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PRACTICE AREAS

Appellate Litigation
 General Liability
 Intellectual Property Litigation
 Municipal Liability
 Premises Liability
 Professional Liability
 Transportation Litigation

EDUCATION

Boston College Law School, J.D.
 Villanova University, *magna cum laude*, B.A. in History and Political Science

ADMISSIONS

Massachusetts
 New Hampshire
 Rhode Island
 U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit
 U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts
 U.S. District Court, District of New Hampshire
 U.S. District Court, District of Rhode Island
 Vermont

MEMBERSHIPS

Worcester County Bar Association
 Massachusetts Bar Association
 Massachusetts Defense Lawyers Association (MassDLA)
 Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)

Overview

Patrick focuses his practice on premises liability, municipal litigation and appellate matters. His experience in a diverse case load of commercial and public defense allows him to successfully handle a vast array of tort civil litigation actions in his Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Vermont practices. Prior to joining Hassett | Donnelly, Patrick worked as an Associate at an established insurance defense firm in Boston handling long-term care litigation, human services liability and professional liability matters.

With a background of strong writing and legal research skills, Patrick excels in crafting legal arguments for dispositive motions and appellate briefs. He brings his tested background in business and municipal liability to his practice which also includes pre-suit investigations and assessments for early resolutions where possible.

Select Results

- [First Circuit Court of Appeals Affirms Dismissal of Lettuce Growers for Lack of Jurisdiction](#)
- [MA Appeals Court Determines Town Not Original Cause of Recess Collision](#)
- [Appeals Court Affirms Summary Judgment for Police Department in Wrongful Death Claim](#)

Recognitions

- Patrick was named a *Super Lawyers* “Rising Star” (2023-2024)

Notable

- While in law school, Patrick represented BC Law on their international moot court team, and was recognized with an award for his top oral argument. He also worked as a student practitioner at the Massachusetts Attorney General’s Office, defending state agencies in administrative appeals. As part of this work, Patrick earned the distinction of being one of the first students permitted to orally argue before the Massachusetts Appeals Court on behalf of the Commonwealth; the court found in his favor.