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Chris Patton is a client-focused commercial litigator with proven success in state and federal court. Licensed to practice in both Texas and New York, he specializes in litigation for businesses ranging from start-ups to global companies on a wide range of commercial topics, including antitrust, contracts, intellectual property, and business torts. Chris has distilled this experience in a published practice guide entitled *Texas Trade Secret Litigation*. His success has landed him on the “Under 40 Hot List” by *Benchmark Litigation* and earned him recognition as a “Super Lawyer Rising Star” by *Thomson Reuters*.

Before joining LPHS, Chris practiced commercial litigation in New York at Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP, representing high-profile technology companies, global banks, and investment companies.

Chris received his B.A. from Brigham Young University, and his J.D., *with honors*, from George Washington University Law School. As an accomplished jazz pianist, Chris brings a unique ear for detail and improvisational thinking to his commercial litigation practice.

EDUCATION

- Brigham Young University, B.A.
- George Washington University Law School, J.D., *with honors*

HONORS & AWARDS

- Recognized as a “Best Lawyer in America” by *Best Lawyers*, 2024
- Recognized as “Texas Super Lawyer” by *Super Lawyers*, 2023
- Recognized as a “Super Lawyers Rising Star” by *Thomson Reuters*, 2015-2018
- Recognized on the “Under 40 Hot List” by *Benchmark Litigation*, 2018-2019

PUBLICATIONS

- *The Long & Winding Road—Lessons from Litigating the Beatles*, *Litigation Journal*, Spring 2024
- *Hard Heads, Soft Skills: Two Traits to Survive as a Young Litigator*, *Litigation Journal*, Spring 2023
- *Texas Trade Secret Litigation* (3rd Ed.), *ALM Media*
- *Flowers on a Court Opinion: How the Trial of My Great-Grandmother’s Murderer Changed Me, My Family, and the Law*, *Litigation Journal*, Winter 2022 (forthcoming)
- *Give the Jury What It Wants: Decision-Making in Trial Practice*, *Litigation Journal*, Winter 2021
- *Texas Flood: Protecting Against the Rising Tide of Trade Secret Litigation*, *Texas Lawyer*, 2020
- *When the Levee Breaks: Preparing for a Flood of Trade Secret Litigation*, *ABA Corporate Counsel Newsletter*, 2020
- *Defining Trade Secrets: What Passes the Test in Texas?*, *DBA Headnotes*, 2020

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- ABA's Litigation Journal, Executive Editor
- Dallas County Elections Department, Legal Advisor to the Central Count Election Judge

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Represented an **online travel agency** in an antitrust lawsuit brought against the eight largest hotels in the United States and, on summary judgment, convinced the court to apply the per se antitrust standard to the bid rigging and group boycott allegations—the first time any court has made such a finding in the context of online advertising auctions and successfully settling with all eight defendants.
- Represented a **leading beverage company** and won summary judgment on contract claims involving a business dispute between the client and its specialized ink supplier.
- Represented an **alternative energy company** in a fiercely contested trade secrets case involving the theft of sensitive competitive information, successfully fending off multiple summary judgment motions and convincing the court to strike all the defendant's experts, all of which led to a highly favorable confidential settlement.
- Represented a **co-packing and co-manufacturing company** for leading alcohol & beverage brands and obtained a broad temporary restraining order preventing former executives from misappropriating trade secrets, ultimately leading to a highly favorable early settlement.
- Representing **an executive** in a securities arbitration regarding stock option transactions, and not only winning significant damages but also obtaining an attorneys' fees award.
- Represented a **pipeline company** in a breach of contract case and, after three years of litigation, obtained complete dismissal of the plaintiff's claims by arguing that the claim belonged in an administrative proceeding such that the district court lacked subject matter jurisdiction.
- Represented a **national law firm** defending against legal malpractice claims and obtained complete dismissal on summary judgment on statute of limitations grounds.
- Represented an **oil and gas investor** alleging claims of fraud and breach of contract against a former operator and, after winning injunctive relief, settling the case on favorable (but confidential) terms.
- Represented a **private equity firm** in a fraud lawsuit brought in federal court and obtained a complete dismissal of the case at the pleading stage.
- Represented a **pipeline company** in bankruptcy proceedings related to contract claims that the client failed to take reasonable precautions during the construction of a major northeast pipeline and, after establishing the flawed nature of the alleged claims, obtained a favorable, confidential settlement.
- Represented a **pipeline company** in a jury trial related to the alleged formation of a partnership to market and operate a multi-billion-dollar pipeline project, which resulted in the jury awarding substantial damages in the client's favor.
- Represented a **payment processing company** against claims for breach of contract and negligent misrepresentation related to a power outage and, after years of discovery, obtained summary judgment on all claims just before trial.
- Represented a **multi-national manufacturer** in a federal jury trial against 17 plaintiff independent service providers in complicated antitrust case in the Eastern District of Texas and obtained a take nothing judgment against 2 of the plaintiffs while convincing the court to award a new trial against the remaining plaintiffs.
- Represented an **international retailer** against participants in the company's bond debt alleging claims of fraudulent conveyance and obtained early dismissal of all claims.
- Represented a **pipeline company** in a 13-day trial for damage sustained by two of its pipelines following the sudden formation of a sinkhole in Southern Louisiana and obtained an allocation of liability resulting in a confidential settlement agreement.
- Represented a **medical billing company** in a trade secret/breach of fiduciary duty case involving claims by an emergency room against its former billing company and obtained partial summary judgment which reduced the available damages and led to a settlement on confidential terms prior to trial.
- Represented a **New York-based design and advertising firm** in a contract and copyright infringement dispute filed in federal court in New York and settling on favorable terms.
- Represented a **health supplements company** in a bet-the-company, multi-party arbitration related to a former CEO's departure, ending in a favorable settlement allowing the client to continue operations.

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- Represented an *investment fund* in a securities fraud class action related to the Madoff Ponzi scheme.
- Represented a prominent *Swiss bank* in a suit seeking to compel the disclosure of account holders' names in violation of Swiss privacy law.