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## Erin M. Maddocks

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Erin Maddocks focuses her practice on complex commercial litigation, fiduciary dispute resolution, and litigation involving contested trusts and estates. She has litigated in state and federal courts and has experience litigating a wide range of complex commercial matters, including breach of contract, professional liability and legal malpractice defense, and shareholder disputes.

Erin's experience in probate and trust litigation includes will and trust contests and cases involving capacity, undue influence, determination of beneficiaries, homestead challenges, powers of attorney, spousal elective share, estate claims, breach of fiduciary duty, and tortious interference with inheritance.

### Notable Work

**Estate Tax Litigation:** Represented the widow of prominent author Tom Clancy in a much-publicized decision in 2016 when the Maryland Court of Appeals affirmed a lower court decision exonerating a trust for her and her daughter from the payment of estate taxes.

**Legal Malpractice:** Represented a law firm in a successful resolution of claims of negligence and breach of fiduciary duty relating to execution of testamentary documents in \$300 million estate.

**Claims of Breach of Fiduciary Duty:** Represented a client against a broker-dealer for breach of fiduciary duty based on a binding arbitration agreement executed by the trustees. Prevailed on issue of first impression requiring non-signatory trust beneficiaries to arbitrate claims.

**Representation in Will and Trust Contest:** Represented the surviving spouse in defense of numerous claims of fraud, undue influence, and incapacity in \$30 million estate and trust.

### Areas of Experience

Litigation  
Trusts and Estates  
Commercial Disputes  
Probate and Fiduciary Litigation

### Education

J.D., University of Florida Levin College of Law, 2007, cum laude  
B.A., University of Florida, Political Science, 2004, cum laude

### Admissions

#### Bars

New York  
Florida

#### Courts

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida  
U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida

### Related Content

Habitat for Humanity's Fire and Ice Gala  
November 02, 2018

10th Annual Home in One Golf Classic  
April 17, 2017

**Representation of Lender in Commercial Loan Workout:**

Represented a lender in expeditiously recovering millions of dollars in a distressed situation involving the collapse of a closely-held family corporation.

**Affiliations**

- American Bar Association, Member
- Palm Beach County Bar Association, Member
- Habitat for Humanity of Greater Palm Beach County, Board Member
- Florida Bar, Real Property Probate and Trust Litigation Section, Member
- Leadership West Palm Beach, Class of 2014
- Florida State Courts, Guardian ad Litem, Volunteer