



Areas of Focus

Litigation, Real Estate and Construction Litigation, Banking and Financial Services, Consumer Financial Services, Environment and Natural Resources

Background & Experience

Patrick Compton is a trial attorney with a practice focused on complex banking, real estate, and environmental litigation matters.

He represents financial institutions, private lenders, mortgage originators, developers, architects, contractors, governmental entities, and quasi-governmental entities. He has tried numerous cases to verdict and has argued multiple cases on appeal. His combination of industry and trial experience gives Patrick a strong appreciation of the needs of his clients, as well as an understanding of how best to achieve their goals.

Patrick was also one of the first litigators in the nation to become a LEED® Accredited Professional.

Representative Experience

Financial Services

- Prosecuted claims by a bank over its ownership interest in a \$40 million New Markets Tax Credit portfolio, resulting in the transfer of all ownership interests to the bank.
- Defended a bank through trial and appeal against a \$7 million dollar lender liability claim. The trial resulted in dismissal of all claims against the bank and a verdict in the bank's favor of over \$9 million, with judgment upheld on appeal.
- Defended a bank through pre-trial proceedings against a \$10 million lender liability claim, with

all claims resolving shortly before trial.

- Obtained dismissal on motions practice of a \$5 million dollar lender liability claim made by a guarantor involving a failed real estate development project.
- Obtained judgment through trial, motions practice, and settlement of over \$100 million on behalf of various lenders.
- Successfully recovered over \$200 million in commercial real estate through judicial and non-judicial foreclosure, including successfully prosecuting the largest public-trustee foreclosure in the history of Garfield County, Colorado

Real Estate, Oil & Gas, and Construction Litigation

- Represented a steel fabricator and its president at trial in defense of a \$7 million lost profit claim stemming from a ruptured oil field storage tank. The trial resulted in dismissal of all claims against the president on directed verdict, a full defense verdict in favor of the steel fabricator, and a counterclaim judgment for the steel fabricator.
- Defended a real estate developer at trial in a partnership dispute alleging \$3 million in damages. The trial resulted in dismissal of all claims against the developer, and a judgment in the developer's favor of over half a million dollars.
- Defended a real estate developer in a construction defect action alleging over \$16 million in damages, resulting in a favorable settlement and dismissal of all claims against the developer shortly before trial.
- Prosecuted contract claims on behalf of a metropolitan district over a wastewater treatment facility, where total damages claimed exceeded \$50 million. Settlement resulted in that district acquiring full ownership of the facility.

Environmental Litigation

ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION

- Prosecuted claims on behalf of a mutual ditch company against the federal government regarding the improper imposition of FLPMA terms and conditions on a high-altitude reservoir.
- Defended a public highway authority in litigation involving NEPA and ESA claims challenging a federal land transfer to a consortium of local governments for completion of a transportation beltway around Metro Denver.
- Defended multi-million dollar CERCLA claims brought against a mineral explorer, arising from an abandoned gold mine.

Professional Activities

LEED® Accredited Professional

Recognitions and Accomplishments

Colorado Super Lawyers, Rising Star, 2009, 2012, 2014, 2015

Community Activities

The Ryan Gibson Foundation for Leukemia Research, Member

Texas Exes (University of Texas Alumni Association), Member

United States Green Building Council, Member

Southwest Energy Efficiency Project, Commercial Sub-Committee, Member

Education

University of Texas School of Law (J.D. 2001)

University of Texas (B.A. 1997)

Admissions

Minnesota

Colorado

Texas

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas