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# **PRACTICE AREAS**

- Labor & Employment
- Products Liability

# ADMITTED TO BAR

- 1984, Louisiana
- 1992, Texas
- 1995, United States Supreme Court

### **EDUCATION**

- J.D., 1984, Louisiana State University, Member of Moot Court Board
- B.S. Cum laude, 1980, Northwestern State University

#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

- Louisiana State Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel
- Maritime Law Counsel

## HONORS & ACCOLADES

- Martindale-Hubbell, AV Preeminent
- "Best Lawyers in America" 2016 & 2019-22 | Insurance Law
- New Orleans Magazine, "Top Lawyers" 2020 | Insurance Law
- Louisiana State Bar, Pro Bono Honor Roll, 2006 | Lafayette Volunteer Attorney
- Acadiana Profile, "Top Lawyers,"
   2020 | Insurance Law

Patrick Wartelle is Of Counsel and heads the firm's office in Lafayette, Louisiana. Originally from Opelousas, Pat was admitted to practice law in Louisiana in 1984 and worked as an associate with Milling, Benson, Woodward, Hillyer, Pierson & Miller from 1984 through 1985. He then joined the firm that was eventually known as Roy, Bivins, Judice, Roberts & Wartelle and became a shareholder and director in 1989. In 2007, the Roy Bivins firm merged with Leake Andersson.

Pat has tried dozens of lawsuits in federal and state courts and participated in many appeals. Pat has successfully represented large corporations, small businesses, governmental entities, and insurance companies in personal injury and property damage cases and in commercial litigation. He has also successfully defended employers in several discrimination and employment-related cases through trials and appeals. Pat has also handled maritime personal injury cases, including Jones Act, 905(b), general maritime negligence, and LHWCA cases. He has mediated over 250 cases as a mediator.