Practice Groups

- Corporate & Business Law
- Real Estate & Lending

Education

- J.D., Duquesne University School of Law, 1987 – *cum laude*
  - Executive Articles Editor, *Duquesne Law Review*
- B.A., Duquesne University, 1984 – *cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania

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Patricia E. Farrell serves as Co-Chair of the Corporate & Business Law practice group at Meyer, Unkovic & Scott. With a primary practice in business services, she regularly represents privately held business in mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, and other major transactions both in the United States and in Europe, and Asia. In addition, Patricia has a broad corporate practice where, in addition to counseling clients on business transactions, she assists with corporate governance, and emerging entity issues, as well as succession planning for business owners and a variety of other day-to-day business issues. Patricia also has substantial experience in commercial real estate transactions where she regularly represents developers, building owners, and venture partners in structuring real estate transactions.

Representative Matters

- Representing both purchasers and sellers in complex merger transactions.
- Advising clients on joint venture structure and drafting of joint venture documentation.
- Assisting clients with structuring private placement transactions.
- Counseling family-owned businesses on business succession issues.
- Assisting emerging entities in structuring incentive equity transactions in order to attract and retain key talent.
- Structuring investments in complex commercial real estate transactions.
- Structure, operational, and entity counseling to non-profit entities.
- Corporate restructuring.
- Shareholder dispute resolution.

Court Admissions

- Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Awards/Honors

- Included in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Corporate, Mergers and Acquisitions, and Real Estate Law
- Recognized by *Best Lawyers*® as "Lawyer of the Year" for Mergers and Acquisitions in the Pittsburgh area in 2018 and 2019

Professional/Community Involvement

- Allegheny County Bar Association, Member
- Pennsylvania Bar Association, Member
- Lead's the Firm's participation in the University of Pittsburgh Institute of Entrepreneurial Excellence

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Articles/Speaking Engagements

- "Your Business Needs a Succession Plan: Here Are the Basics," *Kiplinger,* November 11, 2020.
- "Has COVID-19 Put Your Plan to Sell Your Business in Limbo?," *Kiplinger,* November 9, 2020.
- "Selling a Business During the COVID-19 Pandemic: You Want to Sell, But Is It The Right Time?," *Kiplinger*, October 16, 2020.
- Regular contributor on corporate practice issues for *The Legal Intelligencer*, including: "Five Deadly Sins of Joint Ventures."
- "Giving Away Attorney-Client Privilege in Mergers & Acquisitions," *The Legal Intelligencer*, February 9, 2015.
- "Client Update: These 5 Common Mistakes Could Doom Your Family Business," MUS Blog. January 24, 2019.
- "What to Remember as an Attorney Serving on a Nonprofit Board," *The Legal Intelligencer*, October 17, 2018.
- "Navigating Immigration Considerations in M&A Transactions," *The Legal Intelligencer*, July 26, 2018.
- "Building an Effective Audit Committee for Your Nonprofit," *The Legal Intelligencer*, April 30, 2018.
- "How a Board of Directors Should Respond to Sexual Harassment Claims," *The Legal Intelligencer*, March 13, 2018.
- "Don't Minimize the Importance of Conflicts of Interest Policies for Your Nonprofit Board," *The Legal Intelligencer*, February 21, 2018.
- "Are Company Board Members Doing Enough to Stop Cybercrime?" *The Colorado 100*, November 27, 2017.
  "The Ten Commandments of a Healthy Business," seminar sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence.

Additional Information

- Patricia Co-Chairs the firm's Associates Group.
- Patricia grew up in the Pittsburgh area, the youngest and only girl with three older brothers. She now lives in Upper St. Clair, Pennsylvania with her husband and two sons. A sports lover, Patricia (a great boy mom) shares her sons' love of football, hockey, and basketball.