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About Patrick

Patrick focuses his practice on representing institutional and private lenders in commercial and residential loan transactions, purchases, defaults, workouts, and related litigation. He represents clients in disputes relating to real property and in insolvency proceedings in state and federal courts throughout New England.

He has a particular interest in mortgages, priorities of interests in real estate, and in dispute resolution concerning the same. Patrick has represented regional lenders and businesses in various proceedings in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire.

Patrick is also an adjunct professor at Bryant University in the Politics and Law department, teaching the Laws of Financial Institutions.

Patrick's Affiliations

- Rhode Island Bar Association
- Bryant University, Politics and Law, Adjunct Professor

Areas of Focus

Industries: Consumer Financial Services; Financial Services

Services: Appellate; Bankruptcy, Workout Strategic Planning & Restructuring;
Complex Commercial Litigation ; Financial Services Litigation ; Litigation & Trial;
Real Estate Transactions & Lending

Experience

- Successfully foreclosed on eleven residential properties across Rhode Island by representing a private lender through foreclosure, receivership, and bankruptcy proceedings.
- Secured imposition of use and occupancy bond on appeal in the Massachusetts Appeals Court following a Housing Court judgment.
- Prevailed in a title dispute involving a chain of assignments and the application of the doctrine of estoppel by deed.

Credentials

Education

Suffolk University Law School, JD, 2011

Hofstra University, BA, 2008

Bar Admissions

Massachusetts

New Hampshire

Rhode Island

Court Admissions

US Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

US District Court for the District of Massachusetts

US District Court for the District of New Hampshire

US District Court for the District of Rhode Island

Interests

Did you know...

Patrick has been involved in a love-hate relationship with the 1840 home he purchased in 2018. In his spare time, he enjoys photography, scoring (and attending) baseball games, hiking, bowling, cooking, baking, and engaging in overly complicated home improvement schemes.

Community/Civic Activities

Patrick received the Captain George Bucklin Award for Merit from the Narragansett Council, Scouting America, in 2025, recognizing his long and faithful service as a dedicated Scouter.

His other community involvement includes:

- Yawgoog Alumni Association, Executive Board Member
- Westerly, Rhode Island Troops Boy Scouts of America Inc., Director
- Hope Valley/Wyoming Fire District, Chairperson of the Board of Directors

Thought Leadership

Presentations

- Adjunct Professor, “Laws of Financial Institutions,” Bryant University, Smithfield, Rhode Island, 2025