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PRACTICE AREAS

Labour & Employment

Litigation, Dispute

Resolution & Appeals

Insolvency & Restructuring

Banking & Finance

Erin is the Managing Partner of McDougall Gauley LLP. She is a trusted strategic advisor, providing legal counsel, practical business guidance, and pragmatic solutions. She has advised senior decision-makers in public and private corporations and large institutions including universities, Crown corporations, manufacturers, insurers, financial institutions, and regulators.

Overview

Erin is a trusted legal and strategic advisor to her clients, which include universities, Crown corporations, financial institutions, manufacturers, and regulators. She is recognized in Best Lawyers in Canada for Education Law, Banking and Finance Law, and Insolvency and Financial Restructuring Law. She has appeared as counsel at all levels of court (including the Supreme Court of Canada).

Erin has extensive leadership experience within the legal profession and the broader community, including serving as a Council Member and President (2024) the Federation of Law Societies of Canada, a Bencher and President (2017) of the Law Society of Saskatchewan, a Member and President (2017 – 2018) of the Canadian Association of University Solicitors, and a Board Member and President (2008 – 2010) of the Saskatchewan Legal Education Inc. From 2007 – 2023, she taught at the Law Society of Saskatchewan’s Trial Advocacy Skills Workshop, and was the Workshop’s Chair from 2012 – 2023. She was also a member of the Board of Directors of Group Medical Services and GMS Insurance Inc., a national individual health and group benefits insurance company, for over 20 years, including two terms as Chair.

Erin currently sits on the Boards of the Law Foundation of Saskatchewan, the Canadian Lawyers’ Insurance Association and the Canadian Centre for Professional Legal Education (CPLED). She is also the Co-Chair of the Federation of Law Societies of Canada / Canadian Council of Law Deans Joint Working Group on Legal Education and Entry to Practice. Effective January 1, 2026 Erin was appointed as Managing Partner of McDougall Gauley LLP.

Achievements

BAR ADMISSION

- Saskatchewan, 1993

EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Laws (with Honours), Queen's University, 1992
- Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy (First Class Honours), Queen's University, 1989

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- "Best Lawyers in Canada"
 - "Lawyer of the Year", Insolvency and Financial Restructuring Law (Regina), 2016, 2022, 2023, 2025
 - "Lawyer of the Year", Banking and Finance Law (Regina), 2015, 2018, 2023
 - Education Law, 2017 – present
 - Banking and Finance Law, 2015 – present
 - Insolvency and Financial Restructuring Law, 2015 – present
- Appointed Queen's Counsel, 2015

MEMBERSHIPS & ASSOCIATIONS

- Canadian Centre for Professional Legal Education (CPLED): Board Member 2025 – present
- Canadian Lawyers' Insurance Association: Board Member 2025 – present
- Law Foundation of Saskatchewan: Board Member 2025 - present
- Federation of Law Societies of Canada
 - President: 2023 / 2024
 - Vice-President: 2022 / 2023
 - Council Member: 2018 – 2023
 - National Well-Being Study Steering Committee: 2020 – 2024
 - National Requirement Review Committee: 2021 – 2023
 - Canadian Common Law Degree Approval Committee: 2020 – 2023 (Chair 2021 – 2023)
 - Model Code of Professional Conduct Committee: 2019 – 2023
 - CCLD / FLSC Joint Working Group on Legal Education and Entry to Practice: Co-Chair 2024 – present
- Independent Judicial Advisory Board for Supreme Court of Canada Judicial Appointments, appointed by the Federal Minister of Justice, 2023
- Law Society of Saskatchewan
 - Firm Regulation Committee, 2019 – 2022
 - Model Code Sub-Committee, 2019 – 2023
 - President, 2017
 - Vice-President, 2016
 - Bencher, 2014 – 2018
 - Continuing Professional Development Planning Committee, 2010 – 2014

- Provincial Court Judicial Council Member, 2017 – 2018
- Saskatchewan Queen’s Counsel Selection Committee, Member, 2018
- Pro Bono Saskatchewan Service Award Nomination Committee, Member, 2018
- CBA Saskatchewan Awards Nomination Committee, Member, 2017 – 2018
- Saskatchewan Trial Advocacy Skills Workshop
 - Program Chair, 2012 – 2023
 - Faculty Member, 2007 – 2023
- Canadian Association of University Solicitors
 - President, 2018
 - Member, 2007 – present
- Saskatchewan Legal Education Society Inc.
 - President, 2008 – 2010
 - Board Member, 2006 – 2010
- Canadian Bar Association (National)
 - Executive, National Privacy and Access Section, 2010 – 2013
 - Editor – “Privacy Pages” (CBA National Privacy and Access Newsletter), 2011 – 2013
- Canadian Bar Association (Saskatchewan Branch)
 - Elected Council Member, 1998 – 2002; 2011 – 2013
 - “Right to Know Week” Committee, 2011 – 2014
 - Mid-winter Meeting Education Committee, 2008
 - Law Day ‘97: Access to Justice Committee, 1997
 - Mid-winter Meeting Committee, 1996
 - Annual Meeting Committee, 1995
- Regina Bar Association

