



## Erick VanDorn

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### PRACTICES

- Business Litigation
- Products Liability
- Railroad Litigation
- Toxic Tort

### EDUCATION

- University of Illinois College of Law, J.D., cum laude, 1998
- Eastern Illinois University, B.S., cum laude, 1995

### ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- Missouri
- Illinois USDC, Central District
- Illinois USDC, Northern District
- Illinois USDC, Southern District

### AFFILIATIONS

- Illinois Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- St. Clair County Bar Association
- East St. Louis Bar Association

### EMPLOYMENT

- Thompson Coburn LLP Partner, 2008-Present Associate, 2002-2007
- Foley & Lardner Associate, 1999-2001
- Thompson Coburn LLP Associate, 1998-1999

Erick is a litigation partner in the Firm's Southern Illinois office. He is a member of the Tort, Railroad and Products Liability practice groups and is a member of the Firm's Management Committee.

For more than 25 years, Erick has defended product liability, toxic tort, trucking litigation and railroad injury cases in some of the most difficult jurisdictions in the country. His clients include agricultural and construction equipment manufacturers, automobile manufacturers, power sports equipment manufacturers, trucking companies and railroads.

As a lead partner in Thompson Coburn's Asbestos practice, Erick has served as lead counsel in thousands of asbestos cases and helped pioneer defense strategies that have empowered companies to break out of a taxing pattern of expensive settlements. Erick also has been at the forefront of efforts to remove these cases from perceived plaintiff-friendly jurisdictions like Madison County, IL, St. Clair County, IL, Cook County, IL, and the City of St. Louis, MO. Erick also represents toxic tort defendants in Southern California, New York, and other high-risk jurisdictions across the country.

Erick also has significant experience in employment law, business litigation and biometric information privacy litigation, and has advocated for clients at the appellate court level.

Erick serves on Thompson Coburn's Management Committee and AI Task Force.

#### RECOGNITIONS

- Listed in The Best Lawyers in America® (by BL Rankings), 2025