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Clients facing complex environmental issues rely on Patrick Veasy for his detail-oriented approach and strong analytical skills to achieve effective results.

Patrick has represented and assisted a variety of public and private sector clients in environmental compliance and enforcement matters before state agency hearing boards, as well as before state and federal courts. He has experience working on matters under the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Audit Policy, the California Porter Cologne Water Quality Control Act, the California Environmental Quality Act, and California's Proposition 65. Additionally, Patrick has worked on agency rulemaking issues, as well as petitions challenging final agency actions.

While in law school, Patrick was a member of the Hastings Law Journal, and he also served as a judicial extern at the United States District Court for the Northern District of California and the Supreme Court of California. After law school and before joining Downey Brand, Patrick worked as an associate at a national law firm.

Experience

- Assisted two separate electric power utilities in enforcement litigation under Clean Air Act and related State Implementation Plans.
- Assisted natural gas pipeline company before state environmental hearing board in plan approval permit appeal.
- Represented client in petition for review of United States Environmental Protection Agency final action before the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Industries

Public Agencies/Municipalities
Nonprofit/Tax-Exempt Organizations
Water Rights & Resources

Practices

Air Quality & Climate Change
Environmental Enforcement Defense
Environmental Remediation & Due Diligence
Environmental/Toxics Litigation
Pipelines & Terminals
Proposition 65
Water Law
Water Quality Law
Recycled Water

Education

J.D., *cum laude*, University of California, Hastings College of the Law, 2014

B.A., University of Michigan, 2009

- Assisted client with voluntary self-disclosure of regulatory violations under United States Environmental Protection Agency Audit Policy.
- Briefed demurrer in state court resulting in voluntary dismissal of complaint.
- Briefed and assisted client at evidentiary hearing before federal district court to successfully defend against preliminary injunction request in matter involving trade secret and breach of contract allegations.
- Experience in all phases of pre-trial litigation, including discovery and pre-trial motion practice.

Professional & Community Service

- Sacramento County Bar Association, Environmental Law Section
- California Association of Sanitation Agencies
- Sacramento Metro EDGE

Honors & Rankings

- Senior Development Editor, *Hastings Law Journal*
- CALI and Witkin Awards in Legal Writing & Research and Property
- Judicial Extern, Honorable Ming W. Chin, Supreme Court of California, 2014
- Judicial Extern, Honorable Phyllis J. Hamilton, United States District Court, Northern District of California, 2012
- Top Author, Food & Beverage and Product Liability, JD Supra 2019 Readers' Choice Awards

Legal Alerts

- *California Office of the State Fire Marshal Announces Expected Delay for New Pipeline Regulations and Provides Other Updates at Annual Safety Seminar, May 6, 2019*
- *State Water Board Announces Sweeping Investigation and Phased Sampling of Potential Industrial and Municipal Sources of PFAS, March 13, 2019*
- *State Water Resources Control Board Issues Draft Toxicity Policy – What You Need to Know, November 21, 2018*
- *OEHHA Proposes Amendments to Prop. 65 Reproductive Toxicity Sampling Requirements for Food Products; New Prop. 65 Regulations for PFAS Take Effect November 10, 2018, November 2, 2018*
- *The Latest in the Prop. 65 World: Jury Trials; Inorganic Arsenic in Rice; and the FDA Weighs in on Coffee, September 6, 2018*
- *U.S. District Court Holds USEPA Must Regulate Previously Exempted Stormwater Runoff from Specified Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional Sources in Los Angeles, August 31, 2018*
- *Court Determines Breakfast Cereal Currently Does Not Require Prop 65 Warnings, July 31, 2018*
- *U.S. District Court Denies California Attorney General's Request to Reconsider Holding that Proposition 65 Warnings for Glyphosate in Herbicide Products are Misleading, June 19, 2018*
- *California Proposes Regulation that Proposition 65 Cancer Warnings Are Not Required for Coffee, June 18, 2018*

- *Winemakers Prevail in Arguing That Providing Current Safe Harbor Warning for Alcoholic Beverages Is Compliant with Prop 65*, May 23, 2018
- *Checking-in? New Proposition 65 Exposure Warnings for Hotels and Lodging Establishments Take Effect August 30, 2018*, May 11, 2018
- *U.S. EPA Region 9 Enforcement Priorities Revealed*, April 11, 2018
- *Tentative Ruling Could Mean You Have to Give A Prop 65 Warning for Every Cup of Coffee You Sell or Give to Consumers*, April 4, 2018
- *The Latest in the Prop. 65 World: Processed Meat; Lead and Cadmium in Chocolate; and Glyphosate in Herbicides*, March 14, 2018
- *California Enacts Legislation in an Attempt to Level the Playing Field in Proposition 65 Enforcement Actions*, October 12, 2017
- *Proposition 65 Warning Required for Furfuryl Alcohol as of September 30, 2017*, October 5, 2017
- *Local California Governments Sue Fossil Fuel Companies for Rising Sea Levels*, July 26, 2017
- *State Legislature Reaches Agreement on Extension of the Greenhouse Gas Cap-and-Trade Program; Stops the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's Proposed Cap (and-No-Trade)*, July 19, 2017
- *DOJ Issues Policy Memo Limiting the Use of Supplemental Environmental Projects in Federal Settlements*, June 12, 2017

Publications

- *California Air & Climate: CARB Audits SJVAPCD Emission Credit Program; Court orders EPA to Implement Landfill Methane Rule*, Vol. 8, May 2019
- *California Air and Climate: Greenhouse Gas Emissions Targets for Ride-Hailing Companies; USEPA's Alleged Failure to Recognize Battery Storage as Best Available Control Technology; CARB Adopts Particulate Matter Standards*, Vol. 7, March 2019
- *California Air and Climate: CARB Adopts Amendments to Cap-and-Trade Program and State-Wide Emissions Reporting Requirements*, Vol. 6, January 2019
- *California Air and Climate: CARB and San Joaquin Valley APCD Advance AB 617; Bay Area AQMD Targets Methane*, Vol. 5, November 2018
- *California Air and Climate: CARB Cap-and-Trade Amendments and Methods to Reduce Transportation GHG; BAAQMD Seeking Comments to Implement BARCT; Air Permitting Restraints Facing Composting Industry*, Vol. 4, September 2018
- *Coffee Debate is Coming to a Close: A Prop. 65 Legal Battle that has been Brewing for Years May Finally be Resolved*, California Grocer, Issue 6, December 2017
- *Recent Developments in Toxic Torts and Environmental Law*, Co-author, Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Law Journal, Winter 2017
- *Recent Developments in Toxic Torts and Environmental Law*, Co-author, Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Law Journal, Winter 2016

Blogs

- *Appeals Court Finds that EIR for Planned Los Angeles Railyard for Storage and Transfer of Goods Failed to Sufficiently Consider Air Quality Impacts*, April 26, 2018

- *State Legislature Reaches Agreement on Extension of the Greenhouse Gas Cap-and-Trade Program; Stops the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's Proposed Cap (and-No-Trade), July 18, 2017*
- *First Appellate District Holds that Air Quality Management District's Issuance of "Authority to Construct" May Be Challenged Under CEQA, June 20, 2017*