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Services and sector groups

- Litigation
- White Collar Defense and Investigations
- Appellate Law and Post Trial
- Professional Licensing and Ethics Defense
- Technology, Data, and AI
- Healthcare and Life Sciences
- Financial Services
- Automotive Dealership

Clients engage Erik Anderson when the stakes are high, the scrutiny is intense, and the situation demands disciplined legal judgment. For nearly two decades, Erik has handled complex commercial disputes, government investigations, constitutional litigation, and professional licensing defense—multi-dimensional matters at the intersection of law and government where conventional litigation playbooks fail.

Drawing on years of experience from both senior government positions and private practice, Erik has guided clients as they face threats on legal, professional, political, and reputational fronts. Whether defending executives under federal investigation while protecting professional licenses, resolving high-profile constitutional disputes, or managing commercial litigation posing enterprise risk, he develops strategies that address every angle of exposure.

Governmental and constitutional litigation

When Pennsylvania's governor sued the General Assembly and later sought King's Bench review, the legislature turned to Erik. He has represented clients at the intersection of government and law, handling matters involving novel constitutional questions and interbranch conflicts. Erik has defended the Pennsylvania Senate Secretary-Parliamentarian in Commonwealth Court election litigation, represented legislative leaders, including a former Speaker of the House, in First Amendment and employment discrimination cases, and filed amicus briefs in Pennsylvania Supreme Court gaming litigation. When the Pennsylvania Senate prepared to exercise its legislative contempt imprisonment powers for the first time in 50 years, Erik represented the Senate Chief Sergeant-at-Arms in a separation-of-powers dispute raising fundamental questions about legislative authority versus executive privilege.

Erik has represented all three branches of the Pennsylvania government and both political parties in constitutional conflicts, briefing and arguing these matters before state and federal appellate courts. He also represents private parties in constitutionally significant matters, including lobbying firms in skill-game disputes and businesses facing constitutional challenges across multiple practice areas.

Complex commercial litigation

Erik litigates commercial disputes from complaint to verdict across healthcare, automotive, telecommunications, technology, and financial services sectors. His practice encompasses both multi-party national litigation and closely held business disputes.

Fraud and fiduciary duty

Erik prosecutes derivative actions involving breaches of fiduciary duty and misappropriation, represents plaintiffs in national mail fraud schemes, and defends controlling shareholders against allegations of self-dealing. His cases often involve complex valuation disputes, minority oppression claims, and challenges to corporate authority.

Shareholder and partnership disputes

Erik handles business divorces, shareholder oppression cases, and partnership dissolutions. He represents business owners in separation disputes involving operating agreement breaches, buyout provisions, and governance battles.

Contract and commercial disputes

Erik represents companies in breach of contract litigation, pursuing specific performance and damages across vendor agreements, service contracts, and commercial relationships. His clients include telecommunications providers, healthcare systems, construction companies, and software developers.

White collar defense and public corruption

Erik navigates clients through federal grand jury investigations, Department of Justice (DOJ) enforcement proceedings, and criminal prosecutions. He served as trial counsel in a state public corruption prosecution, defended elected officials in a federal grand jury investigation led by Special Prosecutor Jack Smith, and represented state senators, representatives, and cabinet secretaries facing charges related to public corruption, computer crimes, and ethics violations.

He manages regulatory enforcement actions for pharmaceutical companies and defends corporations facing federal investigations, including PPP loan subpoenas. In several confidential matters, his representation led to investigations being closed without charges.

Erik also conducts thorough internal investigations when institutions face allegations of misconduct that threaten their reputation and liability. He uncovered an \$800,000 embezzlement scheme through fraudulent vendor relationships at a regional visitors bureau, investigated clergy misconduct for a Roman Catholic Diocese, examined patient abuse allegations for a hospital system, and conducted investigations for municipal departments involving hostile work environment and excessive force claims.

Legal ethics and professional licensure defense

Erik defends attorneys before the Office of Disciplinary Counsel through all phases, from initial inquiry to formal charges, hearings, and appeals. He has represented a state prosecutor facing disciplinary proceedings for alleged Brady violations, defended attorneys against malpractice-related misconduct claims, and represented a state court judge before the Judicial Conduct Board. He handles Dragonetti actions for alleged abuse of process, litigates disqualification motions, and defends law firms against breach of fiduciary duty claims.

