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EDUCATION

Tulane University, J.D. (1988)
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University of Georgia, B.A. (1985)
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Lizz Patrick is the founder of Patrick Law Group. Over the span of her 20 year career, she has prepared and negotiated hundreds of commercial and construction contracts.

Her experience includes design, service, procurement, construction and project management contracts for a wide variety of national and international project types and transactions, including fixed price, cost plus, and guaranteed maximum cost contracts, master service agreements and complex variations thereof. She has expertise and experience with a variety of project structures including design-bid-build, design-build, "fast track", phased design and construction, construction management at risk and not-at-risk, multiple prime, turn-key, and engineering, procurement, and construction (“EPC”) project delivery.

In addition to her vast experience in construction and development industries, Ms. Patrick has also successfully prepared and negotiated other procurement and commercial contracts for her clients, with contracts ranging from master agreements for the development and installation of telecom infrastructure and equipment to global sourcing agreements, including contracts for indefinite or “open supply” of materials or equipment, independent contractor and professional service agreements, master service contracts for the major equipment and systems over multiple sites, and material handling and other logistics system development, installation and service contracts.

Leveraging her transactional as well as her dispute resolution background, Ms. Patrick has assisted a number of clients with developing standardized contracts for operational use and support, along with providing specific and tailored in-house training and procedures for the use of those forms. Her dedication, responsive service and reasonable fees have resulted in client relationships which have spanned over a decade.

Her clients include hospitals and health care owners, office and retail developers, and large well-known companies ranging from telecommunications, media to cosmetics. And she has worked on a variety of complex project and complex commercial transactions, including major commercial office building projects, health care development, hotels and resort condominiums, television studio and production facilities, manufacturing facilities, power plant and utility projects, and other infrastructure projects with values in excess of a billion dollars.

In recognition of her outstanding legal ability and experience, Ms. Patrick has named in the International Who's Who of top Construction Lawyers in the world, as well as in Chambers U.S.A. She has also been selected as a Georgia Super Lawyer, as one of the Top 50 Female Super Lawyers, and as a Law Dragons New Star. She serves on the American Arbitration Association's prestigious Roster of Neutrals, and serves on the Governing Committee for the American Bar Association's Forum on the Construction Industry. She is past President of the Atlanta Bar Association's Construction Law Section.

She has achieved Martindale-Hubbell's highest rating of AV in for legal ability and ethical standards. She is a frequent speaker and publisher on construction and project delivery topics.

Along with her legal expertise, Ms. Patrick brings value to her clients with her business and construction background in project management. In addition to her legal experience, Ms. Patrick worked as a project manager on a number of design and construction projects and has assisted clients with budget development and management, scheduling, project administration and delivery, and occupancy.

Prior to starting Patrick Law Group, Ms. Patrick was a partner in the Real Estate and Construction Groups at two Am Law 100 Law Firms located in Atlanta, Georgia, and, at one of those firms, she served as the Practice Group Leader for the Construction Practice Group.

Presentations and Articles

- Speaker, Contract Negotiations from the Owner's and the Contractor's Perspectives, Construction Law for the General Practitioner (Institute of Continuing Legal Education in Georgia) September 28, 2007
- Speaker, Preparing and Negotiating Design and Construction Contracts for the Complex Healthcare Project, sponsored by the Healthcare Roundtable for Corporate Counsel Executives (March 13, 2006)
- Speaker, Ten Key Decisions to a Successful Construction Project, Key Decision 1: Creating the Project Program, sponsored by the American Bar Association, Forum on the Construction Industry (September 2005).
- Speaker, Perplexing Issues in Design-Build Projects, Presentation for the Real Estate and Probate Section, American Bar Association Annual Meeting (October 2004).
- Speaker, Preparing and Negotiating Design and Construction Contracts for the Complex Healthcare Projects, sponsored by the Healthcare Roundtable for Facilities and Support Services Executives (May 1, 2003 and November 6, 2003).
- Speaker, Representing the Private Owner: The Large and Complex Project: Construction Law Conference sponsored by CLE International (September 24, 2002).
- Speaker, Assembling and Drafting the Contract Documents or Sprint to the Finish Line: The Owner's Perspective, Getting it Right: How to Structure Complex Projects to Allocate Risks and Minimize Disputes, sponsored by the American Bar Association, Forum on the Construction Industry (October 11, 2001).
- Speaker, Design-Build Issues: The Owner's Perspective, Presentation for the Real Estate and Probate Section, American Bar Association Annual Meeting (August 2001).
- Speaker, Contract Negotiations: Different Explanations, Difference Strategies, Covering the Design Water Front: Insuring Projects with Fragmented Design Responsibility, co-sponsored by the American Bar Association Forum on the Construction Industry and the TIPS Fidelity and Surety Law Committee (January 27, 2000).
- Speaker, New Problems with the New AIA Documents, Advanced Construction Law Seminar sponsored by the Institute of Continuing Legal Education in Georgia (March 5, 1999).

- Speaker, The Consequential Damage Waiver Provision, AIA Contract Documents – Generation Next, co-sponsored by the American Institute of Architects, the American Bar Association – Forum in Construction Industry and Litigation Section, the State Bar of Georgia – Construction Law Committee and the Atlanta Bar Association – Construction Law Section (May 29, 1998).
- Moderator, Delay Damages: From Construction Contract to Closing Argument, Advanced Construction Seminar sponsored by the Institute of Continuing Legal Education in Georgia (March 6, 1998).
- Speaker, Recent Developments in Georgia Construction Law, Atlanta Bar Association – Construction Law Section (September 17, 1997).
- Author, Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 68 Inapplicable to Rejected Offer of Settlement, Johnson vs. Penrod, 61 Tulane L. Rev. 1551 (June 1987).
- Co-Author: Design Professional Liability in Negligence to Noncontractual Parties, 9 Voir Dire 28 (1988).