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Patrick focuses his practice on litigation and dispute resolution in the construction industry. His experience spans commercial, contract, real estate, employment, and insurance defense matters in state and federal court.

Patrick represents clients at all stages of litigation. He drafts and argues dispositive and discovery motions, including motions for summary judgment and motions to dismiss. He also takes and defends expert and evidence depositions, develops and manages complex discovery, handles witness preparation, and negotiates settlements and other pre-trial agreements.

On the transactional side, construction clients call on Patrick to analyze prime general contracts, master subcontract agreements, and project-specific agreements for projects of all sizes.

As a former student-athlete, Patrick maintains an interest in sports and entertainment law. As part of his litigation experience, Patrick successfully defended a high-profile men's basketball coach at a historic NCAA Division I intercollegiate men's basketball program during an NCAA investigation. In addition to civil defense, Patrick seeks to assist current and former athletes with financial affairs, intellectual property rights, and business endeavors.

Education

The John Marshall Law School
J.D., 2017

Grand Valley State University
B.S., 2009

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Professional Organizations

- Chicago Bar Association
- Cook County Bar Association

Community

Patrick is a volunteer attorney with First Defense Legal Aid, a nonprofit organization that aims to interrupt mass incarceration at the point of entry by filling gaps in public defense. In this role, Patrick provides legal representation to individuals in police custody and educates them on protecting their constitutional rights.

Accolades

- Top 40 Under 40, The National Black Lawyers, 2020

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Services

Construction

Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Areas of Focus

Construction Contracts

Construction Disputes

Construction Lending & Development
Construction Licensing & Regulatory Matters
Labor & Employment Issues in Construction
Business Disputes