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Patrick Barkley focuses his practice on the defense of complex civil litigation in the areas of mass tort, product liability, healthcare, and commercial matters.

Patrick has successfully defended mass tort and product liability cases on behalf of corporate clients in a variety of industries, including manufacturers of overhead cranes, industrial furnaces, HVAC equipment, compressors, pumps, solvents, automotive parts, and building materials. He serves as national coordinating counsel, trial counsel, and regional counsel for product manufacturers and premises owners, including several Fortune 500 companies. He also represents clients in healthcare and general commercial litigation. At each stage of a case, he works toward a successful resolution that supports the client's business, strategic, and legal objectives.

Patrick grew up in Peoria, Illinois, and moved to St. Louis for his undergraduate and law school studies. Outside of the law, Patrick enjoys golfing, reading, and spending time with his wife, Amanda.

Education

- Saint Louis University School of Law (J.D., 2010); Saint Louis University Public Law Review, Editor in Chief; William E. Jaudes Memorial Endowed Scholarship for Community Service
- Saint Louis University (B.A., magna cum laude, 2007)

State Admissions

- Illinois, 2010
- Missouri, 2011

Federal Admissions

- United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- United States District Court, Southern District of Illinois
- United States District Court, Eastern District of Missouri

Service Areas

- Mass Tort & Product Liability
- Business Litigation
- Health Care
- Health & Life Sciences

Experience

- National coordinating counsel and trial counsel for an overhead crane manufacturer and industrial furnace manufacturer in product liability cases filed throughout the country
- Regional counsel for multinational solvent manufacturers in litigation alleging trace benzene exposure
- Regional counsel for national defense contractor in premises liability cases alleging asbestos exposure
- Obtained summary judgment in Missouri federal court on behalf of an industrial pump manufacturer
- Obtained dismissals in Illinois and Missouri federal courts for an HVAC equipment manufacturer, industrial pump manufacturer, and Fortune 500 defense contractor
- Obtained summary judgment in multiple venues for toxic tort claims filed against an electric arc furnace manufacturer
- Represented a major steel manufacturer in multiple toxic tort claims and obtained voluntary dismissals after dispositive briefing
- Co-authored successful amicus brief on behalf of the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel in support of the defendant-appellee in *Vincent v. Alden-Park Strathmoor, Inc.*, 241 Ill. 2d 495 (2011)

Publications & Events

PUBLICATIONS

- “Excluding Government Surveys in Nursing Home Liability Cases,” *DRI Today* (March 2012)

Honors

- Leading Lawyers Network, Emerging Lawyer (2015)

In the Community

- Defense Research Institute
 - » Steering and Planning Committee for the Toxic Tort and Environmental Law Substantive Committee (2014-2018)
 - » Young Lawyers Committee, Liaison to Toxic Tort and Environmental Law Substantive Committee (2014-2018)
 - » Toxic Tort and Environmental Law Substantive Committee, organized annual community service event in support of Operation Gratitude
- Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel
- Madison County Bar Association
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis
- Hinsdale Humane Society, Volunteer Dog Walker