



## **ERIN EHLERT**

Erin's practice is focused on the defense of medical malpractice cases and general civil litigation that is moving towards trial. Erin's experience includes over 20 years as a criminal prosecutor and thousands of hours in the courtroom prosecuting domestic violence, sexual assault, and homicide cases. She has spent months in the courtroom prosecuting high profile trials including the 2006 shooting at the Jewish Federation in Seattle where 6 women were shot, one fatally. As a homicide prosecutor, she responded to crime scenes at any time of day or night, attended autopsies, worked with law enforcement on investigating complex forensic crimes, and brought those cases to conclusion through lengthy jury trials.

Over the course of Erin's career, she developed an expertise in forensic science and particularly in the field of DNA and the investigation and prosecution of cold cases. In 2016, Erin spent months in pretrial hearings on the admissibility of probabilistic genotyping, a statistical method of deconvoluting complex DNA mixtures. In 2019, Erin became particularly well-versed in the newly emerging field of Investigative Genetic Genealogy, or the prosecution of homicide and violent crime offenders through the investigation and comparison of their familial genetic line. Erin filed the first case solved by Investigative Genetic Genealogy in King County.

As a prosecutor, Erin's goal was to ensure the voice of the victim was never silenced. While her focus was on trial work, she was also the Assistant Chief of the Criminal Division in Seattle where she helped lead the office of over 170 lawyers, and she ended her career as the co-chair of the Homicide Unit. Erin left the prosecutor's office as a highly experienced trial attorney and joins FAVROS with a passion for presenting complex cases in the courtroom to a jury.

## **Education**

- Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, J.D., 1996
- Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, B.A., 1993

## **Admitted to Practice**

- State of Washington
- United States District Court – Western District of Washington