



# PATRICK M. KELLY, ESQ.

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## EXPERIENCED • PROFESSIONAL • RESULT-ORIENTED • FAIR • CONCILIATOR

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Patrick M. Kelly is one of the pre-eminent trial lawyers, litigators, law firm leaders and professional association leaders in the country. He has vast experience in numerous substantive and human relations areas that he will bring to bear in efficiently, effectively and economically resolving matters as a mediator, arbitrator or referee. During his lengthy career, Mr. Kelly has tried, litigated, arbitrated, mediated and/or settled thousands of cases involving the following areas of law:

- Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith
- Employment
- Personal Injury
- Product Liability
- Professional Liability
- Class Actions and Complex Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Premises Liability and Sports Litigation

In addition, Mr. Kelly is a frequent author, columnist and lecturer in numerous subjects including trial tactics, insurance and bad faith and professional liability. He is an original co-author of *Insurance Litigation, The Rutter Group California Practice Guide*, a frequently cited insurance treatise in California.

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP

1980-2019

Mr. Kelly has been a civil litigator his entire career. In 1980, he joined the now 950-lawyer international law firm of Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP, where for over 33 years he served as the firm's Los Angeles Region Managing Partner, Western Region Managing Partner and Director of Litigation, and Member of the firm's ruling Executive Committee. Thereafter until joining ADR Services, Inc., he was Senior Counsel. For many years, Mr. Kelly also served as General Counsel to Snow Summit Ski Corporation, an owner of several ski resorts in California.

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## PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION & LEADERSHIP

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Mr. Kelly's skill as a trial lawyer, along with his reputation as a problem solver and community leader, have been recognized by his peers on both sides of the litigation spectrum. He has been elected to numerous professional organizations and leadership positions, including:

- President of the State Bar of California
- President of the Los Angeles County Bar Association
- Associate of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)
- Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers
- President of the Professional Liability Underwriting Society (PLUS)
- President of Dispute Resolution Services
- President of the Coalition for Justice
- Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel

He also served multiple terms as a Los Angeles Delegate to the American Bar Association House of Delegates and the Steering Committee of the Open Courts Coalition.

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## SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

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In pursuing his service to the community, Mr. Kelly was a member of the Boards of Directors of numerous community service organizations, including the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, the Constitutional Rights Foundation, and Loyola Law School of Los Angeles. He was also appointed by the then-mayor as a Commissioner of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority.

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## SERVICE TO THE JUDICIARY

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For his exemplary leadership in working with the California Judiciary, Mr. Kelly was elected or appointed to several prestigious positions, including:

- Member of the California Judicial Council, the board chaired by the Chief Justice that oversees the California Judicial Branch, including all California courts
- Special Advisor to the Executive Committee and Commissioner for the Commission on the Future of the California Courts, which developed the recommendations guiding development of the courts
- President of the the Coalition for Justice, which supports the independence of the judiciary
- One of 11 members and Chair of the Rules Committee for the Commission on Judicial Performance, which administers judicial discipline in California state courts

In Federal Court, Mr. Kelly served two terms as a Lawyer Representative to the 9th Circuit and the Federal Magistrate Selection Committee.

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## HONORS & AWARDS

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Mr. Kelly has received numerous awards including, among others:

- Shattuck-Price Outstanding Lawyer Award, Los Angeles County Bar Association
- Southern California Lawyer of the Year (Arbitration), *The Best Lawyers in America*
- Griffin Bell Volunteer Achievement Award, Dispute Resolution Services
- Top 100 Lawyers in California, *Daily Journal*
- MetNews Person of the Year, *Metropolitan News Enterprise*
- Bench Bar Coalition Advocacy Award, Bench-Bar Coalition
- Diversity Award, State Bar Council on Access and Fairness
- Lifetime Achievement Award, Association of Ski Defense Attorneys

He has also been repeatedly recognized by *Marquis Who's Who in American Law*, as a Super Lawyer, as a Best Lawyer, and as one of the the Irish Legal 100.

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## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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Mr. Kelly is a member of numerous professional organizations, including:

- California State Bar
- California Lawyers Association
- Los Angeles County Bar Association
- International Academy of Trial Lawyers
- American Board of Trial Advocates
- Association of Business Trial Lawyers
- Beverly Hills Bar Association
- Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel
- Association of Southern California Defense Counsel
- Association of Ski Defense Attorneys
- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance
- Irish American Bar Association
- Cowboy Lawyers
- American Bar Association

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## ARTICLES

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Mr. Kelly's background and accomplishments have been the subject of numerous articles in legal publications. To read the latest profile published in the *Daily Journal*, click here: ["For Patrick Kelly, mediating cases will be a final act in a career filled with class acts"](#).