



**Patterson Belknap  
Webb & Tyler LLP**

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**AT A GLANCE**

A 200 attorney Firm with 51 partners in a single office where collaboration and collegiality are valued.

100% Pro Bono participation for 18 consecutive years.

Named Benchmark Litigation's 2021 "New York Firm of the Year" and "Pro Bono Firm of the Year."

An established client roster that includes many Fortune 100 companies.

Recognized by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation as a "Best Place to Work" for LGBTQ+ workplace equality.

Celebrated 100 years in 2019.

Elected first woman as Managing Partner in 1991.

Approximately 75% of Litigation attorneys drawn from Judicial Clerkships.

# Our Practices

- [Anti-Counterfeiting](#)
- [Antitrust](#)
- [Appellate](#)
- [Art and Museum Law](#)
- [Biotechnology](#)
- [Business Reorganization and Creditors' Rights](#)
- [Class Action Litigation](#)
- [Commercial Real Estate Workouts and Litigation](#)
- [Complex Commercial Actions](#)
- [Corporate](#)
- [Cross-Border Capital Markets](#)
- [Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation](#)
- [Employment Litigation, Workplace Investigations, and Compliance](#)
- [False Advertising](#)
- [False Claims Act and Whistleblower Defense](#)
- [Family-Owned and Closely-Held Business Services](#)
- [Founders & Entrepreneurs](#)
- [Insurance Coverage Practice](#)
- [Intellectual Property Litigation](#)
- [Intellectual Property Transactions](#)
- [Law Firm Defense](#)
- [Litigation](#)
- [Media, Entertainment and Sports](#)
- [Mergers and Acquisitions](#)
- [Patent Litigation](#)
- [Privacy and Data Security](#)
- [Private Equity](#)
- [Products Liability](#)
- [Real Estate](#)
- [Securities Litigation](#)
- [State Attorneys General](#)
- [Structured Finance Litigation](#)
- [Tax](#)
- [Tax-Exempt Organizations](#)
- [Trademark and Copyright Litigation](#)
- [Trusts and Estates](#)
- [White Collar Defense and Investigations](#)

# Awards & Recognitions

## Benchmark Litigation

The Firm was recognized by [Benchmark Litigation](#) as the 2021 “New York Firm of the Year” and “Pro Bono Firm of the Year.” These prestigious awards “aim to recognize the firms and litigators who have performed exceptionally at both local and national levels.” They “are the culmination of months’ research, analyzing hundreds of submissions, surveying thousands of referees and interviewing hundreds of lawyers.”



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2021

## Chambers

The Firm’s attorneys and practices are regularly recognized by Chambers. Most recently, [Chambers USA - America’s Leading Lawyers for Business 2021](#) recognized the Firm as a leader in six practice areas, including Advertising Litigation; Intellectual Property: Patent; Intellectual Property: Trademark; Litigation: Securities: Institutional Plaintiffs – Mainly RMBS Litigation; Litigation: White Collar Crime & Government Investigations; and Real Estate: Mainly Dirt. Additionally, 12 partners and counsel were recognized as leaders in their fields.

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‘The firm provides excellent client service,’ one source notes, adding: ‘The lawyers get things done quickly and promptly, achieve excellent results and are smart and creative.’  
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Chambers USA 2021

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They should be referenced more often as one of the very best. They are very hard workers, and yet all pleasant, very ethical, just some really smart people who are also tough litigators.  
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Benchmark Litigation 2021

The Firm’s Art and Museum Law practice was also highlighted in [Chambers High Net Worth 2021](#). Chambers rankings are based on extensive research and interviews with peers and clients around the country. The qualities assessed include technical legal ability, professional conduct, client service, commercial awareness astuteness, diligence, commitment, and other qualities most valued by the client.

## Legal 500

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‘They are an excellent firm for art law and have real strength on the non-profit side which bolsters their art offering. They are leaders in the art and non-profit space.’  
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Chambers High Net Worth 2020

The Firm’s practices continue to be top ranked by Legal 500, most recently in the 2021 edition of [The Legal 500 United States](#), where we were recognized for Advertising and Marketing: Litigation and Finance: Not-for-Profit. In this edition, Legal 500 noted that the Firm’s Litigation team provides “a full service in advertising litigation, with recent matters including high profile class actions, Lanham Act cases, and enforcement proceedings arising from regulatory investigations,” and that our Tax-Exempt Organizations practice “fields ‘a strong, talented team of lawyers who are experts in all aspects of exempt organization law.’”