Beyond legal ethics, Erik defends physicians, dentists, nurses, and other licensed professionals before the Pennsylvania Department of State when professional credentials and livelihoods are at stake.

Government service and early career

Before entering private practice, Erik spent nearly a decade in government leadership as Deputy Chief Counsel to the Pennsylvania General Assembly and Deputy Attorney General and Agency Counsel for the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, advising on constitutional law, managing employment litigation, and conducting internal investigations.

Erik launched his private practice career as lead attorney in the Harrisburg office of Myers, Brier & Kelly, LLP, where seasoned trial lawyers mentored him as he built a litigation practice focused on complex commercial disputes, government investigations, and professional liability defense.

Representative experience

Complex Commercial Litigation

- Global pharmaceutical distribution corporation in national opioid litigation
- Plaintiff pursuing federal fraud prosecution referral for misappropriation of opioid settlement funds
- Business owner plaintiff in civil fraud action involving national mail fraud scheme
- Construction company CEO plaintiff in fraud action for employee and contractor theft
- Medical management company majority member defending breach of fiduciary duty claims by minority investors
- Automotive dealership in shareholder oppression dispute involving franchise agreement compliance with Ford Motor Company
- Regional telecom company in multi-million dollar contract dispute and fraud litigation
- Travel company CEO in dispute with a global automobile manufacturer
- Residential building company owner in a business dissolution and separation dispute
- National debt-relief company defending unfair trade practices claims
- Credit union plaintiff in trademark infringement action
- Software company defending law firm's conflict-of-interest and breach of fiduciary duty claims

White Collar Defense and Government Investigations

- Elected state official in federal grand jury investigation led by Special Prosecutor Jack Smith
- Trial counsel for State Representative in public corruption prosecution
- State Cabinet Secretary in federal grand jury investigation
- Multiple state legislators in grand jury investigations involving public corruption, computer crimes, and ethics violations
- National wine and spirits executive in federal public corruption probe
- Automotive dealership group in federal PPP loan investigation and DOJ response
- Pharmaceutical companies in DOJ regulatory enforcement actions
- Regional visitors bureau internal investigation—uncovered \$800,000 embezzlement through fraudulent vendor schemes
- Roman Catholic Diocese internal investigation regarding clergy misconduct allegations
- Jehovah's Witness members in Pennsylvania OAG criminal probe into the institution
- Regional hospital system internal investigation of provider-patient abuse allegations
- Municipal police and fire departments—internal investigations of hostile work environment, excessive force, and discrimination claims
- Los Angeles marketing executive in the prosecution of insurance fraud and corrupt organizations
- New York real estate developer in a federal grand jury investigation related to a federal audit

Governmental and Constitutional Litigation

- Pennsylvania General Assembly against Governor in Commonwealth Court original jurisdiction and King's Bench Petition to Pennsylvania Supreme Court

- Pennsylvania Senate Chief Sergeant-at-Arms in separation-of-powers dispute over legislative contempt imprisonment powers—first invocation in 50 years
- Former Speaker of the House and legislative leaders in First Amendment and employment discrimination litigation
- Pennsylvania Senate Secretary-Parliamentarian in Commonwealth Court election litigation
- City mayor in defamation and Fourteenth Amendment claims
- County government in federal First Amendment political speech case
- Senate security official in employment discrimination action

Employment Litigation

- Employer defending workplace violence litigation involving wrongful death claims
- National defense contractor in ADA litigation
- Agricultural supplier before NLRB and PHRC in union activity and religious discrimination matters
- County government defending multiple employment discrimination claims
- Defense of transgender discrimination claim for national retailer
- FLSA collective action defense for regional telecommunications company

Legal Ethics and Professional Licensure Defense

- State prosecutor before Office of Disciplinary Counsel for alleged Brady violations
- State court judge before Judicial Conduct Board
- Attorney defending medical malpractice-related disciplinary charges
- Prominent attorney in federal obstruction of justice investigation
- National law firm defending threatened Dragonetti action arising from antitrust litigation
- Physicians, dentists, nurses, and other licensed professionals before Pennsylvania Department of State licensing boards

Education

- Widener University School of Law, J.D.
- University of Delaware, B.A., political science

Admissions

- Pennsylvania

Recognition

- Legal 500 Elite City Focus – Philadelphia – White Collar Crime, 2026
- The Best Lawyers in America®, Best Lawyers®, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
- AV Preeminent, Martindale-Hubbell, since 2022

Professional and community involvement

- Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Rules Committee