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## Technology Tools and Resources for Appellate Advocates

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Eric is a Fellow and Past President of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, founding President of the Eighth Circuit Bar Association, and has held a number of significant positions in the American Bar Association, including Co-Chair of the Appellate Practice Committee of the Section of Litigation, and Co-Chair of the Appellate Advocacy Committee of the Tort and Insurance Practice Section. He was again selected by his peers to the 2006 edition of The Best Lawyers in America, and has repeatedly been a top vote getter among appellate law attorneys in Minnesota Law & Politics' "Super Lawyer" poll.

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