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Group Medical Services and GMS Insurance Inc.
 - Chair, 2008 – 2010; 2020 – 2022
 - Board Member, 2002 – 2023
- U Sports Women’s Basketball National Championship, Tournament Committee Member, 2018
- CIS Women’s Basketball National Championship, Tournament Committee Member, 2013
- CAA Saskatchewan, Board Member, 2001 – 2007
- Children’s Wish Foundation
 - Saskatchewan Chapter, Board Member, 1999 – 2005
 - Regina Sub-Chapter, Coordinator, 1999 – 2002; Board Member: 1996 – 2008

Speaking Events & Presentations

SEPTEMBER 2025 | Presenter

ASSOCIATION OF CANADIAN LEGAL EDUCATION DIRECTORS CONFERENCE, TORONTO
“Accommodations in the Licensing Process”

JUNE 2025 | Presenter

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW TEACHERS CONFERENCE, SASKATOON
“The Continuum of Legal Education / Competencies for Entry to Practice”

MAY 2025 | Presenter

CANADIAN SYMPOSIUM ON ACADEMIC INTEGRITY
“Academic Integrity and Procedural Fairness”

SEPTEMBER 2024 | Panelist

INTERNATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE, MEXICO CITY, MEXICO
“The Role of the Legal Profession: Principles, Policies and Future Projection”

APRIL 2024 | Panelist

CANADIAN LAWYER WOMEN IN LAW SUMMIT, TORONTO
“Enabling Growth Through Sponsorship and Mentoring”

MAY 2024 | Panelist

INTERNATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION BAR LEADERS' CONFERENCE, BUCHAREST, ROMANIA
“Independent Regulation”

MAY 2024 | Panelist

UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN COLLEGE OF LAW IN-HOUSE COUNSEL FORUM
“Expanding Role of the General Counsel”

OCTOBER 2023 | Presenter

LAW SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN / CBA (SASKATCHEWAN) SEMINAR
“Mental Health and the Legal Profession: Improving Lawyer Well-being”

SEPTEMBER 2023 | Presenter

CBA (SASKATCHEWAN) YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION
“Joining Boards and Engagement in the Community”

JUNE 2023 | Panelist

LAW SOCIETY OF ALBERTA BENCHERS RETREAT
“Back to the Future: What Does the Next Decade Hold?”

MAY 2023 | Panelist

UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN COLLEGE OF LAW IN-HOUSE COUNSEL FORUM
“Ethical Challenges Facing In-House Lawyers”

MARCH 2023 | Panelist

CBA-FLSC ETHICS FORUM, TORONTO

“A Wake Up Call – What is the Path Forward for Improving Lawyer Wellness?”

OCTOBER 2022 | Presenter

LAW SOCIETY OF ONTARIO, A2J WEEK

“Well-being Matters: Mental Health in the Legal Profession”

OCTOBER 2022 | Panelist

FEDERATION OF LAW SOCIETIES OF CANADA CONFERENCE, “EXPLORING COMPETENCY-BASED LEARNING FOR LEGAL PROFESSIONALS”

“What Competency-Based Education Means for Experiential Training”

JULY 2020

WORKSHOP FOR SUPPLY MANAGEMENT SERVICES: UNIVERSITY OF REGINA

“Contracts Workshop”

2019 – PRESENT

UNIVERSITY OF REGINA WORKSHOPS

“Privacy in a Pandemic”

SEPTEMBER 2019

WORKSHOP FOR THE INVESTIGATING DEANS AND NON-ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT ADMINISTRATORS: UNIVERSITY OF REGINA AND FIRST NATIONS UNIVERSITY OF CANADA

“Investigations Training”

2019

WORKSHOP FOR DEANS, ASSOCIATE DEANS AND FACULTY ADMINISTRATORS: UNIVERSITY OF REGINA

“Academic Contracts”

