



**MEYER UNKOVIC SCOTT**  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW



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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

**Patricia L. Dodge** is the Managing Partner of Meyer, Unkovic & Scott. 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**

- Selected by *Lawdragon* as one of the “500 Leading Lawyers in America” for 2017
- 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 in Pennsylvania
- 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. Patti and her husband are also die-hard Pittsburgh Pirates fans.

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