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Pat has more than 35 years of experience advising clients in civil litigation, federal white collar criminal defense, and government contract matters. Additionally, he specializes in compliance training and counseling, internal investigations, construction law, admiralty and maritime law, and U.S. export and import control laws (ITAR and EAR). Pat is a member of the firm's Litigation, Government Contracts and Construction, International Trade, Maritime Law, and White-Collar Defense and Investigations practice groups. Prior to joining Kaufman & Canoles, Pat served as law clerk to The Honorable Richard B. Kellam, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Litigation
- Government Contracts & Construction
- White-Collar Defense and Investigations
- Antitrust
- Maritime Law

SUB-PRACTICE AREAS

- International - Export Regulation

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- 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
- Defended Chairman and President of a Virginia bank accused of 31 counts of bank fraud in federal court
- Defended Virginia attorney on federal conspiracy and fraud charges arising out of commercial real estate transactions
- Defended chief financial officer of Virginia corporation on federal conspiracy and government contract fraud charges
- Protested the award of multi-million dollar U.S. Navy ship overhaul contracts before the GAO
- Defended the award of a multi-million dollar U.S. Army training contract before the Court of Federal Claims

RECOGNITION AND HONORS

- *Best Lawyers in America*, 2024-2025
- Top Lawyers; *CoVaBIZ*, 2017-2024
- Virginia's Legal Elite; *Virginia Business Magazine*, 2005-2023
- Distinguished Attorney; Martindale-Hubbell
- Law Clerk; The Honorable Richard B. Kellam, United States District Judge, Eastern District of Virginia

ASSOCIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- Virginia Bar Association
- Virginia Ship Repair Association
- Tidewater Government Industry Counsel
- Federal Bar Association
- Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association Officer
- Tidewater Association of Service Contractors
- Virginia Maritime Association

ADMISSIONS

- Virginia
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims
- United States District Court, Eastern District of Virginia
- United States District Court, Western District of Virginia

EDUCATION

- Radford University; B.S., Economics, 1981
- University of Virginia School of Law; J.D., 1988
- Student Legal Assistant; University of Virginia, Legal Advisor's Office, 1986-1988

WEBINARS

- Full Court Press - Avoid More Than Just A Technical Foul

PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS

- 55 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named *Best Lawyers in America*© 2025, 7 Named "Lawyer of the Year," and 13 Named "Ones to Watch"
- 36 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys named as Top Lawyers 2024 in *CoVaBIZ Magazine*
- 53 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named *Virginia Business Magazine's* "Legal Elite" 2023
- 54 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named *Best Lawyers in America*© 2024, 6 Named "Lawyer of the Year," and 10 Named "Ones to Watch"
- 44 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys named as Top Lawyers 2023 in *CoVaBIZ Magazine*
- 53 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named *Virginia Business Magazine's* "Legal Elite" 2022
- DOJ Civil Cyber Fraud Initiative and Cyber Incident Response and Reporting, presented to the North Carolina Military Business Center, January 12, 2022
- 40 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Top Lawyers 2022 in *CoVaBIZ Magazine*
- 52 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named *Virginia Business Magazine's* "Legal Elite" 2021
- 40 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Top Lawyers 2021 in *CoVaBIZ Magazine*
- 53 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named *Virginia Business Magazine's* "Legal Elite" 2020
- 45 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Top Lawyers 2020 in *CoVaBIZ Magazine*
- 48 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named *Virginia Business Magazine's* Legal Elite 2019
- 48 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named *Virginia Business Magazine's* Legal Elite 2018
- 40 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Top Lawyers 2019 in *CoVaBIZ Magazine*
- 31 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Top Lawyers 2017/18 in *CoVaBiz Magazine*
- 48 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named to *Virginia Business Magazine's* Legal Elite 2017
- Manufacturing & Distribution Client Advisory - January 2017
- 48 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named to *Virginia Business Magazine's* Legal Elite 2016
- 44 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named to *Virginia Business Magazine's* Legal Elite 2015
- 45 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named to *Virginia Business Magazine's* Legal Elite 2014
- 54 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named to *Virginia Business Magazine's* Legal Elite 2013
- 55 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named to *Virginia Business Magazine's* Legal Elite 2012
- 53 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named *Virginia Business Magazine's* Legal Elite 2011
- 39 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named *Virginia Business Magazine's* "Legal Elite" 2010

PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS (CONT.)

- “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