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Pat is a partner with Kaufman & Canoles specializing in the areas of Civil Litigation, White Collar Criminal Defense, and Government Contracts and Construction Law.

practice areas

- Litigation
- Government Contracts & Construction

representative matters

- Successfully argued before United States Supreme Court in *Norshipco v. Garris*, 532 U.S. 811 (2001), for the recognition of a wrongful death action under general maritime law
- Successfully defended Chairman and President of a Virginia bank accused of 31 counts of bank fraud in federal court resulting in dismissal of all counts at the conclusion of the Government's case and a subsequent award of attorneys' fees under the Hyde Amendment for frivolous prosecution which was the largest such award up to that time
- Successfully defended Virginia attorney on federal conspiracy and fraud charges arising out of commercial real estate transactions resulting in acquittal after jury trial
- Successfully defended chief financial officer of Virginia corporation on federal conspiracy and government contract fraud charges resulting in acquittal after jury trial
- Successfully protested the award of multi-million dollar U.S. Navy ship overhaul contracts before the GAO
- Successfully defended the award of a multi-million dollar U.S. Army training contract before the Court of Federal Claims

recognition and honors

- Virginia's Legal Elite; *Virginia Business Magazine*, 2005–2011
- BV® Rated; Martindale-Hubbell
- American Jurisprudence Award, Agency and Partnership
- Law Clerk; The Honorable Richard B. Kellam, United States District Judge, Eastern District of Virginia
- Student Legal Assistant; University of Virginia, Legal Advisor's Office, 1986–88

associations

- American Bar Association
- Virginia Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association
- Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association Officer
- Tidewater Association of Service Contractors

education

- Radford University; B.S., Economics, 1981
- University of Virginia School of Law; J.D., 1988

press and publication

- 53 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named Virginia Business Magazine's Legal Elite 2011
- 39 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named Virginia Business Magazine's "Legal Elite" 2010
- "The News on Noise," *Airport Revenue News*, May 2010
- 39 K&C Attorneys Named *Virginia Business Magazine's* Legal Elite 2009
- 36 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named *Virginia Business Magazine's* Legal Elite 2008
- 20 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named to *Virginia Business Magazine's* Legal Elite 2007
- 34 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named to *Virginia Business Magazine's* Legal Elite 2006
- 27 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named to *Virginia Business Magazine's* Legal Elite 2005