



Patricia (Pat) A. Brannan

Senior Counsel
Washington, D.C.

Biography

Senior Counsel Pat Brannan stepped down as General Counsel at the end of 2017, after six years as the lead lawyer representing Hogan Lovells in the Americas. Pat has managed litigation, claims, legal compliance, ethics, and risk management issues relating to law practice.

Pat has also dealt comprehensively with the complex ethical challenges that face most lawyers throughout their careers. For decades, a central focus of her practice has been compliance with professional ethical and conflict of interest requirements. Her background as a practice leader (Education practice group, 1995–2004, and Pro Bono practice, 2004–2011) provided Pat with the experience needed to ground her compliance advice in the realities of complex legal practice. She served as co chair of the firm's Legal Ethics Committee from 2002–2011.

Before becoming Hogan Lovells US LLP General Counsel in 2012, Pat represented clients in arbitrations and bench trials, jury trials, and appeals in federal and state courts throughout the United States. Her appellate practice has featured arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court and most of the federal courts of appeal. Pat was a former Chair of the Board on Professional Responsibility for the District of Columbia. She also taught professional responsibility at the George Washington University School of Law.



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Practices

Litigation

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., Harvard Law School, cum laude, 1979

B.A., Marquette University, summa cum laude, 1975

Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia

Pat clerked for the Honorable John M. Ferren on the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for one year before joining Hogan & Hartson (now Hogan Lovells) as an associate in 1980.

Representative experience

Co-leader of a team analyzing the District of Columbia Government's response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Awards and rankings

- "A Person for Others" Award, *Marquette University, Klinger College of Arts and Sciences*, 2018
- Washingtonian, Top Lawyer, Civil Rights, 2009-2012
- Fellow, *American Bar Foundation*

Latest thinking and events

- Published Works
 - Beware the Predators *Legal Times*

Maryland

Court admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court

Accolades

"Outstanding service as Chair of the Board on Professional Responsibility."

District of Columbia Court of Appeals

"Generous contribution to the enforcement of the civil rights laws."

Washington Committee, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.

"[D]evoted effort and achievement to advance democracy, improve human relations, and further understanding among all people."

*Anti-Defamation League of B'nai
B'rith (Benjamin N. Cardozo
Citation of Merit)*
