



MEYER UNKOVIC SCOTT
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Patricia L. Dodge
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Practice Groups

- Litigation & Dispute Resolution Group
- Energy, Utilities & Mineral Rights

Education

- J.D., Duquesne University School of Law, 1981 – *cum laude*
- B.S., Pennsylvania State University, 1974 – with high distinction

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania

in Pennsylvania

Patricia L. Dodge is the former Managing Partner of Meyer, Unkovic & Scott, and a member of the firm's Management Committee. As an experienced trial lawyer, Patti focuses her practice on complex commercial litigation, oil and gas disputes, and employment-related matters. She has tried lawsuits to verdict in both state and federal court and also represents her clients in domestic and international arbitrations. Patti is frequently selected as a mediator in private disputes and in lawsuits pending in both federal and state court. She also serves as an arbitrator both privately and for the American Arbitration Association.

Representative Matters

- Represents a natural gas producer in a variety of litigation matters, including breach of contract actions, title and lease disputes, injunction proceedings, and interpretation of related statutes.
- Defended accounting firm in a \$500 million claim regarding an investigation of a company which defrauded numerous investors and financial institutions.
- Obtained a \$10 million jury verdict for a local company in connection with its claims of securities fraud and breach of contract.
- Argued before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court regarding the interpretation of the Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Act.
- Defended a property owner in a non-jury trial in connection with a dispute over a long-term railroad lease.
- Obtained a non-jury verdict in excess of \$100 million on behalf of an energy company in its lawsuit relating to the breach of a long-term coal contract.
- Has served as a mediator in more than 100 disputed matters.

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of the United States
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

Awards/Honors

- Recipient in 2017 of Joseph F. Weis, Jr. Distinguished Service Award from the Academy of Trial Lawyers
- Selected by *Lawdragon* as one of the "500 Leading Lawyers in America" for 2017 and 2018
- BTI Client Service All-Star, 2016
- Recognized by *Best Lawyers® in America*, 2007-present
- Named the *Best Lawyers®* 2012 Products Liability Litigation- Defendants "Lawyer of the Year" in Pennsylvania
- Selected to the *2005-2017 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers®* List
- Recognized by *Pennsylvania Super Lawyer®* as top one-hundred lawyers in Pennsylvania, top fifty lawyers in Pittsburgh, and top fifty female lawyers

- AV Preeminent® Rating from the Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Rating Program
- Most Admired CEOs and Top Executives, 2016, *Pittsburgh Business Times*
- Distinguished Service Award from Duquesne University School of Law, 2015
- Lifetime Achievement Award from *The Legal Intelligencer*, 2015
- Business Women First Award, *Pittsburgh Business Times*, 2015
- “Woman of the Year,” *The Legal Intelligencer*, 2014
- “Woman of Distinction,” Girl Scouts of Western Pennsylvania, 2014
- Professionalism Award, Civil Litigation Section of the Allegheny County Bar Association, 2012

Professional/Community Involvement

- Allegheny County Bar Foundation, President of Board of Trustees
- International Academy of Trial Lawyers, Fellow
- American College of Trial Lawyers, Fellow
- Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County, Fellow
- American, Pennsylvania, and Allegheny County Bar Associations, Member
- National Aviary, Board Member

Additional Information

Patti is a Pittsburgh native who resides in Thornburg, a suburb of Pittsburgh, with her husband and fellow lawyer, Howard Schulberg. She enjoys traveling, gardening, sports, and dining at all of the excellent new restaurants in Pittsburgh.