OCTOBER 2019

PANEL MODERATOR FOR THE FEDERATION OF LAW SOCIETIES OF CANADA CONFERENCE “THE PRACTICE OF WELL-BEING: EXPLORING THE LEGAL REGULATOR’S ROLE”

“Protecting Law Society Staff”

SEPTEMBER 2018

CBA SASKATCHEWAN WOMEN LAWYER’S SOUTH MEETING

CBA Saskatchewan Women Lawyer’s Panelist

JANUARY 2017

WORKSHOP FOR THE INVESTIGATING DEANS, STUDENT AFFAIRS PERSONNEL AND CAMPUS SECURITY PERSONNEL, UNIVERSITY OF REGINA

“Investigations Training”

FEBRUARY 2017 | Panelist

CANADIAN BAR ASSOCIATION (SASKATCHEWAN BRANCH) MID-WINTER MEETING (“THRIVING IN COMPLEXITY”)
“Innovating Legal Regulation in Saskatchewan”

MARCH 2016 | Planning Committee Member and Panelist

LAW SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR “DUE DILIGENCE AND LEGAL OPINIONS”,
“Specific Legal Opinion Issues”

SEPTEMBER 2015 | Panelist

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY SOLICITORS CONFERENCE
“Keep Your Charter Off My Campus”

NOVEMBER 2014

WORKSHOPS FOR THE INVESTIGATING DEANS, THE COUNCIL DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE, THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON STUDENT APPEALS AND THE SENATE APPEALS COMMITTEE: UNIVERSITY OF REGINA

“Student Appeals”

2014 – PRESENT

WORKSHOPS FOR THE COUNCIL DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE, THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON STUDENT APPEALS AND THE SENATE APPEALS COMMITTEE: UNIVERSITY OF REGINA

“Student Appeals”

AUGUST 2013 | Moderator / Panelist

CANADIAN BAR ASSOCIATION NATIONAL LEGAL CONFERENCE
“Data After Death - Who has the rights to your data when you’re gone?”

NOVEMBER 2012 | Panelist / Presenter

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY BUSINESS OFFICERS, FACULTY BARGAINING SERVICES CONFERENCE
“Impact of Accommodation Requirements on Academic Personnel Processes”

OCTOBER 2012 | Presenter

WESTERN CANADIAN UNIVERSITY BOARD SECRETARIES CONFERENCE
“Conflicts of Interest and Conflicts of Commitment”

MAY 2012 | Panelist / Presenter

CALGARY LABOUR ARBITRATION AND POLICY CONFERENCE (LANCASTER HOUSE)
“The Top Ten Need-to-Know Cases in Labour Arbitration”

OCTOBER 2011 | Panelist

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY SOLICITORS CONFERENCE
“Life Outside the Tariff: A Panel Discussion”

MARCH 2011 | Presenter

LAW SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR “BOOTCAMP FOR JUNIOR LAWYERS

“How to Manage and Organize Your Law Practice”

OCTOBER 2010 | Presenter

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

“Work / Life Integration”

OCTOBER 2009 | Presenter

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY SOLICITORS CONFERENCE

“Student Disciplinary Appeals”

JUNE 2009 | Plenary session presenter

CALGARY LABOUR ARBITRATION AND POLICY CONFERENCE (LANCASTER HOUSE)

“Tough Calls for Arbitrators”

APRIL 2009

UNIVERSITY OF REGINA / DR. PAUL SCHWANN CENTRE

“The Health Information Protection Act – A Primer for Trustees”

MARCH 2008

UNIVERSITY OF REGINA ACADEMIC COORDINATORS WORKSHOP

“The ABC’s of Academic Misconduct”

OCTOBER 2007 | Panelist

SASKATCHEWAN LEGAL EDUCATION SOCIETY SEMINAR “WOMEN AND THE LAW”

“A Gathering of Perspectives”

FEBRUARY 2004 | Presenter

CREDIT INSTITUTE OF CANADA (SASKATCHEWAN CHAPTER)

“Legal Remedies for Creditors”

JANUARY 2004 | Presenter

JOHN DEERE LIMITED

“Privacy Law”

NOVEMBER 2003 | Presenter

CREDIT INSTITUTE OF CANADA (SASKATCHEWAN CHAPTER)

“Privacy Legislation”

2001 – PRESENT

UNIVERSITY OF REGINA WORKSHOPS

“Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy: Practical and Legal Issues”

FEBRUARY, 2000

UNIVERSITY OF REGINA DEANS' COUNCIL WORKSHOP

"Special Needs Students: Practical and Legal Issues"