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PRACTICE GROUPS

- Insurance
- Litigation
- Land Use

EDUCATION

Loyola Law School Los Angeles, J.D., *cum laude*, 2003

Chapman University, M.A., 2000

Georgetown University, B.A., 1997

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Erin Donovan is a partner in the Firm's Los Angeles office. Her principal practice areas include general civil litigation, business litigation, insurance coverage and defense litigation, and probate litigation. She has participated in five trials (three civil and two probate) and as lead counsel, has successfully obtained a defense award at arbitration. In addition to representing insurance companies and their insureds, she has served as counsel for a variety of businesses, academic institutions, universities and charter schools.

With partner Richard Conn, Ms. Donovan co-authored:

"First Contact – Critical Evidence Can Often Best Be Uncovered Through the Appropriate Use of Informal Discovery," *Los Angeles Lawyer*, October 2004 (PDF).

While attending Loyola Law School, Ms. Donovan worked as an extern for the Honorable Dickran M. Tevzian, Jr., United States District Court for the Central District of California. She also served as Managing Editor of the *Loyola of Los Angeles International & Comparative Law Review* and authored

"Beans, Beans, The Patented Fruit: The Growing International Conflict over the Ownership of Life," 25 *Loyola of Los Angeles International & Comparative Law Review* 117 (Winter 2002). She graduated *cum laude* in 2003 and was selected as a member of the Order of the Coif.

At Georgetown University, she played on the Women's Varsity Soccer Team for four years earning Most Valuable Offensive Player of the Year as a freshman and Most Valuable Defensive Player of the Year as a senior. She served as team captain during her junior and senior years and still holds records for most goals scored in a game and for all-time career assists.

Between college and law school, Ms. Donovan was a Los Angeles corps member with Teach for America. She taught kindergarten and first grade at Thomas Jefferson Elementary in Compton, California from 1997 to 2000. She has used this valuable experience to connect with teachers, principals and executives in her representation of academic institutions, universities, and charter schools.

RECOGNITION

In 2007 and from 2010 to 2012, Ms. Donovan was named a Southern California "Rising Star" by *Los Angeles Magazine*.

PUBLICATIONS

INSURANCE NOTES

- Court Finds That Policy Language Prohibits "Stacking" And Limits Primary Insurer's Liability To A Single Per Occurrence Limit 05.08.2013
- Broker Has No Duty To Inform Additional Insured Of Insurer's Insolvency 03.07.2012
- Court Applies "No Stacking" Of Primary Limits And "Horizontal Exhaustion" On Individual Insurer Basis 06.08.2011
- Because of Severability Clause, Exclusion For "An" Insured's Intentional Acts Held Not To Bar Coverage For Negligent Supervision Claim Against Another Insured 08.11.2010

ARTICLE

- First Contact: Critical Evidence Can Often Best Be Uncovered Through the Appropriate Use of Informal Testimony 10.11.2004

NEWS

- Partner Richard Conn leads Musick Peeler team to win a successful ruling in a probate trial 10.25.2018

ADMISSIONS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- State Bar of California

- United States District Court for the Central and Northern Districts of California
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, Member
- Irish American Bar Association
- Women's Lawyer Association of Los Angeles