

## **What Does Patterson Offer?**

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Patterson is known for giving attorneys opportunities to do very substantive work at very early stages of their professional development. So in my own experience, I've gotten to observe a lot of things and then very quickly after, I've gotten to do all of those things; taking depositions, defending depositions, participating in court conferences in federal court, leading meet and confers. And in all of these stages, I've felt fully supported in that I know exactly what's expected of me and I understand what it's supposed to look like, but I've also been given the opportunity to try it for myself.

I've also been the beneficiary of a lot of mentoring, both on my case teams and more informally. On my case teams, I've had attorneys more senior to me who have given me opportunities and set me up to succeed in them, and offered feedback to help me improve. And in a more informal setting, I've also had mentors who are more like champions; who help me figure out what types of cases I should be thinking about taking and what types of opportunities I should be thinking about seeking out. And that has been an invaluable part of my professional development experience.