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RELATED SERVICES

- Environmental & Toxic Tort
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OVERVIEW

Patrick F. Sullivan is a Partner with the Chicago office of GRSM specializing in the defense of professionals and businesses in environmental, products, professional, and commercial liability litigation. His extensive experience includes the defense of medical and legal professionals against malpractice allegations and the defense of both small businesses and large corporate entities in complex litigation and arbitration. He has represented professionals and corporations in every stage of litigation in state and federal courts across the United States, whether at trial, arbitration, or appeal. Patrick is a lifelong resident of Southwest Chicago and its suburbs and currently resides in New Lenox with his wife and four children. He spends his spare time serving as an Adjunct Professor of Law at University of Illinois Chicago, where he instructs law students on the topics of products liability law, legal writing, and appellate argument and advocacy.

Patrick earned his Juris Doctor from UIC's John Marshall Law School in Chicago. While at UIC, Patrick

served on the Moot Court Council and acted as a teacher's assistant in legal writing and oral argument courses. He obtained the CALI award in remedies and was twice on the Dean's List.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- *Holm v. Kodat* (2022 IL 127511) – Illinois Supreme Court win in case involving riparian and commercial rights over non-navigable rivers in Illinois.

PUBLICATIONS

- Author, *Is Liability One Click Away? Developing Trends in Cyber Liability Claims for Legal Professionals*, *PLD Quarterly*, August 2023
- Author, *The Battle Over Rule 23: Authority v. Precedent*, DCBA Brief, *The Journal of the DuPage County Bar Association*, December 2017
- Author, *Chapter 5: Document Production and Organization*, Business and Commercial Litigation Handbook, Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education, January 2019, July 2022
- Author, *Chapter 6: Products Liability*, *LexisNexis Practice Guide – Illinois Personal Injury Litigation*, LexisNexis, October 2019, October 2020, October 2021
- Author, *The Rise of Transformative Use to Determine Software Copyright Infringement*, For the Defense, *The Defense Research Institute*, August 2021

PRESENTATIONS

- Speaker, *Defending a Nursing Home: Deposition Strategy*, Continuing Legal Education, Webinar, March 2021
- Speaker, *The Opioid Crisis: Emerging Litigation and Insurance Coverage Issues Webinar*, The Knowledge Group, Webinar, November 2018
- Speaker, *The Battle Over Rule 23: Authority v. Precedent*, DCBA Brief, DuPage County Bar Association, December 2017

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- Illinois
- Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court, Northern and Central Districts of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Eastern and Western Districts of Wisconsin

Memberships

- Professional Liability Defense Federation (PLDF)

Community Involvement

- Adjunct Professor, University of Illinois Chicago Law School, Products Liability, Legal Writing and Appellate Advocacy.
- Firm Organizer, Investing in Justice Campaign, The Chicago Bar Foundation (2018-Present)

Education

- J.D., *cum laude*, The UIC John Marshall Law School, 2013
 - Distinguished Scholarship Recipient
 - CALI in Remedies (2012)
 - Dean's List (Autumn 2010, Autumn 2011)
 - Moot Court Council (Autumn 2011 – Spring 2013)
 - Teacher's Assistant, Legal Writing and Oral Argument (Autumn 2011, Spring 2012)
- B.S., *summa cum laude*, Political Science and Economics, Bradley University, 2010
 - Mock Trial Team Captain (2009-2010)

Honors

- Leading Lawyers – Emerging Lawyer in Products Liability (2018-Present)