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Patrick is the Co-Chair of the Appellate Practice Group and a Certified Specialist in Appellate Law by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization. His practice focuses on a broad range of appellate matters in both state and federal courts. He also has extensive experience handling law and motion matters in state and federal courts, including arbitration disputes.

Patrick's experience includes drafting appellate briefs, motions, writ petitions, and presenting oral argument on a wide range of legal issues in high-stakes appellate matters including business litigation, probate litigation, labor and employment, constitutional law, products liability, class actions, environmental law, and property law. Patrick also advises clients and trial counsel on procedural issues relating to litigation at all stages in state and federal court. He also has experience, and advises clients, on arbitration issues including regarding motions to compel arbitration, conducting arbitration, challenging arbitration awards, and related appeals. Patrick contributes a bi-monthly column to the Daily Journal entitled "Arbitration Angle," addressing emerging developments in law regarding arbitration.

Publications

"Five-Year Deadline to Commence Trial: Swearing the Jury Panel Stops the Clock," co-author, Hanson Bridgett Appellate Legal Alert (October 2026)

"Filed on Time, Rejected in Error: A Clerk's Mistake Cannot Defeat an Appeal," co-author, Hanson Bridgett Appellate Legal Alert (September 2026)

“Filed by Midnight: Court of Appeal Invalidates Local Bar on E-Filing Notices of Appeal,” co-author, Hanson Bridgett Appellate Legal Alert (August 2026)

“Choose Your Own Adventure: Supreme Court Upholds Alternative-Choice 998 Offers,” co-author, Hanson Bridgett Appellate Legal Alert (August 2026)

“Silent No More: Court of Appeal Holds That Undisclosed Partners Can Be Added as Judgment Debtors After Trial,” co-author, Hanson Bridgett Appellate Legal Alert (August 2026)

“Dismissed with Consequences: California Supreme Court Shuts Down the Voluntary Dismissal Shortcut to Appellate Review,” co-author, Hanson Bridgett Appellate Legal Alert (July 2026)

“The Lis Pendens Appeal Trap,” co-author, Hanson Bridgett Appellate Legal Alert (July 2026)

“Burden Lifted in Arbitration Waiver Cases,” coauthor, *The Daily Journal* (December 2024)

“SB 365’s Departure from the Bielski Rule for FAA Cases May Lead to Further Litigation,” co-author, *Daily Journal* (April 2024)

“The Scope of Arbitration Clauses,” co-author, *The Daily Journal* (June 2023)

“Delegating Unconscionability to the Arbitrator,” co-author, *The Daily Journal* (February 2023)

“Judicial Review Under the California Arbitration Act,” *Appellate Insight* (December 2021)

“Disqualifying arbitrators under the California Arbitration Act,” *The Daily Journal* (February 2022)

“Supreme Court to Resolve Split Over Post-Arbitration Motions,” *The Daily Journal* (December 2021)

“Appealing Orders Compelling Arbitration Under the FAA,” *USLAW Magazine Fall 2021* (September 2021)

“PAGA and FAA Preemption,” co-presenter, *Daily Journal* (October 2021)

“Case to Resolve Split on Stateside Discovery for Foreign Arbitration,” *Daily Journal* (May 2021)

“Appealing Orders on Arbitration in Federal Court,” *Daily Journal* (March 2021)

“Arbitrability: Searching for Assent,” co-author, *Daily Journal* (January 2021)

“Consumer Arbitration Wrinkles,” co-author, *Daily Journal* (November 2020)

"Calif. High Court Could Limit DA Enforcement Actions," *Law360* (June 2020)

"Parol Evidence," chapter in *The Jurisprudence of Roger Traynor* (2015)

"Staying Litigation While an Order Denying Arbitration is Appealed," *The Daily Journal* (October 2022)

"Recent SCOTUS Opinions on Arbitration Statutes," *The Daily Journal* (August 2022)

Blog Posts

"Determining Whether to File a Post-Opinion Petition in California," *Appellate Insight* (July 2026)

"Appeals from Summary Judgment Denial," *Appellate Insight* (August 2023)

"Appealing Motions to Compel Arbitration in Federal Court," *Appellate Insight* (March 2021)

"Sanctions for Partially Frivolous Appeals in California," *Appellate Insight* (November 2020)

"Amicus Briefs: The Difficulties in Navigating the Party Presentation Rule," *Appellate Insight* (June 2020)

Presentations

"Smart ways to use Appellate Specialists at the Trial Level," co-presenter, BASF (August 2022)

Published Decisions

He et al. v. Metropolitan Transit System et al. (Railroad design immunity and liability appeal)

Johnson v. Stoneridge Creek Pleasanton CCRC LLC (2025) 113 Cal.App.5th 720, 727 (preliminary injunction re continuing care retirement communities statute)

X.K. v. M.C. (2025) 112 Cal.App.5th 1287, as modified (July 24, 2025) (Domestic violence restraining order)

Coziahr v. Otay Water Dist. (2024) 103 Cal.App.5th 785 (Proposition 218)

Green Tree Headlands LLC v. Tara Crawford (2023) 316 Cal.Rptr.3d 297 (anti-SLAPP motion to malicious prosecution action)

Chevron U.S.A. Inc. v. County of Monterey (2023) 15 Cal.5th 135 (state law preemption)

Press

"Hanson Bridgett Files Amicus Brief in Ninth Circuit Appeal Addressing Inclusive Academic Support Programs," Hanson Bridgett News (April 2026)

Honors & Awards

Best Lawyers in America (2027)

ALM/Law.com's California Legal Awards, Best Mentor Finalist (2026)

Super Lawyers, Rising Stars (2022-2024)

Super Lawyers, Appellate (2022-2023)

California Lawyers Association, Wiley W. Manuel Pro Bono Legal Services Award (2020-2025)

Professional Affiliations

UC Hastings College of the Law Moot Court Team, Alumni Coach

Judicial Clerkships

Judicial Extern to the Honorable Justice Ming Chin, California Supreme Court

Academic Distinctions

CALI and Witkin Awards in Legal Writing & Research; American Legal History; Evidence; Criminal Procedure; Constitutional Law II

*Hastings Law Journa*l, Senior Notes Editor

Hastings Race and Poverty Law Journal, Notes Editor

Education

J.D., *magna cum laude* UC Law San Francisco (Formerly UC Hastings) (2014)

M.A., University of California, Santa Barbara (2009)

B.A., University of California, Irvine (2006)

Admissions and Courts

California

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

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

U.S. District Court for the Central District of California

Supreme Court of the United States