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Erin M. Sweeney, former Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) specialist at the U.S. Department of Labor, joined Dickstein Shapiro LLP in 2007 as counsel. At the Department of Labor, Ms. Sweeney served as a primary architect of the default investment regulation. She also received an Exceptional Achievement award for her participation in drafting the Pension Protection Act of 2006. Ms. Sweeney served as an expert witness for the United States in multiple ERISA criminal matters.

Ms. Sweeney advises on all facets of executive compensation, related corporate securities issues, healthcare reform and employee benefit plan administration, design, and qualification. She also provides counsel and represents parties in litigation concerning fiduciary obligations, prohibited transactions and exemptions, Sarbanes-Oxley compliance, health privacy (HIPAA), voluntary exit incentive programs, plan administration, plan termination, downsizing, welfare and pension benefit claims, health insurance continuation (COBRA), withdrawal liability, post-retirement medical benefits, the employee benefits provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, and employee benefits issues arising in corporate acquisitions and restructuring.

RELATED PRACTICES

- ERISA

EDUCATION

Ohio University, B.A. and B.S., 1986,
summa cum laude
American University, M.A., 1990
American University Washington College
of Law, J.D., 1989, *cum laude*

BAR ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania
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U.S. Supreme Court
U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of
Columbia
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh
Circuit
U.S. District Court for the District of
Columbia
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District
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