

# Erica L. Laughlin

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Erica L. Laughlin has been part of the Strassburger McKenna Gutnick & Gefsky (SMGG) team for the duration of her legal career. Joining the Firm in 2004, she became a Director in 2012 and took on her current role as Shareholder in 2017. She serves as Co-Chair of the Firm's Business Development and Marketing Committee.

Ms. Laughlin has a civil litigation practice in state and federal courts, and has successfully represented individuals and businesses in commercial disputes and civil matters, including personal injury, premises liability, professional malpractice, insurance defense, civil rights defense, construction, and municipal law claims. The breadth and depth of her experience cover everything from multi-million dollar disputes among companies and board members to health law litigation, from personal injury claims to contractual breaches.

Known for her energy, attention, and dedication to her clients and their needs, Ms. Laughlin prides herself in her focus toward helping her clients achieve cost-efficient favorable outcomes and creative solutions outside of the courtroom. She regularly provides preventative counseling and advises her clients on risk avoidance in an effort to limit their exposure to litigation.

Outside of the courtroom, Ms. Laughlin is passionate about travel and the arts. An avid runner, she has completed over 20 half-marathons and two triathlons. A North Huntingdon native, she currently resides in Pine Township with her husband Nick and their young daughters, Ella and Tessa.

### Practice Areas

- Litigation
- Personal Injury
- Employer-Employee Relations
- Healthcare Law
- Construction
- Crisis/COVID-19 Legal Counseling Services

### Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

### Education

- J.D., University of Pittsburgh
- John P. Gismondi Civil Litigation Certificate
- Murray S. Love Trial Moot Court Competition Quarter-Finalist
- Appellate Moot Court Competition Quarter-Finalist
- Institute for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI) award for achieving the highest grade in Trial Advocacy, Spring 2003
- B.A., magna cum laude, Journalism and Psychology, Duquesne University, 2001

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### Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Allegheny County Bar Association
  - Board of Governors (2018 – Present)
  - Gender Equality Committee (2018 – Present)
  - Women in the Law Division (2014 – Present)
    - Chair (2018)
    - Chair Elect (2017)
  - Civil Litigation Section Council (2015 – Present)
  - Finance Committee (2017 – Present)
  - Bench Bar Planning Committee (2011 – 2019)
    - Chair (2017)
    - Vice-Chair (2016)
  - Young Lawyers Division Council (2013 – 2015)
  - Bar Leadership Initiative Class (2012 – 2013)

- Allegheny County Bar Foundation
  - Young Lawyer Fellow (2014 – Present)
- Westmoreland County Bar Association
- Westmoreland County Chamber of Commerce
- Pittsburgh North Chamber of Commerce
- American Inns of Court, Amy Reynolds Hay Chapter (2011 – 2015)
  - Group Leader (2013 – 2015)
- American Association for Justice (2004 – 2015)

### Recognition & Awards

- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Peer Rated (2018 – current)
- Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Rising Star 2013-2019
- The Legal Intelligencer 2016 Lawyer on the Fast Track

### Community Involvement

- St. Kilian Catholic Church, Lector
- Expressions In Harmony (providing support and services for women and children in need), former founding Board Member