## Vault

The Firm regularly receives top marks in [Vault’s associate satisfaction survey](#). We have regularly ranked first in Pro Bono, including in their 2021 survey, and have been highly ranked for integration of laterals/clerks, associate/partner relations, satisfaction, and hours. The Firm has also been included among the Top 10 “Best Law Firms to Work For.” According to Vault, the “Law Firm Quality of Life Rankings are derived from Vault’s Annual Associate Survey in which more than 20,000 associates rated and commented on various aspects of their work lives.”

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‘They are extremely hard-working and efficient. They are also extremely responsive, very strategic and thoughtful, and I am really pleased with their work.’ Another client adds: ‘They are top-notch - truly a ‘dream’ provider for an in-house lawyer. I’ve found them to be strategic, well connected, highly informed, and detail-oriented.’  
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Chambers USA 2021,  
Advertising: Litigation - Nationwide

# Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

“My experience at Patterson is that diversity is not a slogan or a trend. It is, instead, a firm commitment. While the quality of one's ideas and work certainly matter, the respect that one gives to another also matters greatly. We recognize that our firm is enriched by the different characteristics of our colleagues. Rather than ignoring these diverse personal differences, we affirm and celebrate them; and that is quite refreshing.”



Peter C. Harvey, Co-Chair  
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee

30 years ago, Patterson Belknap was one of the first major law firms to elect a woman as its Managing Partner. Now, in 2022, the Firm is led by a woman Co-Chair and Managing Partner and an all-woman C-Suite. We work to continue a tradition in which women and diverse lawyers thrive and succeed, an effort that includes our resource groups:

- [Out at Patterson](#)
- [Parents at Patterson](#)
- [Patterson Attorneys of Color](#)
- [Women Lawyers at Patterson](#)

The Firm was included on The American Lawyer's 2021 "LGBT Scorecard" as the law firm with the highest percentage of LGBTQ+ attorneys, and we have been consistently recognized by the [Human Rights Campaign Foundation](#) as a "Best Place to Work" for LGBTQ+ workplace equality every year for the past eight years.

Our Firm believes that a workforce made up of people from diverse social, racial, economic, and cultural backgrounds results in a dynamic and supportive workplace for our attorneys and staff, and enhances our ability to provide the highest-quality representation for our clients. As part of our ongoing commitment to recruiting, retaining, and promoting attorneys who contribute to the diversity of our Firm and our profession, we are pleased to offer an annual [Diversity Fellowship](#) to an outstanding judicial clerk intending to become a full-time associate at the Firm.

# Pro Bono



Patterson Belknap has a long and proud history of public service, embodied in our unparalleled pro bono program. 2021 marked the 18<sup>th</sup> consecutive year in which 100% of our attorneys participated in pro bono projects. At the heart of our pro bono program is a deep commitment to bringing the best possible legal representation to the most underserved, and frequently overlooked, populations in our city and throughout the country. We are extremely proud of the work we do, often in partnership with some of the nation’s most respected legal services organizations.



In 2021, our attorneys dedicated more than 20,000 hours to pro bono cases, with an average of 125 hours per attorney. That work included a groundbreaking victory in criminal justice reform for the family of a deceased inmate, setting precedents that we hope will improve the quality of life for incarcerated individuals in New York State.

# Our Core Values

## Excellence

We are dedicated to providing the highest quality legal advice and service to our clients in an efficient and effective manner. Our goal is to achieve consistently outstanding outcomes for all of our clients. This dedication leads our attorneys and staff to embrace continuous learning and improvement, aided by a strong commitment to provide one another with the support and opportunities necessary to succeed.

## Integrity

We are committed to honest business practices and the ethical practice of law. This commitment is reflected in our client representations and how we run our Firm. We value transparency, trustworthiness, and responsibility in all our actions. Candor is our watchword – both with respect to the advice we give our clients and the manner in which we interact with our counterparties.

## Accountability

We are accountable to our clients and to each other. We are responsible for creating an environment in which attorneys and staff are mentored and provided opportunities for professional development. We build long-term relationships with our clients and invest in the future of our Firm and our people. We encourage independent thinkers and hold ourselves accountable for obtaining the best possible results on our clients' behalf.

