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PRACTICE AREAS

Business Organizations &
Transactions

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Occupations

Retailers & Restaurateurs

Small, Emerging & Growing
Businesses

Patricia Bruce practices primarily in the areas of business and corporate law and litigation, homeowners association and cooperative law, and franchise law in northern Virginia. Pat serves as general counsel to small and medium-sized businesses, advising and assisting in matters ranging from entity formation and the purchase and sale of businesses and assets, to day-to-day contract preparation and review, including leases and employment agreements.

An experienced business litigation attorney, Pat represents companies and individuals in state and federal courts throughout Virginia and the District of Columbia in matters as diverse as breach of contract disputes, business torts, employment matters, and homeowner and condominium property condition disputes.

In the area of franchise law, she advises both franchisors and franchisees on franchise compliance, franchise law and franchise litigation. She has also assisted companies preparing franchise documents and state registrations and in negotiating the purchase of franchises.

AWARDS AND HONORS

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BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Virginia, 2002

District of Columbia, 1995

Florida, 1993

United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia

U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

U.S. Court of Federal Claims

EDUCATION

University of Miami, J.D., 1993, *cum laude*

St. John's University, B.A., 1977, *summa cum laude*

Martindale Hubbell, AV Preeminent Rated, 2021

AFFILIATIONS

Virginia State Bar

District of Columbia Bar

Arlington County Bar Association

American Bar Association, member

National Association of Housing Cooperatives, member

NEWS

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