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OVERVIEW

Patrick McCooe is an associate in K&L Gates' Boston, Massachusetts office, and is a member of the firm's investigations, enforcement, and white collar and complex commercial litigation and disputes practice groups. His practice focuses on defending companies and individuals against complex government investigations and prosecutions, and also business and securities litigation matters for clients in highly regulated industries who benefit from a broad view of criminal, government enforcement, and civil representation, and the nuanced overlap among them.

Patrick has defended clients and conducted internal investigations regarding a wide variety of federal and state criminal, securities law, and other complex government enforcement and civil matters brought by the Department of Justice, Securities and Exchange Commission, Internal Revenue Service, and other federal and state enforcement agencies. He has also advised clients on a variety of domestic and international federal criminal matters and enforcement investigations, including cross-border and Foreign Corrupt Practices Act investigations.

In doing so, Patrick has had considerable success dissuading governmental agencies from pursuing criminal or other enforcement action against his clients, as well as proactively guiding clients through government investigations without ever becoming a subject of them in the first place. Patrick has developed substantial experience preparing witnesses to testify in government and civil matters, and has appeared in a variety of state and federal courts, government agency proceedings, and alternative dispute resolution forums, including jury trials, mediations, and dispositive court motions. He also has extensive experience managing complex government and civil discovery for clients, including large scale document productions, written discovery, and complex discovery issues relating to electronically stored information.

In 2018, *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* recognized Patrick with an Excellence in the Law - Pro Bono Award for his pro bono work securing the release of Fred Weichel, who was wrongfully imprisoned for more than 36 years for a first-degree murder he did not commit.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

During his time at Boston University School of Law, Patrick was a judicial intern for the Honorable Barbara A. Lenk, Associate Justice on Massachusetts' Supreme Judicial Court, and served on the Editorial Board for Boston University's Law Review. Prior to joining the firm, Patrick was a summer associate in the firm's Boston office in 2011.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Awarded Excellence in the Law - Pro Bono Award by *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Patrick McCooe, A Practical Guide to Conducting Witness Interviews in Government Investigations, Continuing Legal Education Program, Boston, MA, March 2019

EDUCATION

- J.D., Boston University School of Law, 2012 (*cum laude*; *Boston University Law Review*, *Note Development Editor*)
- B.M., Western Connecticut State University, 2009 (*magna cum laude*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Massachusetts
- United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 21 December 2020, 2021: A New Year, the Same Fear - Why Companies Should Expect a Wave of PPP Investigations (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 14 June 2018, SCOTUS Says Costs of Internal Investigations Are Not Reimbursable Under Mandatory Victims Restitution Act (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 8 April 2016, Are Your Company's Legal, Due-Diligence, De-risking, or Compliance Obligations Impacted by the "Panama Papers"? (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 21 March 2016, Pharmaceutical Diversion – Risks and Steps to Address a Major DEA Focus (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 4 November 2015, DOJ Sharpens Focus on Corporate Compliance in Deciding Whether to Prosecute Companies (*Alerts/Updates*)

- 10 September 2015, New DOJ Guidance Sharpens the Focus on Prosecuting and Suing Individuals in Corporate Criminal Investigations (*Alerts/Updates*)

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Investigations, Enforcement, and White Collar
- Complex Commercial Litigation and Disputes
- Internal Investigations
- Securities and Transactional Litigation
- White Collar Crime