does not give rise to a civil cause of action or a basis for liability, and that the plaintiff failed to adequately plead a breach of any purported duty and a proximate cause of damages beyond conclusory allegations.