## Inclusion

We are committed to creating the best professional home for attorneys and staff from diverse backgrounds and cultures. We strive to maintain an atmosphere of support, civility, and mutual respect that encourages professional and personal growth for all of us. Our attorneys and staff draw freely on one another's skills and unique experiences, providing the responsiveness, efficiency, and collaborative approach necessary to solve our clients' complex legal problems.

## Service

A commitment to public service is, and has always been, a key principle of our Firm. We are privileged to be able to practice law. Giving back to our community for this privilege matters to every one of our attorneys. It is demonstrated in our long history of government service and in our unparalleled pro bono program, which focuses on underserved and overlooked populations in New York City.



# Thought Leadership

## Firm Blogs



[Antitrust Update Blog](#) is a source of insights, information and analysis on criminal and civil antitrust and competition-related issues. Our antitrust lawyers represent clients in antitrust litigation and counseling matters, and have significant experience with government civil and criminal/cartel investigations.



[Bankruptcy Update Blog](#) provides current news and analysis of key bankruptcy cases and developments in U.S. and cross-border matters. Our Business Reorganization and Creditors' Rights attorneys represent creditors' committees, trade creditors, indenture trustees, and bankruptcy trustees and examiners in U.S. and international insolvency cases.



[Data Security Law Blog](#) delivers news, analysis, and thought leadership in the critical area of privacy and cybersecurity law. Our Privacy and Data Security practice, comprised of litigators, corporate advisors and former federal and state prosecutors, advises public and private enterprises, their leadership teams and boards on a broad range of privacy and data protection matters.



[Exempt Org Resource Blog](#) discusses the unique legal issues impacting non-profit organizations. It is designed to keep the nonprofit, tax-exempt organization community up-to-date on legal developments, changing regulations and good practices.



[Misbranded Blog](#) covers false advertising litigation—both consumer class actions and competitor suits—with a particular focus on FDA-regulated products (foods/beverages, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, and dietary supplements). Writing from the industry perspective, we provide timely updates on important cases, surveys of litigation trends, and in-depth analyses of “hot” legal issues.



[NY Commercial Division Law Blog](#) covers developments related to practice and case law in the Commercial Division of the New York State Supreme Court. It highlights important decisions handed down by the Commercial Division, appellate court decisions reviewing Commercial Division decisions, and changes and proposed changes to Commercial Division rules and practices.



[NY Patent Decisions Blog](#) is a resource for the latest patent decisions from the U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York. Our patent litigation trial attorneys possess extensive technical knowledge and represent consumer products, electrical and software, medical device, mechanical, and pharmaceutical companies in a wide variety of patent litigation matters.



[Second Circuit Criminal Law Blog](#) follows criminal law decisions rendered by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. It reviews every published criminal law opinion handed down by the Second Circuit, providing a summary of the holding, an assessment of the legal issues, and practice pointers based on the Court's ruling. Analyses are focused on white-collar criminal cases and internal investigations.



[Securities Litigation Insider](#) is a source of insights, information, and analysis on a wide range of topics relevant to securities litigation, with a focus on notable developments in the securities space, including U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) enforcement, rulemaking, and other regulatory trends and development.

## Firm Podcasts



### [How to Build a Nation in 15 Weeks](#)

Building a nation in 15 weeks may sound like a daunting summer project, but that's just what happened at the Constitutional Convention in 1787. Our podcast began by revisiting the hottest topics from that convention and tracking their current place in our legal and political landscape, before moving forward to apply the same thought and care to the Reconstruction era.



### [Judicial Clerkships Podcast: Perspectives on Value, Experience and Diversity](#)

Judicial clerkships are an excellent way for law school graduates to build upon their legal training and become immersed in the practice of law. It isn't always easy to get the inside scoop on why clerking is beneficial, or how to apply for and obtain a prized judicial clerkship. This podcast aims to demystify the application process and help expand the pipeline of applicants for clerkships.



### [Notorious: The Legal Legacy of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg](#)

Ruth Bader Ginsburg was a major force in American jurisprudence. Her decisions and dissents offer a thoughtful and rigorous legal analysis, and demonstrate her ongoing commitment to gender equality and equal justice for all. To honor her life and storied work, this podcast explores the late Justice's cases, decisions, and dissents, and her impact on the rule of law in the United States.



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