



# Erin Cleary Herbst

## Director

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Erin focuses her practice in the areas of Business, Tax + Securities; Mergers + Acquisitions; and Business Succession. She was selected as Chambers USA "Associate to Watch" for 2014-2016 and joined Kegler Brown in 2009. Erin has worked closely with clients in a wide variety of industries, including software and technology, marketing, energy, manufacturing, health care, retail, restaurant and food production, and non-profit organizations.

### Business, Tax + Securities

Erin counsels businesses to strategically meet a wide variety of legal needs, including entity selection and formation, business structuring and reorganizations, corporate governance, private offerings of equity and other fundraising transactions, contract drafting and negotiation, tax planning and compliance, and public and private securities planning and compliance.

### Mergers + Acquisitions

Erin assists clients, both domestic and international, public and private, in a variety of transactions, including mergers, asset purchases, stock purchases, recapitalizations, divestitures, and other investments. In connection with these transactions, she guides clients efficiently and effectively through handled contract drafting and negotiation, premerger notification filings, tax structuring, and diligence.

### Non-Profit Organizations

Erin advises non-profit organizations, including 501(c)(3) public charities, 501(c)(3) private foundations, 501(c)(4) civic associations, and 501(c)(6) trade associations, regarding formation, membership, corporate governance, federal tax exempt status, state-based registration requirements, and dissolution.

### Commercial Contracts

Erin drafts and negotiates commercial contracts for both customers and vendors across a broad range of industries, including confidentiality agreements, service agreements, product purchase agreements, broker/sales representative agreements, exclusive supply agreements, reseller agreements, independent contractor agreements, joint ventures, joint development agreements, license agreements, software as a service (SaaS) subscription agreements, maintenance agreements, and staffing agreements.

### Special Honors

- + Selected as an "Associate to Watch" by *Chambers USA*, 2014-2016
- + 2015: *Chambers USA* reported that, "Herbst is praised for being 'very practical in her approach and thorough in her execution.'"

### Professional Affiliations

- + American Bar Association, member
- + Columbus Bar Association, member
- + CBA Barrister Leadership Program, Class of 2012
- + Leadership Columbus, Class of 2013
- + Ohio State Bar Association, member

### Charitable + Civic Involvement

- + Catholic Social Services of Central Ohio, Board of Directors, Member
- + Low Income Taxpayer Clinic, Pro Bono Attorney
- + Women for Economic Leadership Development (WELD), Member
- + United Way Cinquefoil Fellowship Group, Member
- + Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Franklin County, Former Member of Board of Trustees, Past President (2017)

### Bar Admissions

- + Ohio
- + U.S. Tax Court

### Education

- + The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law (J.D., 2009)
- + Georgetown University (B.S., 2004)
- + The London School of Economics and Political Science (2002-2003)

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