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Main Bio

Patrick Tighe has a varied commercial litigation practice and assists clients in resolving complex disputes through trial, alternative dispute resolution, and on appeal. Patrick has experience in many types of business disputes, including real estate and construction litigation, employment litigation, appellate law, business tort and corporate governance litigation, class action, internal investigations, civil rights and constitutional litigation, replevin, and judgment enforcement. In his appellate practice, Patrick has argued before the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Patrick is a member of the firm's Commercial Litigation Group. He also co-chairs SNELLGBTQ, the firm's affinity group for members and allies of the LGBTQ community.

Prior to joining Snell & Wilmer, Patrick clerked for Chief Justice Scott Bales of the Arizona Supreme Court and Judge David G. Campbell of the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona.

Representative Experience

- Represented pharmacy store in resolution of commercial lease dispute
- Defended real estate company in litigation involving claims of intentional and negligent misrepresentation of material property defects
- Prosecuted and defended claims for breach of contract, good faith and fair dealing, misrepresentation, fraud, tortious interference, fiduciary duty, and related claims
- Represented landowners in partition and eviction actions
- Prosecuted replevin action on behalf of car insurance company
- Represented product distributor in national class action lawsuit
- Prosecuted and defended clients in alter-ego/corporate veil piercing litigation
- Conducted internal investigation for university in connection with Department of Justice "Varsity Blues" college admissions prosecution

Education

- Harvard Kennedy School of Government (M.P.P.)
- University of Michigan Law School (J.D., *cum laude*)
 - Contributing Editor, Michigan Law Review
 - Student Attorney, International Refugee Assistance Project

- Student Member, Outlaws
- University of Notre Dame (B.A., Honors Philosophy, *magna cum laude*)

Professional Memberships & Activities

- American Bar Association

Representative Presentations & Publications

- "[Best Practices: Commercial Lockouts in Arizona](#)," Author, Snell & Wilmer Real Estate Litigation Blog (March 29, 2023)
- "[Bad Faith Termination for Convenience](#)," Author, Snell & Wilmer Under Construction Newsletter (October 2020)
- "[Exceptions to the Enforceability of Limitation of Liability Clauses](#)," Author, Snell & Wilmer Under Construction Newsletter (July 2020)
- "[Internal investigation Finds Admission Scandal at USD Limited to One Coach](#)," The San Diego Union-Tribune (August 29, 2019)
- "Exploring Discretion: How Probation Officers and Probationers Approach Revocation," Author, Maricopa County Adult Probation Department (2016)
- "Underbanked: Financial Cooperatives as a Potential Solution to the Marijuana Banking Problem," Author, 114 Mich. L. Rev. 803 (2016)

Professional Recognition & Awards

- The Best Lawyers in America®: Ones to Watch, Commercial Litigation (2021-2024)
- Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education's Top 50 Pro Bono Attorneys in Arizona (2023)
- Snell & Wilmer Pro Bono Award (2023)

Community Involvement

- Ninth Circuit Pro Bono Program, Pro Bono Attorney (2018-2020)
- Flinn-Brown Civic Leadership Academy, Fellow (2019)
- Arizona Leadership for Change Fellowship, Fellow (2018-2019)
- International Refugee Assistance Project, Student Attorney (2013-2016)
- Harvard Square Homeless Shelter, Volunteer (2014)
- D.C. Pro Bono Program, Paralegal Volunteer (2010-2012)
- South Bend Juvenile Correctional Facility, Tutor (2008-2009)

Previous Professional Experience

- U.S. District Court, District of Arizona, Rules Law Clerk to Hon. David G. Campbell (2017-2018)
- Arizona Supreme Court, Law Clerk to Chief Justice Scott Bales (2016-2017)
- Harvard University, Department of Economics, Teaching Fellow (2015-2016)
- Snell & Wilmer, Summer Associate (2015)
- Dukakis Fellowship, Governor of Colorado, Marijuana Coordination Team, Fellow (2014)
- U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Arizona, Criminal Division, Law Clerk (2013)

- U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, Paralegal Specialist (2010-2012)

Bar Admissions

- Arizona

Court Admissions

- Gila River Indian Community Court
- Supreme Court of Arizona
- United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- United States District Court, District of Arizona