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Patrick Lawless has extensive experience handling appeals before the New York Appellate Division. He has briefed and argued more than 100 appeals and is credited with 90 reported decisions.

Given the nature of his appellate practice, Patrick has addressed legal issues covering the full range of disciplines and substantive areas represented by the firm's client base. He has handled many appeals in the general liability area, including those involving negligence, premises security, construction litigation and Labor Law claims. His experience also includes product liability and toxic tort, medical and legal malpractice, insurance coverage and general commercial disputes. While his practice primarily is centered in the New York appellate courts, Patrick also has assisted firm attorneys and local counsel with briefs in other jurisdictions. In addition, he prepares pre-trial and post-trial dispositive motions and consults with trial attorneys to help ensure that any potential appellate issues are properly preserved.

Through his prior position as a court attorney for the New York Appellate Division, Patrick gained an intimate understanding of Appellate Division rules and procedures and a strong familiarity with the justices. This enables him to provide clients with an honest assessment of their chances for success on appeal. Patrick began his career with the Appellate Division, drafting the confidential reports that provided justices with the facts needed to make a determination in a particular case. He was then promoted to the Motions Department, where he had direct interaction with justices regarding substantive motions before the court.

Education

- Fordham University School of Law (J.D., 2000)

Services

- Appellate
- National Trial Team

- St. John's University (B.A., 1988)

Bar Admissions

- New York

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Western District of New York