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Mergers and Acquisitions

Corporate Governance and Securities Regulation
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Erin is a founding partner of Cooley's Chicago office. She routinely represents strategic acquirers, executives and private equity investors in public and private acquisitions, mergers and disposition transactions, joint ventures, public and private financing activities and corporate venture investments and partnerships. She has extensive experience in cross-border transactions and regularly leads multi-jurisdictional and multi-disciplinary teams to execute on clients' strategic goals and objectives. Erin's practice also includes advising clients on corporate governance matters and securities offerings in relation to complex corporate transactions. Prior to joining Cooley, Erin was a partner at DLA Piper.

Erin's representative experience includes advising:

- Leading telehealth company on its sale to a private equity consortium (pending)
- StoneX on its $236 million acquisition of GAIN Capital*
- NightOwl Global on its sale to HaystackID*
- Reece Group on its $1.44 billion acquisition of Morsco*
- Morsco on its $160 million acquisition of Todd Pipe & Supply*
- Appvion and its successor, Appvion Operations, on its strategic realignment initiatives, including its 363 bankruptcy sale to its creditors and multiple subsequent divestitures*
- INEOS Enterprises on its $1.1 billion acquisition of Ashland Global's composites business*
- The special committee of RMG Networks on its take-private by its executive chairman*
- Groupon on multiple acquisitions and divestitures, including its $360 million sale of 46% controlling stake in Ticket Monster, a Korean operating subsidiary, to a partnership formed by private equity funds KKR and Anchor Equity Partners*
- Experian on multiple acquisitions and divestitures*
- OpinionLab on its sale to Verint Systems*
- Cambridge Capital Acquisition Corp. on its proposed stock-for-stock merger with Parakou Tankers*
- Stryker on its acquisition of privately held Canadian hospital bed manufacturer CHG and its acquisition of privately held surgical tools manufacturer Pivot Medical*
- Visteon on its $265 million stock and asset acquisition of automotive electronics business of Johnson Controls*
- Proposed $1 billion manufacturing joint venture between two global steel corporations*
- Sara Lee's international coffee and tea business, named D.E. Master Blenders 1753, on its approximately $11 billion US Securities Exchange Commission registered spin-off, redomestication and

listing on the Amsterdam stock exchange *

**Indicates experience prior to Cooley*

Education

University of Iowa College of Law JD, high honors, Order of the Coif

Grinnell College BA, Political Science and French, honors

Admissions & Credentials

Illinois

Rankings & Accolades

Chambers USA: Corporate/M&A – Illinois (2026)