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Overview

About Erin Monforti

Erin Monforti focuses her practice on municipal law, with experience in zoning, land use, and economic development. Erin provides guidance to local governments on a wide range of matters, including compliance with FOIA, the Open Meetings Act, the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act, and Americans with Disabilities Act. She has experience drafting local ordinances, policies, zoning and development approvals, and various contracts including intergovernmental agreements, license agreements, and vendor agreements.

Erin has extensive experience advising local governments on challenging constitutional issues involving the First Amendment and due process, and has drafted policies and provided insightful counseling on these matters. She has also employed her writing and strategic skills in litigation, defending local governments in zoning and land use disputes. In her career, Erin has represented and advised a wide variety of local governments, including libraries, park districts, school districts, and townships.

During law school, Erin served as a legal intern at Equip for Equality, advising employees with disabilities about seeking accommodations and navigating the workplace. Erin volunteers with the Greater Chicago Food Depository, Center on Halsted, Misericordia, and other community organizations in the Chicagoland area.

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Erin was honored to receive the Dean's Distinguished Public Service Award from Chicago-Kent College of Law for her volunteer work as a law student.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Chicago-Kent College of Law, Juris Doctor
- Illinois Institute of Technology, Bachelor of Science in Social & Economic Development Policy

BAR ADMISSIONS/LICENSES

- Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. Supreme Court

Honors & Awards

- Super Lawyers Rising Star: State, Local & Municipal Law (2027)

MEMBERSHIPS

- Illinois Local Government Lawyers Association

Publications

- Contributed to *Social Media and Local Governments: Navigating the New Public Square*, 2nd Edition (American Bar Association, 2025)
- *Municipal Law: Organization, Operation, and Governance* – Chapter 4: Officers and Employees (Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, 2023, 2027)

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