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"focused on road safety work...ability 'to give plain English advice, often on the fly, because she knows it so well.'" -[Chambers USA](#)

Erika Jones is a respected advisor and litigator whose practice is particularly focused on regulatory matters involving motor vehicle safety and consumer product safety, and related litigation. She has been characterized by *Chambers USA 2018* as "tough and incredibly effective in getting great results, and able to give her perspective because she knows the industry so well." *Chambers USA* has previously described Erika as "'outstanding, extremely bright,' . . . an 'excellent manager of resources.'"

Erika joined Mayer Brown in 1989. Previously, she worked with the federal government in various high-level capacities. Before joining Mayer Brown, she was the NHTSA Chief Counsel between 1985 and 1989. From 1981 to 1985, she was Special Counsel to the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, US Department of Transportation. Erika was also an attorney and Regulatory Policy Analyst for the Office of Management and Budget (1980–1981) and a staff member for the Federal Communications Commission (1976–1980).

Experience

- **Federal Regulation.** Represents clients before Federal regulatory agencies, including the Department of Transportation, the Surface Transportation Board, the US Consumer Product Safety Commission, the Environmental Protection Agency and others.
- **Federal Information Law.** Issues related to Federal information laws, including the Freedom of Information Act, the Privacy Act, the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Government in the Sunshine Act and others.
- **Legislation.** Counsels clients on pending Federal legislative proposals, including strategic advice, testimony preparation, and legislative drafting.
- **Litigation.** Represents clients in cases involving judicial review of federal regulatory agency decisions and in cases involving preemption and other federal regulatory issues in product liability cases and class actions.

Education

- Georgetown University Law Center, JD Dean's List
- Georgetown University, BA, magna cum laude Phi Beta Kappa

Attorney Admissions

- District of Columbia
- US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- US Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- US Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
- US Supreme Court

Activities

- American Bar Association, Sections on Administrative Law and Litigation
- Product Liability Advisory Council

Perspectives

- "The White House and DOT Release AV 4.0," Legal Update, January 13, 2020
- "Letting A Hundred Systems Blossom: Implied Preemption of State-Law Tort Claims and NHTSA's Deliberately Flexible Approach to Autonomous Vehicles (Part 2)," Bloomberg Law, May 28, 2019
- "Letting A Hundred Systems Blossom: Implied Preemption of State-Law Tort Claims and NHTSA's Deliberately Flexible Approach to Autonomous Vehicles (Part 1)," Bloomberg Law, May 21, 2019
- "Federal Appellate Practice," Third Edition 2018
- "How 'AV 3.0' Changed The Autonomous Vehicle Game In 2018," Law360, December 20, 2018
- "DOT Releases AV 3.0," Legal Update, October 04, 2018
- "CPSC Considers Product Cybersecurity," Legal Update, May 24, 2018
- "CAVs: Trends and Outlook," Legal Update, April 16, 2018
- "Evolving Issues for Connected and Autonomous Vehicles," Legal Update, January 11, 2017
- "US Adopts Significant Changes to Consumer Product Safety Laws," Legal Update, August 18, 2008
- "Federal Appellate Practice," BNA Books, 2008

Events

- Autonomous driving—Evolving Legal Issues for Connected and Autonomous Vehicles in the US March 22, 2018
- AIAG Governance & Ethics Professional Series I, December 09, 2015
- The New EU Product Safety Proposals: What Every US Export Company Needs to Know, June 10, 2013
- Brussels 20th Anniversary Conference, May 31, 2012
- The Revision of the EU General Product Safety Directive — update on Commission discussions March 29, 2011
- Product Safety and Liability - How US Customs and Border Protection Will Enforce the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008, July 15, 2009
- Product Safety and Liability After the US Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008: What Companies Need To Know Now, September 23, 2008

News

- "NHTSA Lays Path For Eased Self-Driving Car Safety Rules," Law360, March 17, 2020
- "Feds' Self-Driving Car Policy Rife With Regulatory Blind Spots," Law360, January 10, 2020
- "CPSC Can Add CEO To Buckyballs Lawsuit," Law360, May 07, 2013
- "Should this toy be saved?," ABA Journal, May 01, 2013
- "Trucker Hour Limits Don't Improve Safety, DC Circ. Hears," Law360, March 15, 2013
- "Opposition Builds to New Federal Law Modifying Product Safety Regulations," National Law Journal, April 13, 2009