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Main Bio

Patrick is an experienced dispute resolution litigator adept at building, working in, and leading high-functioning teams in a fast-paced environment. He has extensive experience collaborating with and advising in-house legal teams and business executives regarding a wide array of topics from routine disputes to high-stakes litigation in both federal and state courts. Patrick's diverse litigation practice has recently focused on defeating putative class actions, handling multi-district products liability lawsuits, and lawsuits under the False Claims Act (FCA).

Prior to attending law school, Patrick worked as a 6th grade English teacher in Kansas City, Missouri. He also started a nonprofit educational organization and worked in a county jail in Portland, Oregon. Patrick is an Eagle Scout and has volunteered for a variety of civic organizations, including the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's Overture Council and the PAWS Chicago Professional Board. He maintains an active pro bono practice assisting prisoners with constitutional claims and students with disabilities seeking access to their Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE).

**Matter completed prior to joining Benesch.*

Experience

Litigation

- Integral part of the multi-jurisdiction defense, including a key jury trial, of a national retailer against tort and public nuisance and related industry claims asserted in *In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL No. 2804 and related opioid litigation.*
- Represented a Fortune 40 company in defense of federal and state False Claims Act claims relating to a public works technology contract funded by the Department of Homeland Security.*
- Represented Seaway Bancshares, Inc. in fraud and breach of fiduciary duty litigation that involved parallel bankruptcy

Related Practices

Litigation

Education

- University of Illinois College of Law, 2015, J.D.
 - *summa cum laude*
 - Articles Editor, Illinois Journal of Law, Technology & Policy
- University of Missouri – St. Louis, 2011, Master of Education
- Portland State University, 2009, Bachelor of Arts in English

Credentials

- Illinois
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

Recognitions

- Best Note Award (2014), University of Illinois College of Law
- Crystal Apple Award (2011) Awarded annually to four teachers in Kansas City for excellence in teaching and community service

litigation.*

Additional Experience

- Counseled leading blank apparel manufacturer during CBP investigation and handled adjacent defamation litigation.*
- Represented Fortune 100 health care company in complex trademark infringement action involving international fraudulent marketing scheme.*
- Represented major credit bureau in over a dozen FCRA individual-plaintiff cases, including securing a complete victory during summary judgment.*
- Represented major U.S. airline in putative class action regarding COVID-19 vaccine policy.*
- Represented middle market private equity firm in litigation stemming from a failed merger.*

News

- Patrick Beisell and Joan Meyer Mentioned in Crain's Chicago People On the Move, October 22, 2024