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Erica Knievel Songer's practice focuses on high-stakes class actions and other complex commercial litigation. Erica has been recognized by *The Washington Post Magazine* as a *Rising Star* among Washington, D.C. litigators.

Erica's litigation experience includes representing Fortune 500 clients across major industries, including health insurers, automotive manufacturers, and consumer electronics companies. Her cases have involved a variety of areas of substantive law, including ERISA, RICO, consumer protection act, warranty, fiduciary duty, tortious interference, and contract claims, among others. Erica has achieved early dismissal of claims at the initial pleading stage and on summary judgment motions, defeated class certification and secured decertification, and handled multiple jury trials.

Erica is also a major contributor to the firm's pro bono commitment, litigating civil rights cases that have received national recognition. She previously served as the firm's senior associate-in-charge of U.S. pro bono and has been appointed to the young professionals leadership of The Constitution Project and the Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project. Erica was honored with a City Year D.C. *Idealist of the Year* award for her dedication to serving the legal needs of the Washington, D.C. community.

Prior to joining the firm, Erica served as a law clerk for The Honorable Cornelia G. Kennedy of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and held internships with the White House and the National Conference of State Legislatures. During law school, Erica served as Deputy Editor-in-Chief of the *Harvard Journal of Law and Gender*. Upon graduation from the University of Illinois, Erica received the Bronze Tablet Award, the school's highest academic honor.

**PRACTICES**

Class Actions

Litigation and Arbitration

Pro Bono

**EDUCATION**J.D., *cum laude*, Harvard Law School, 2006B.S., *summa cum laude*, *Phi Beta Kappa*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2003B.A., *summa cum laude*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2003**BAR ADMISSIONS / QUALIFICATIONS**

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