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## EDUCATION

University of Miami School of Law, J.D.,  
*cum laude*

- Dean's Certificate of Achievement Award (Contracts)
- Corpus Juris Secundum Award (Civil Procedure I)
- Staff Editor, Inter-American Law Review
- Levenson Scholarship; Dean's Scholarship

Florida International University, B.A.S.,  
Political Science

In the legal profession, whether in a BigLaw firm or now in her own boutique firm, Patty stands out like a star for her self-made success at a young age litigating highly contentious, complex matters on both sides of the fence. In any matter she is involved in, she is part of the case core.

Patricia's story is virtually unheard of in the field of law: She put herself through night school at the University of Miami School of Law while working full-time as a receptionist and later as a legal secretary, paralegal and then law clerk. She began at Boies Schiller Flexner as an associate right out of law school, working side-by-side with highly pedigreed Ivy Leaguers, and was quickly named partner at the BigLaw firm based on her legal wins, her grit and her unwavering determination to advance her clients' interests.

Quite simply, it's almost impossible to find another woman lawyer anywhere in the country with a similar career trajectory.

Patty has had tremendous courtroom litigation experience from a young age. She tried a six-week legal malpractice claim filed against an international law firm. More recently, she cross-examined key witnesses in a bench trial involving a hotly-contested loan modification agreement between one of the nation's largest banks and a major Palm Beach retail center.

Beyond her trial experience, Patty is noted for her achievements as an integral team member on a wide variety of complex, high-profile cases for major clients nationwide. These range from a massive antitrust class action case involving Blue Cross Blue Shield to working on the high-profile, multi-district litigation class action against Takata and several auto manufacturers. This latter case was meaningful to Patty because she saw firsthand how victims of all ages suffered due to the deadly airbags as well as the inability to use their cars and afford any alternate means of transportation until the defects had been fixed.

Patty is currently representing marquee clients in several significant matters, including defending Burger King in an antitrust class action currently on appeal to the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals after the trial court dismissed the action and also defending The Mark Travel Corporation in a hotly contested personal injury matter pending in the Southern District of Florida.



Besides representing corporations, Patty's current practice also includes pursuing claims on behalf of people pursuing product defect claims, whistleblower claims, FINRA arbitration, defamation and devastating medical malpractice cases.

Beyond advocating for the firm's clients, Patty also is known for her commitment to advancing women within the legal profession. For almost a decade, she has rolled up her sleeves and donated time to such organizations as the National Association of Women Lawyers, in addition to actively mentoring female and minority law associates.

#### PRACTICE AREAS

- Complex Commercial Litigation
- Products Liability Litigation
- Class Action Litigation
- Antitrust Litigation
- Medical Malpractice
- Whistleblower Litigation
- Defamation
- FINRA Arbitration
- Real Estate Litigation
- Catastrophic Injury and Wrongful Death Litigation

#### AWARDS AND ASSOCIATIONS

- National Association of Women Lawyers
- Florida Association of Women Lawyers
- Dade County Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- "40 Under 40 Award," Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

#### ADMISSIONS

##### BARS

- Florida

##### COURTS

- U.S. Court of Appeals: First Circuit
- U.S. District Court: Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court: Northern District of Florida

